

UC San Diego Emeriti Association Report Spring 2024

Dues for annual single and life single memberships remain at \$30 and \$300, respectively. Couple annual and couple life memberships are \$40 and \$400, respectively. However, new joiners are offset by attrition and deaths. The current membership sits at 750.

During the academic year, the UCSD Emeriti Association offers a monthly academic seminar via Zoom. These lectures are open to all Emeriti members as well as to current faculty and academics and to members of the UCSD Retirement Association. Advertisements of the lectures are distributed via Academic Flyers to all UCSD academics and via Campus Flyers to all current staff. Speakers are faculty members from the full range of academic disciplines and are presented at levels of technical detail accessible to nonexperts. Seminars since March 2020 have been presented via Zoom. Attendance at these monthly Zoom seminars often reaches over 30 participants synchronously, with an additional 100 to 300 members viewing the video recordings afterward. All UCSD Emeriti Association monthly lectures are recorded and are available on the [Emeriti Association playlist](#) on the [Retiree & Emeriti YouTube Channel](#). Emeriti Association members enjoy having access to an online event [EA RSVP website](#), with detailed event flyers and a user-friendly online registration tool which generates a confirmation email upon registration.

The very popular Emeriti Association's Book Club meets once per month, in a hybrid format (in-person and via Zoom), to discuss a book selected by one of the Book Club members. The member who proposes the book also serves as lead discussant at that meeting.

The UCSD Emeriti Association's [Emeriti Mentor Program](#) (EMP) sponsors the [Chancellor's Scholars Program](#) (CSP) to provide first generation college students, two years of communication and leadership training, as well as one-on-one mentoring. Some [fifty emeriti faculty serve as mentors](#) to forty freshmen and forty second-year mentees. Many mentors continue with their mentees for the entire 4-year undergraduate experience. Participation in this program has enriched the experience for mentors as well as their mentees.

In 2023-2024, in addition to their mentoring activities, UCSD Emeriti Association members donated to the UCSD Emeriti Chancellor's Scholarship fund. The Spring Donor Recognition dinner for generous emeriti donors to the Emeriti Chancellor's Scholarship fund will be held on April 26 at the UCSD Faculty Club.

The Emeriti Association continues its close partnership with the UCSD Retirement Association. This relationship is supported by the coordination efforts of the UCSD Retirement Resource Center. Vania Bailon serves as Center Director, and Jen Homrich serves as the CSP/EMP Coordinator. The RRC has a dynamic part-time staff made up of Chancellor's Scholars.

Emeriti Association members participate in the Retirement Association's many Zoom programs, which are recorded and appear on the Retiree & Emeriti YouTube Channel, with 260+ programs and more than 45,000 views. Emeriti faculty also give lectures as part of the [RA Faculty Lecture Series](#) held via Zoom for the UCSD RA. Emeriti Association members have become active participants in many RA activities such as a wide array of senior and financial education seminars and discussion forums; health and wellness lectures; an elder-care discussion group; an Investments Interest Group; food demonstrations; and a Walking Group, to name just a few.

The Emeriti Association's website is a valuable resource for current and prospective members. Please see: <https://emeriti.ucsd.edu>. Information about Emeriti Association [events](#), the [Emeriti Mentor Program](#), [Emeriti Awards](#), [membership](#), and the [Chronicles](#) can all be found there. Our quarterly newsletter, the Chronicles, superbly edited by Steven Adler, can be found on Emeriti website. The [April issue](#) features a fascinating article on the history of the Division of Social Sciences at UC San Diego. The UCSD Emeriti Association will deliver its Dickson Awards at the EA Annual Meeting in May 2024.

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