

UC Irvine Emeriti Association (UCIEA)

CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting Report – April 2022

The UCIEA Executive Committee continued to meet remotely by Zoom. UCI now boasts nearly 550 emeriti of whom about 50% are currently dues paying members of our association.

We have little to report by way of organized activities. The campus has been extremely well provided with on-line events sponsored by our many schools and departments, all of which were open to emeriti. The local Beckman Center of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine has recently moved to offer “hybrid” presentations that are promoted to the local community.

We also rely on the excellent leadership of our sister UCI Retirees Association which, in coordination with our Center for Emeriti & Retirees (CER,) has organized in-person events such as walks, hikes, bicycle rides and is back to offering in-person tours which are open to emeriti. CER continues to offer Medicare, Fidelity and other helpful lectures via Zoom.

As students return in full to the UCI campus for the Spring Quarter, parking on campus is returning to its former congestion. Our parking service has agreed to continue to offer free parking to emeriti association members who are not on recall (assuming they can find a space) if they wish to visit the campus.

Health Insurance and Retirement.

Concern has continued regarding UCOP operations and response to issues with retirement and health plan changes, especially the transition to Navitus as provider of prescription services. Fortunately for us the burden of responding to concerns has fallen (essentially totally) on the staff of our Center for Emeriti and Retirees (CER).

Faculty Retirement Liaison: Professor Emeritus of Physics, Bill Parker continues in this part-time position at UCI. With our Center staff working remotely, they have been busy assisting with issues arising for both new and existing retirees, dealing with communication difficulties and the July retirement “season”. Bill also continues to serve as Treasurer of CUCEA. He also is our “go to” expert on monitoring the ongoing issues with RAYS, Navitus and all other health related policy and practice concerns.

CUCEA Tri-Annual Survey: Professor Emerita of Statistics, Jessica Utts at UCI has assumed responsibility for this survey for 2021-22. The raw data have been released and analysis is ongoing.

UCIEA Graduate Student Award: We now have sufficient funds to establish a couple of Graduate Student Dissertation Fellowships that will offer one or more graduate students support to write their thesis upon research completion. Final plans for such awards are being made with the Graduate School.

View our newsletters, recent awards, link to our past lecture recordings, and other highlights at our website: <https://sites.uci.edu/emeriti/>.

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