

ULARP REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

Prof. Elaine Wise, Liaison

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Board Members of ULARP are the following: Donna Bartman, Judy Bristow, Barbara Casper, Michael Cuyjet, Bev Daly, Brenda Hart, Sandy Johnson-Byers, Sam Miller, Patrick Murphy, Paula Radmacher, Mary Rising, John Smith (Chair), and Elaine Wise.

The Employee Success Center's Brian Buford introduced to the Board a new liaison for ULARP, Sara Lopesilvero. Their breakfast for new retirees that was scheduled for January 29 (twenty five to twenty-seven new retirees, with five ULARP representatives invited) has been rescheduled for February 24 at the University Club.

Nominations are open for two outstanding retiree awards, one for a faculty or staff retiree who is also an alum and the other for a faculty or staff retiree who studied elsewhere. Nominations should be sent to Brian Buford by February 15, 2026. The ESC will vet the nominees, and the ULARP Board will make the selections.

The focus of the retiree volunteer survey that is planned has changed slightly. ULARP will seek out U of L and community groups that are needing volunteer assistance and share that information with retirees who are looking for volunteer opportunities. The other survey instrument developed through the Office of Institutional Effectiveness will still be sent out to collect demographic data on retirees.

ULARP is in the process of asking its members to pay their 2026 dues. Lifetime members are asked to update their contact information as soon as possible. Paula Radmacher is collecting articles for the next newsletter. The four most recent newsletters can be found on the ULARP website. Donna Bartman reported that Judy Bristow is the new office manager for the University Club and that monthly Trivia Nite dinners are scheduled in February and March, as well as events to celebrate Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday, Mother's Day, and Easter.

Recent ULARP events have been well attended, including the holiday luncheon attended by President Bradley, the women's basketball game and pizza party and the Lunch and Learn lecture on the Irish Famine and its ties to Louisville. Planning has begun for the June annual meeting and luncheon. Let the good times roll!