

Dear Emeritae and Emeriti Colleagues,

The Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) is conducting a new survey of emeriti faculty university and professional activities in the period 2009-2012. Your participation in this survey is very important.

As many of you know from first-hand experience, a large number of emeriti faculty continue to contribute to the mission of the University by remaining involved in ongoing research or by teaching classes and mentoring graduate students. Also, many emeriti are actively involved in campus service and/or work in their communities.

The time has come for us to take a current inventory of these contributions and their value. A similar survey was done about three years ago and there are good reasons to believe that those findings were helpful in our efforts to preserve and extend the retirement benefits that we receive. The times have gotten even worse since then and, as you know, the University remains under severe budget pressures. Economies and savings are being pursued just about everywhere.

CUCEA wants to ensure that the benefits for retirees are sustained. Perhaps the most compelling argument we can present in support of this position is to provide the evidence that we are still helping to carry out the mission of the University and, in fact, that much of this work is *pro bono*. Hence, the survey that we are asking you to complete will give our advocates a strong foundation for making the case to the University leadership that retirees are a valuable asset that should be protected and preserved.

The survey should take you less than 10 minutes to complete. Please include activities from only the past three years. Any personal information in the survey will be confidential.

The survey form can be completed and submitted online at <http://ucbiosurvey.questionpro.com> or, if you prefer, the form can be downloaded as a PDF file (biobibsurveyform09-12). printed, filled out, and mailed to your campus emeriti representative.

Thanks and good wishes

Your campus CUCEA representative

*(Based on the letter from John Vohs, UC Davis, to Emeritae and Emeriti on the Davis Campus)*