

REPORT TO CUCEA—UC Berkeley Emeriti Association, Spring 2022

UCBEA has been deeply engaged with the health insurance policies of UCOP and with the poor showing of Navitus, the company UCOP has engaged to handle prescription drugs for many emeriti. Our Health Care Working Group, which includes colleagues from other retiree organizations at Berkeley, has worked closely with leaders of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate and with the Health Care Task Force of the systemwide senate. Members of our Working Group have also joined with representatives from other campuses to deal directly with officials at UCOP.

UCBEA's normal range of activities on campus have been seriously disrupted by the pandemic. Of our five scheduled lecture-luncheons, three have been postponed until next year. We have chosen not to switch from in-person to electronic-remote. The Executive Committee of UCBEA will revisit this policy depending on how severe and long-lasting are the constraints on in-person events. Another of our campus-centered enterprises, the Legacy Project, through which we produce videos of interviews with emeriti recounting their experiences at Berkeley and their reflections on their careers, has also been affected by the pandemic. The colleagues leading this Project have done some of the videos remotely, but everyone involved has a strong preference for in-person interviews which are now being resumed. UCBEA has developed a viable partnership with the Berkeley campus's Emeriti Academy, a new enterprise offering emeriti opportunities for interdisciplinary research and service projects. The UCBEA leadership overlaps with the leadership of the Academy, and continues to find ways in which the two organizations can support each other. The two organizations co-sponsored a webinar in which two members of the UCBEA Executive Committee, both public health experts, addressed the most recent and pressing questions about covid.

UCBEA would run more programs were it not for the excellent range of events, increasingly electronic, designed and carried out with great skill by the Retirement Center. The Center attends to the needs and interests of all of Berkeley's several retiree associations, provides a vital institutional base for all of our activities, and enables us to pursue a sharper division of labor that we could otherwise envision.

--David A. Hollinger, UCBEA President