

CSU Channel Islands Retiree Association  
Board Meeting  
April 14, 2025  
Starbuck's, 540 Las Posas Rd. Camarillo  
3:30 p.m.

Present: Dan Wakelee (President), Ira Schoenwald (Treasurer), Michael Morris (Secretary), Jerry Clifford, Christopher Wheeler, Grace Durst.

The meeting was called to order at 3:44 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Ira Schoenwald moved to approve the minutes for the 10-11-2024 annual board meeting. Jerry Clifford seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried.

Review of Retiree Surveys:

Dan Wakelee administered two Qualtrics surveys in March, one for CSUCI Retiree Association (Association) members and one for retirees who are not members of the Association. Fifteen members responded to their survey, which represented approximately a 40% response rate. Ten non-members responded, which was approximately 1 out of every 7 surveys sent.

Responses suggested that members and non-members are interested in participating in campus lectures and performances, and that they would value free parking on campus and access to campus email. Many respondents believe that emeritus status for retiring staff would be valuable. Dan added that the campus' IT department has agreed to reactivate the myCI accounts for Association members, which would provide access to the retiree's email account and other benefits of myCI. Dan will follow up with IT to determine the timeline for making this a reality.

Some non-members indicated that the cost of Association membership is cost prohibitive. The Board discussed the pros and cons of offering Association membership without membership in the statewide CSU-ERFSA, which local membership currently requires.

The Board discussed the importance of offering benefits that would only be available with membership in the Association, in an effort to encourage non-members to join.

A couple of non-members indicated that they would like to be contacted by the Association for further information. Chris Wheeler will follow up with those individuals.

Campus Updates:

Dan provided a few updates on campus information and activities. Joan Karp has moved out of the area, and Randall Mullenix, recently passed away.

Because of severe budget cuts, the University will be looking to cut a significant number of faculty and staff positions. As such, there will likely be a large number of upcoming retirements. We will remain focused on this in an effort to increase Association membership.

#### Membership Update:

The Association currently has 40 members, and there are 70-80 retired non-members for whom we have email addresses. Chris and Grace Durst will begin reaching out to these individuals again to encourage them to join.

#### Upcoming Activities:

- The University will hold an event titled, "Sign the Steel" on Tuesday, April 22, from 11:30am to 1:30pm in the North Quad. This event will provide an opportunity to sign a piece of commemorative steel that will be placed inside Gateway Hall before completion.
- There will be an informal social gathering on Thursday, April 24, from 4:00 – 6:00pm at Jerry Clifford's home.
- President Yao's retirement appreciation event, which was previously scheduled for June, has been pushed back to October. No official date has yet been determined.
- The Association will begin having a regular, no-host, social lunch at Tortilla's Grill on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30am, starting in May.
- We will need to schedule an annual Association meeting in the upcoming months, during which we will elect officers to serve for the upcoming year.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Ira provided a treasurer's report, indicating that account balance is currently at \$1,519.02.

#### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.