

UC San Diego Emeriti Association Report Spring 2023

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 500.

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 Flyer to all UCSD academics. Speakers are faculty members from the full range of academic disciplines and are presented at levels of technical detail accessible to non-experts. Seminars since March 2020 have been presented via Zoom. Attendance at these monthly Zoom seminars often reaches over 50 participants synchronously, with an additional 200 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, 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 [forty-eight 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. EA Leadership's intervention with Chancellor Khosla alerted him to a planned reduction in support for the Chancellors Scholars Program from 40 to 30 scholars which he then reversed.

In 2022, 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 28 at the UCSD Faculty Club.

The Emeriti Association continues its close partnership with the UCSD Retirement Association. This relationship is supported by the excellent coordination efforts of the UCSD Retirement Resource Center. Previous Director Suzan Cioffi retired in January 2023. Vania Bailon served as Interim Director until March 2023, when she officially assumed the role of Director. 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 200+ programs and more than 33,000 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 and meditation; an elder-care discussion group; an Investments Interest Group; and a Walking Group (maps and tips provided for individual walks for this year), to name just a few.

The Emeriti Association's website was redesigned in 2018 by a Chancellor's Scholar and Suzan Cioffi and 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 State of the Arts at UC San Diego. The UCSD Emeriti Association will deliver its Dickson Awards at the EA Annual Meeting in May 2023.

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