

ULARP REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE 12 7 2022

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The ULARP Board of Directors met on 15 November 2022 at the University Club, and the annual Holiday Luncheon was held on December 6 at the Red Barn, starting at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon was well attended by members and invited guests from the University. On December 8, President Rising will attend the Employee Success Center (ESC) sponsored Welcome Reception for New Retirees (143 so far have retired in 2022). Welcome letters sent to new retirees by the ESC include a link to the ULARP membership application form.

A date or time for Workday training for retirees has not been announced (to my knowledge). The Benefits Design Workgroup has sent an email to current faculty and staff regarding benefit changes for 2023. Costco and Walgreens have been added to the pharmacy network while Kroger cannot be selected by pre-65 retirees who have U of L Health Insurance. Folks on Medicare with Part D are not affected. Anthem will serve as the provider for the Employee Assistance Program, and retirees will be able to participate. Retirees should be notified about the above updates soon. The retirement guide is available online and a compensation study is in process.

ULARP and the Alumni Association will sponsor a social event on January 8. The party starts with pizza at Bearno's on Main at noon, followed by the U of L Cardinal women's basketball game with the Clemson Tigers at 2 pm. See the ULARP website to register for game tickets or just for pizza if you have season tickets. ULARP monthly Coffee Hours continue to be held at the Maple Street Biscuit Company. The next Wellness Seminar (on the topic of Sex After Sixty) will be held in April.

The latest Staff Senate report focused on increased crime prevention efforts on the HS campus and noted that an increase in undocumented students has led to the formation of an Undocumented Resource Council.

The recent Raise Some L campaign included ULARP and is an annual opportunity for the organization to increase member donations. ULARP has combined its University and Alumni accounts and has successfully initiated and tested an online process for the payment of dues. A request for payment of 2023 dues will be emailed in December, with a reminder in the January newsletter. That newsletter will also include articles about the holiday luncheon and the spring seminar.

Members are encouraged to respond to the Master Plan survey that is being circulated to gather information on constituency uses of campus spaces. The Board will continue to meet at the University Club in the spring semester; a reopening of the Club for catered events is anticipated.