

ULARP Report to Faculty Senate 7 June 2023

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At the ULARP Board meeting on May 16, 2023, Nakia Strickland announced that a retirees' brunch will be added to the Homecoming Week activities this October for any UofL retiree. The Office of University Culture and Employee Success has arranged for all ULARP members to receive copies of *UofL Magazine*. The magazine will add a retiree spotlight feature. Mary Rising will be the subject of the first spotlight.

Plans were finalized for the annual business meeting and luncheon on June 14. President Schatzel will be the guest speaker and will hold a "listening session" with luncheon participants. The ULARP Board discussed a number of issues it plans to bring to the President's attention during the listening session. The business meeting will include a president's report, a treasurer's report, a membership chair's report, and selection of 3 members for three-year terms. The names of Bev Daly, Virginia Hosono, and Sande Johnson-Byers have been submitted for selection to the Board.

Mary Rising gave a report from the Benefits Design Workshop meeting on April 20. She had asked for an official statement regarding retiree access to Workday but was told there is "no update" and retiree access is still being considered. It was announced that the medical and prescription plan ran a \$6 million deficit in 2022. The deficit was largely due to 62 "high cost claimants." Effective July 1, 2023, the employee contribution in the health plan budget will increase from \$888 a month to \$979 a month. Any increase in employee contributions will take effect January 1, 2024.

Sande Johnson-Byers announced the spring edition of the ULARP newsletter has been sent out. The position of newsletter editor is transitioning from Sande to Dale Billingsley. Dale will be responsible for the summer newsletter. Work continues on publication of a new membership directory that should be available in late June or July.

Ginger Munden announced the University Club held a "soft opening" on May 15. Lunch entrees cost \$12-15. There is no buffet, only "fast serve" items. The Club will reopen May 17. Lunch is being served on the Terrace.

Attendance at the social event at a UofL baseball game on April 27 was low, probably affected by the threat of rain and a last-minute change of the time from 7:00pm to 4:00pm because of the weather. We may consider attending a softball game next spring instead.

Dale Billingsley announced plans for an estate planning workshop on September 14, at 12:00 noon in the University Club. Lunch will be provided by the speakers. A wellness seminar on polypharmacy is tentatively planned for October. Pat Murphy is making the arrangements.

ULARP will continue to host monthly coffees, starting again in July, in the University Club if possible, with an estimated attendance of 10-12 people.