

ULARP REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE 2 5 2025

Meeting of February 5, 2025

Elaine Wise, ULARP Liaison

Paula Radmacher and John Smith have joined the Board, which also includes Donna Bartman, Michael Cuyjet, Bev Daily, Brenda Gunn, Virginia Hosono, Sande Johnson-Byers, Patrick Murphy, Mary Rising, and Elaine Wise.

At its 21 January 2025 meeting, the Board welcomed Brian Buford and Laura McDaniels of the Employee Success Center and Josh Hawkins, Assistant VP Alumni Relations, to discuss several new awards that pertain to retirees. Nominations for the first Presidential Retiree Award are now open, with a deadline of 15 February. Josh Hawkins recommended that we add a second Presidential Retiree Award specifically for alumni/ae. There would then be two Presidential Awards each year, one a non-alumnus/a retiree and the other an alumnus/a retiree. Josh will discuss the possibility and details with Brian Buford. He agreed that the Alumni Association would provide \$500 for the alumnus/a award to match the \$500 that ULARP is providing for the 2025 award. If approved, the second award would go into effect for 2026.

In an update on HR related issues, it was reported that Darrell Clark, VPHR, may combine the current HR Advisory Committee and Benefits Design Workshop into a single HR advisory group, with ULARP providing a non-voting member.

The ULARP ad hoc committee on Bylaws has met once and plans to meet again in February, with the intention of making its report to the Board in March concerning an updated constitution.

President Sande Johnson-Byers noted that ULARP's membership in AROHE allows ULARP members to sign up for the AROHE Travel Institute which sponsors two domestic and two international trips each year (members help select which two international destinations will be offered). AROHE also conducts three seminars that ULARP members are welcome to attend. AROHE is the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education.

Donna Bartman reported that the University Club has hired a new catering director and a new event coordinator, noting that U of L departments are holding events at the Club, that revenue from events catered at the Club has increased, and that more members and guests are attending activities such as Trivia Nights. A calendar of events is now posted on the UCLUB website, with information about the upcoming Valentine Lunch, Funny Valentine Dinner, and Mardi Gras Lunch.

The ULARP Holiday Luncheon was a success, with sixty members and guests attending. Upcoming ULARP events include a second Palliative Care Wellness Seminar on 11 February at the University Club, a Women's Basketball Game and Pizza Party at Bearno's (sponsored by the Alumni Association) on 23 February, a Bats Baseball Outing on 9 May, and the Annual Luncheon in June or July.

Stay tuned. ULARP sings!