

ULARP REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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ULARP (University of Louisville Association of Retired Personnel) continues to be proactive in fostering and achieving its purposes: to provide continuing connections for retirees to the University, to advocate for and seek to protect retiree benefits, and to coordinate and offer opportunities for social and educational gatherings. Membership is offered on a lifetime or yearly basis to all retirees who served full or part time as employees, as well as to gratis faculty, retirees formally affiliated with U of L, and members' surviving spouses.

ULARP is governed by a Board of Directors who serve staggered 3-year terms and are elected by a plurality of votes at the Annual Meeting. Officers include a President, President Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Alumni Association supports ULARP as an alumni/ae council, providing budget support, website maintenance, event coordination and registration, collection of dues, and distribution of the quarterly newsletters and mass emails. It also provides financial support for alumni-sponsored events.

ULARP also cooperates with the University Club, where it holds its board meetings, a monthly coffee and conversation hour, health and wellness seminars, and membership wide events such as Christmas parties and annual luncheons.

An essential ally is the Employee Success Center, which helps new retirees connect with ULARP at its annual retiree reception, secures funding and the speaker for the annual business meeting and luncheon, and coordinates ULARPs two Presidential Retiree Excellence Awards. Nominees for the two Presidential awards have been named. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 28 April, 6-8 pm in the SAC ballroom.

Unfortunately, the new retiree breakfast in January had to be cancelled due to bad weather and was held instead on 24 February, with 40 plus retirees attending.

ULARP's president, John Smilth will present the ULARP annual report at the 19 March meeting of the Board of Trustees. He continues to confer with Darrell Clark about the United Health Care contract. Retirees depend on the supplement to the UHC Medicare supplement, so the concern is ongoing.

President Bradley has confirmed that he will attend the 16 June Annual Meeting and Luncheon. The next ULARP Newsletter will follow that meeting. ULARP is thriving.