

Spring 2018

Greetings Fellow Retirees,

Please join us for the Association's Spring Luncheon and learn what the University has been up to lately. President Linda Schott and Provost Sue Walsh will provide us their perspectives on the academic year's accomplishments and challenges, and, I suspect, will have some compelling stories to tell.

All of us, I believe, have unique stories about the time we joined the University's community. Mine began nearly 52 years ago, in 1966, when I and 65 other new academic hires suffered through an orientation meeting to end all orientation meetings. It was held in Mulkey Auditorium, one of the most uncongenial places on campus: it was a cavernous and shopworn area, with dark draperies hung over high windows. Its acoustics were lamentable, its temperatures remarkably variable, and its lighting laughably inadequate. The seats were uncompromisingly hard and ill fitting, and we squirmed in them. A bevy of droning- on administrators greeted us, provided us reams of handouts, then read some parts of the handouts to us. It was truly not an event that made us glad we had joined the faculty. But the time was memorable, even unforgettable: we began to form our first associations, meet people who would become life-long friends, and be united in a common endeavor, which was to educate the region's students.

The Retirees Associations tri-yearly luncheons provide us a time to reminisce about our younger years and to renew "auld acquaintance" with friends, with former colleagues, and with that solid yet abstract entity known as the institution. We are irretrievably connected to it by virtue of our service, and most of us, despite our retirement from an active academic life, follow its progress and development with interest. We helped shape its character, so it is natural that we are concerned with its well-being, its development, and its mission. In short, we are pleased to hear its continuing story.

Happily, there is no Association business to transact at this luncheon, so we can focus wholly on what President Schott and Provost Walsh have to say. There will be time for questions.

Other, useful information: If you have not paid your dues for 2017-18 you may do so by submitting you payment to OLLI at SOU, 1250 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland, OR 97520.

Forms for submission of dues can be obtained off the Retirees website "retirees.sou.edu."

SPRING LUNCHEON

11:30 A. M.

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ROGUE RIVER ROOM

STEVENSON UNION

We remind you again that parking on campus has changed. New parking meters have been installed and are easy to use. Those who once had a purple parking sticker can contact Jessica Wanderscheid at 541-552-6666 to obtain a "virtual" parking pass.

We look forward to seeing you Friday, May 11th.

Jim Dean

Leadership Council Volunteer