

## ULARP REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE 12 3 2025

Prof. Elaine Wise, ULARP Liaison

At its 18 November 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors, ULARP President John Smith updated the members on his meeting with Darrell Clark and their discussion of contract arrangements with AARP and the lack of retiree interest in an Advantage plan. Too, HR's notice concerning mandatory open enrollment for retirees should have been sent to pre-65 retirees only. It caused great concern for others. Also discussed was the current dental plan.

President Smith reported on his meeting with Nakia Strickland about a membership directory and data base, noting that ULARP can save money with an online rather than printed directory. The latter may include a "living excel sheet" that could include columns for areas of expertise a retiree is willing to continue to share.

He also met with President Bradley, who has agreed to attend the Holiday Luncheon on 9 December 2025, and who invited him to attend a U of L Board of Trustees Meeting in January or March. John will also ask him to meet quarterly with the ULARP Board.

Sam Miller updated the group on the ULARP survey instrument which still needs the approval of Bob Goldstein. It will have a cover letter and will be piloted in February 2026 before it is sent out to all retirees in March. Mary Rising reported that the *RaiseSomeL* campaign resulted in twelve contributions and brought in over \$1300 for ULARP. She also noted that the Benefit Designs Workgroup met in October. It is slated to be combined with HRAC into one group, with a representative from ULARP.

Paula Radmacher reported that the ULARP Newsletter was successfully sent out in mid-November by email, without kickbacks, so she assumes all were received. Elaine Wise reported on the October meeting of the Faculty Senate, noting that the University's Viewpoint Neutrality Policy includes retirees with U of L accounts. John's Staff Senate report included discussion of the impact of major funding cuts from the federal government, especially on the medical campus. Donna Barton reported that the University Club continues to attract catered events as well as Trivia Nite players. It will host a Breakfast with Santa and a Holiday Party for members this month.

The ULARP Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for 9 December 2025 at 11:30 at the University Club. Pat Murphy reported that the next ULARP seminar will take place on 13 January 2026 on the topic of "The Irish Family."

Merry and Happy holidays!

Elaine Wise