

# **Campus Report**

## **UCR Emeriti Association**

April 30, 2020

The most important development for the UCR retirement and emeriti associations has been the two-year funding of a half-time Retirement Center Director and the successful recruitment of Ms. Cristina Otegui to that position. Cristina comes to us after serving several years in the UCR career counseling program. Our thanks to Chancellor Kim Wilcox for making a commitment of funds. The campus has also committed an office to a retirement center.

With Cristina's appointment we have started to clarify records and establish regular procedures for identifying emeriti faculty and encouraging them to become dues paying members of the UCREA. Currently 77 of our identified 390 emeriti faculty are members of the Association. Ten of these 77 have joined since Cristina's appointment.

Cristina's appointment has also made it possible to renew publication of our TowerTalk newsletter for emeriti and retirees and to expand our schedule of retiree and emeriti luncheons from three to four.

We have strengthened our working relationship with UCR University Extension by negotiating discounted access to the Lifelong Learning program. And UCR/UNEX has incorporated our Dixon Lectures into their lecture program. Two well-attended Dixon Lectures were held, the third was postponed due to the COVID-19 caused campus closure.

UCR has agreed to provide emeriti and retirees with "R'Cards" which serve to identify them as members of the Associations. These cards provide discounted access to athletic and other campus events, discounts at the bookstore, and maintaining library privileges.

We have succeeded in working out a credit card processing arrangement through Paypal to allow members of both associations to charge luncheons, dues and other charges over the internet by a secure connection.

Of course, like everyone else, work on Emeriti Association business has been sharply curtailed by the campus COVID-19 closure. With executive leadership in the UCR Retirement Center, we have planned “Technology Tuesdays” tech support for retirees and emeriti. And we have a fledgling volunteer support effort under way, but these programs are developing slowly due to the campus closure.

Respectfully,  
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