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# **Q24: Any final comments? (grouping by age)**

## **Age < 59**

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| * I am a recent retiree and I am working full time in another job so I have not have had the time to explore and enjoy the Emeritus College fully yet. Look forward to more interaction in the years to come. |
| * I have come to appreciate that as a UBC Professor Emeritus I have amazing opportunities to contribute to society through retirement which is very satisfying. |

## **Age 60 – 69**

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| * It is a gift to have the Emeritus College. |
| * Thank you for all of your work, it is very much appreciated!! |
| * Long events are tough by zoom, but short events are better by zoom because it doesn’t require travel time disproportionate to event time |
| * I really like the idea of the emeritus college. It is too bad that the pandemic has caused such turmoil. I am not negative – I just feel a bit restricted |
| * Very appreciative of the support of the college. I'm not very involved at this point. I'm not a typical emerita in that I only taught for 13 years, was hired at 51, and am a professional, not an academic. So the community isn't that much of a match for me, but it is nonetheless vital and welcoming. Very much thankful for all the fine work being done. |
| * You are doing great. I spent a lot of time preparing for retirement, so i don't feel I need much support. Others may have greater needs though. I am very happy with retirement. |
| * To those of us in the Okanagan, this group is very Vancouver-centric. |
| * I am looking forward to visiting the new building as I never had a chance to take a tour. |
| * I have been retired almost six years. My first five years were quite active in terms of research, publishing, reviewing, some conference participation, etc. I did appreciate the subsidy program to support my research. Over the past year, I have drawn away from many of these activities. But I know colleagues who are still very active and will appreciate all of that sort of support.  In my faculty, due to space concerns, the shared office space that I have had is diminishing and in fact I will move out this summer (personal choice). For some that may be difficult. |
| * Thank you for conducting this survey, I hope you receive valuable information. |
| * Very pleased to be a member of the Emeritus College. I didn't realize how important it would be in my retirement experience. I think COVID has increased this importance to stay connected to people outside my immediate realm. I do miss visiting the campus and taking part in events/activities in person!! |
| * Thanks for asking! |
| * Although I’m not currently participating on College activities, it’s good to know that this option exists.  I appreciate knowing that there are opportunities for future involvement with a range of people who have worked in this particular type of environment. |
| * I might have already filled this out...!! |
| * Would be interested in spearheading an outreach program that would see school children from neighbourhoods where a minority of parents are college educated interacting with the Emeritus College/emeriti as a way of exposing them to the idea of University.  Niamh Kelly niamh.kelly@ubc.ca |
| * I appreciate the work being done by the Emeritus College and look forward to post-pandemic initiatives. |

## **Age 70 – 79**

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| * I find I am tired of the university world and am pursuing non-academic activities (fiction writing, language learning, travel). I do not anticipate attending any UBC activities again. |
| * I feel happier and more fulfilled in semi-retirement than I was when working full-time! |
| * Kudos to the new newsletter editor, Margery Fee, who is doing a wonderful job -- like her predecessor! |
| * For faculty who have retired outside of Vancouver, the ability to join by Zoom or a webinar to Emeritus events is really important in helping someone to stay, and feel, connected. But I also appreciate the potential opportunity to see each other in person. My favorite event ever was the two day ‘conference’ (2018or19?) with lots of speakers on different subjects, and an address at the end by Santa Ono. Great information, great socializing, great connection to the University. |
| * I knew that some bridges would crumble when I retired in 2018 but CoVid has created a terrible double-down knockout in this respect. I feel isolated and miss the stimulation that comes with live interactions. |
| * I look forward to meeting my emeritus colleagues in the flesh! |
| * I am very happy to be a member of Emeritus College and look forward to the events and meetings. I will be happy when there is a return to in person meetings once they can be undertaken. However, since I live in North Vancouver, I also appreciate being able to "attend" without the long drive.  Many thanks to Graeme Wynn for his leadership and inspiring reports - they were part of my enjoyment of the newsletter. |
| * I think the College is doing an excellent job of keeping Emeriti/ae abreast of what is happening on campus. Although it has some wonderful interest groups for changes in intellectual stimuli, I would like to see the College looking at both future directions of Universities (career prep or liberal education) and even the educational system (does everyone need a University Education?). Is there a better model, and to this end I would like to hear from experts on other systems used throughout the world. I think we are very insular and protective of our system. Just a thought. |
| * I would like to see links to other university programs for retired faculty. I have a number of European colleagues engaged in similar Emeritus associations and our "visiting" through internet and with possible mutually beneficial events - amusing as well as informative. |
| * No - thanks for doing this. |
| * Thanks for the opportunity to answer |
| * nope. My experience was/is probably not very useful to draw lessons from. Seems to me like you should remember that most faculty are not ones winning awards. They are simple "good enough". |
| * I value the work done by EC volunteers |
| * Thanks for designing and conducting this survey, and my very best wishes to the Executive and staff as the current academic years draws to a close and plans for the coming session take shape.    On reflection, my experience of retirement was tremendously enhanced by two things: my early engagement in non-academic volunteer activities, and my ability to take advantage of one of the Retirement Options designed by the FA for the University. Hence my earlier suggestion that both of these elements might be worthwhile for the College to consider programmatically if there appears to wider support. |
| * Though located far from UBC (unfortunately), I greatly value the College and would love to have more access to some events through recordings, if this is feasible for staff. There is a 17-19 hr time difference between the campus and my location so live Zoom links don't actually help. |
| * As a relative newcomer-comer to the College, I do my have a lot of experience to draw on, but I’m happy to share my experience whenever appropriate. |
| * As a new member, I am looking forward to being involved with activities of the College |
| * The culture of UBC has changed significantly since I retired, a relatively short time. Its wholehearted adoption of Progressive Puritanism along with cancel culture and a faith based, rather than a true scientific approach to much of the research and teaching saddens and alienates me. |
| * Thanks for being there. I hope to participate in more events after the pandemic has eased. |
| * i really miss in-person meetings, but i also realize that many of us aren't in Vancouver or find it difficult to come out to UBC. I'm not sure what the right balance is, but I think we need to maintain some activities on Zoom. |
| * The activity of the college and its offerings need to be amped up. Improve the possibilities for engagement and social interactions among the retirees |
| * I appreciate the College and I think that by being a member of the college it has made a difference in my transition to retirement. The Subsidy supports definitely made a difference in my international participation in conferences. Thanks so much. |
| * Thanks for the opportunity to participate in the survey. Would have been good to ask the kind of information that would yield metrics useful for stressing the contribution of the college to UBC. This was the time to do it. |
| * I appreciate that the College is there |
| * My sense of UBC emeriti is that there are generational differences as well as differences in relation to gender and race. The diversity of UBC retirees means that programming and services need to be flexible. And there seems to be a shift towards more bureaucratization as the College becomes more established. Some formalizing of roles and responsibilities is needed but it would be great if the College didn't organize itself in a hierarchical manner. |
| * It takes time, but I think efforts need to be made to increase the visibility of the Emeritus College within departments and the university as a whole. The College is the voice for retired colleagues and all that they have to offer but also the experience in supporting people with their planning and transition to retirement.    Hugely impressed with how the Emeritus College has taken flight and expanded its offerings. I am also relieved that it is a home for those with divergent interests and is not focused predominantly on colleagues who continue to pursue research endeavours. It is a great model for other academic institutions across the province, nationally and even internationally. Well done! |
| * Thank you for this opportunity! |
| * For early retirees, the Emeritus College looks a bit like Tapestry. The College should be more like a college with active participation in teaching and learning open to people over 60. Not just members of the college. Collaboration with Extended Learning could help. UBC had an thriving senior community in the old days, bringing together academics and local seniors. It can be self sustaining. This would fit the inclusive mandate of the university. Seniors are not seniors anymore unless they are in their eighties or nineties. |
| * With regard to the question about my preference to participate in College meetings and events...although I selected continue all online per the pandemic I would participate in some events face to face if available. I didn't select that option because it may not be possible for all current and future events to continue to be available online. Although I recognize many of the names and faces among college members, and know and have worked with a number of members, face to face may increase opportunities to get to know members in different ways. I've designed courses, taught and worked online for over 20 years so that is not the reason for my comment.     Thank you for inviting feedback from members! |
| * Thanks for all the efforts of the people who help move the emeritus college forward. Great work on the behalf of others is being done by these folks. |
| * Thank you for this carefully designed and in-depth survey. Please share the results when available. |
| * Somehow I never got involved with APE when I first retired and so never found a connection to the group. During my working years time didn’t allow much social interaction with other faculty so upon retirement I didn’t have social connections to other faculty so my retirement path has had very little connection to other retired members. |
| * I welcome the contribution the Emeritus College has made to keeping us "retired" faculty involved with the university. |
| * Thanks for offering this opportunity to voice an opinion. |
| * So far in my retirement I have been very busy with continued UBC research, some consulting, intense involvement in community based activities and working on my own projects (Building an airplane).   I look forward very much to participating in Emeritus College activities- they sound very interesting!  From what little information I have, the Emeritus College is doing a great job! |
| * No. |
| * I participated in an art slide show accompanying a recent panel on profs-who-do-art and tried to find it later but couldn't. Is that slide show available on the website? Thanks. |
| * Thanks for asking!! |
| * The Emeritus College has been a very positive factor in my transition to retirement. Thank you to the UBC administration and to the EC Council and staff for the support that is offered. |
| * The Emeritus College seems to be less independent of UBC administration than was The Association of Professors Emeriti. (Consider, for example, Johnson Insurance promoted via APE.)    I regret this change. |
| * I now live in Langley. Having a formal way to interact with local institutions would be helpful.  UBC is just too far away to allow in person visits. |
| * The provision of modest research support was a most wonderful development. I hope it can continue.  I expect the current system to grow and develop as it has over the last 20 years. |
| * I have not been very engaged with the Emeritus College yet - too busy. But I look forward to becoming more involved in the future. From what I have seen it seems to be an excellent organization! |
| * Thank you |
| * Let's just get through these pandemic restrictions first and try to figure out a 'new normal'... |
| * I have found retirement to be a most wonderful experience. Doing creative work -- writing fiction and publishing it -- has provided me with new perspectives and great opportunities to exercise my imagination in new ways. To be honest, it's been totally exhilarating. |
| * Thanks for conducting this survey. |
| * Covid has played havoc with my relationship with the campus and most of my colleagues.    I am still involved in 2 dissertations as supervisor. Before Christmas I worked very hard with a third student who is losing her sight, which required extra work, although I was not the director. The person who replaced me is not allowed to direct dissertations as an Assistant Professor, if I understand correctly. I think that it would be nice if the Department and/or the Faculty thanked or ackowledged people such as myself. Perhaps a gift certificate from the bookstore too? We are helping the University, but receive no compensation or recognition. |
| * Our department now has another new chair, and when Covid dangers subside, I am hoping to talk with them about possible support for the small percentage of my research project which remains.Basically I continue to need printing from the library and access to the library computer's SPSS program. Basically, I propose adding the option of an "emeritus pay-for-print card (like students have) to enable printing and the use of some research programs (such as SPSS for doing statistics, and the other programs which my qualitative-research colleagues require). Thanks to your financial support for emeriti researchers, I was able to present a paper from my research to the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in 2019. Thank you for all you do, and for listening to my comments about what may make your help even better. |
| * I miss the UBC atmosphere, being on the wonderful campus and interacting with students and faculty. I am fortunate that four of the researchers in my lab joined my company and I have almost daily interaction with them. Conducting research has been an important part of my entire life and I am privileged that I can do so in retirement. I now live on Vancouver Island and it not easy to travel to Vancouver with Covid19 around. Hopefully that will be over soon. I have many contacts with leading wineries around the world and I am willing to organize tours for emeriti. |
| * Thank you for your work supporting Emeriti |
| * Thank you for supporting professors emeriti.    Stay safe.. |
| * Retain the strong framework of academic interest alongside more informal community. |
| * Emeritus College is doing a great job in developing innovative ways to connect people and meet their interests. Thanks you so much! |
| * The assumption underpinning this survey appears to be that all Emeriti are located in or close to the UBC campuses. I live abroad. I therefore welcome being able to access College resources and events online and it is has been a pleasure, during the COVID pandemic, to see on Zoom (mostly) past colleagues. Thank you |
| * I'm enjoying retirement. I no longer do the long commute to UBC but now lecture to local growths, particularly youth. |
| * I can be contacted regarding the issues noted earlier regarding banking arrangements for estates if there is interest in following up with me.    Kellogg Booth  ksbooth@cs.ubc.ca |
| * Thank you for the important role that the EC plays in our lives and i the UBC community. |
| * It would be nice to know how many members live outside of Vancouver and, if there are other members like me, acknowledge that the Emeritus College is indeed a distributed Provincial institution, very much like UBC is at present. As I mentioned in a comment above, I reside in Victoria, BC and worked in the island Medical Program, a distributed regional campus of the UBC Faculty of Medicine. |
| * Thanx for taking the effort to send this survey |
| * I live on Vancouver Island so even in non-pandemic times it was difficult to attend in person |
| * I would appreciate a clearer articulation of the purposes and intent of the Emeritus College compared to the previous association. What formal role, if any, does it have in the overall governance model of UBC? |
| * nothing.  A good survey./ questionnaire |
| * Congratulations on getting us through the worst of the epidemic   College might provide more advice on  Downsizing   Mental health |
| * the speaker series is excellent. Just terrific range of topics and very high quality presentations. |
| * My husband passed away suddenly last September, and so the social isolation due to COVID has hit me hard. I am now interested in joining some groups so that I have opportunities for social interaction with other emeriti. |
| * I was not very aware of what kinds of events I could take advantage of and might enjoy. I would like to be able to join some by Zoom to increase my likelihood of connecting and finding some events I might have been a bit hesitant to come in person. I wrote a number of online courses before others began and I could have been helpful when many courses had to go online. I would have stepped forward but UBC just changed their choice of delivery company. I think it would have been helpful for me to meet with the Department Head to find out what they would have liked to involve me in. |
| * none at this time |
| * Let's all stay young, without its mistakes. |

## **Age 80 – 89**

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| * Not a well conceived questionnaire, but they never are. |
| * Extended sickness over the past three months has substantially altered my view of the world. |
| * The Emeriti Association now College has been and important source of retirement education and an opportunity to maintain contact with UBC colleagues. |
| * After retirement I went back to school and got a Diploma in Textile Art which has occupied much of my time since in various capacities from teaching to administration. |
| * My gratitude to all who contribute to the work of the College |
| * Great and valuable organization |
| * My name is Barbara Williamson. I am the widow of John Edward Michael Kew (J.E. Michael ...). My husband died Nov. 22, 2020 and I am taking this opportunity to announce his death to the College. I suggest you might do more to facilitate notifications of death by family or colleagues, and to announce deaths of members. For the foreseeable future I will use the Email address: willkew@shaw.ca.  Dr. Kew's last illness prevented him from participating in the College's benefits to retirees. |
| * The College and its predecessor have provided a great environment for me. |
| * Good survey |
| * I have reconnected with some former colleagues because of zoom |
| * Without zoom and the internet it would be difficult to keep my research life going. On the other hand there is my library. |
| * College is doing well and will continue to evolve. |
| * good survey! |
| * Support from UBC for my research/writing activities has been excellent. |
| * No |
| * I continue to work in journal editing  I am also much involved in disciplinary history, prepare history of Botany and Botanical sciences at UBC  I also volunteer with the Music school. |
| * Would have liked to have the opportunity to expand on some of my choices, with a comment box underneath the multiple choice questions. |
| * I am pleased that the College now exists and is actively seeking ways to engage the retired colleagues who, having devoted their lives to academic pursuits, have not developed any interests beyond academe. I find it worrying to hear the wives of many retired colleagues describe their husbands’ daily lives which seem to me to indicate that these men are depressed, having “lost” their purpose in life, and hence their sense of identity. Very sad. |
| * I have enjoyed the efforts on our behalf. |
| * Thanks so much to the people who have put so much effort in to the survey. |
| * NO |
| * Keep up the good work! |
| * Thanks |
| * The College is doing very well under the unexpected and unfamiliar circumstances. I appreciate your commitment to a common good. |
| * I found some of the questions hard to provide a single answer to, because of the lenght of time since I retired. |
| * We should make sure that all emeriti are made aware of the College, and shown how its many activities can enrich their experience. |
| * The pandemic has made me feel more isolated, and I look forward to its ending. I used to enjoy the talks sponsored by the emeriti and the teas that preceded them. The teas allowed casual chats with former colleagues and other emeriti that I hadn't known while active at UBC. |
| * You are doing a good job. I retired from UBC in 2001, but continued teaching and research at two other universities, in Hong Kong and Taiwan, So, in effect, my active career continued for several years after that. I published my last book in 2009 with EJ Brill; it was based on extensive fieldwork in rural north China, c2002-2008 So, my teaching and research career continued until 2009. |
| * The Emeritus College does a great job in providing programmes for, and connecting retired people. |
| * No. |
| * No |
| * Alerts to our age group such as the announcement to re-register for 2nd vaccination was appreciated. |
| * Keep up the good work. Keeping connected is vital. |
| * No |
| * Keep up the good work  And I may have done the survey twice-sorry |
| * None |
| * I look forward to attending again in person meetings of professors emeriti. |
| * Overall the College is doing a grand job and more power to the movers and shakers behind |
| * Thank you for the opportunity. |
| * Very happy with the Emeritus College. I am now in my 80s and finding less interest in most of the activities but would like to keep in touch. |
| * keep up the good work you do. |
| * As you see above, opportunities for collegiality among emeriti rank highest in my needs over the retirement years.   A mini-faculty club for emeriti is the Ideal... Or anything moving in that direction! Note emphasis on coffee... and congenial events (the talks held intermittently at Tapestry in some past years were a splendid example, but all too rare...)    I assume that ubc lectures & similar events will resume in due course: Vanc. Inst. type things were precious but rare.   Please be in touch with me on these matters!    p. merivale |
| * Never forget that even after retirement your advice and experience are caluable assets of UBC. |
| * since I live in Victoria most campus activities are not relevant - I continue to be active in research and writing and in contact with First Nations communities |

## **Age > 90**

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| * In the course of the 28 years of retirement, my connections with UBC (including the emeriti assocation/college) has diminished. |
| * I value the College and hope for the resumption of in-person gatherings, especially academic events. |
| * Many of my answers relate to the fact that I am now almost 92 yrs. and no longer able to participate in many/most activities which were previously of interest. |
| * As I am ninety years old and just surviving has become a full time job !   I enjoy reading about all the programs that are active even without participating,  Thank you for asking.  The long questionnaire is exactly what a research project should be, and I hope us older folks will take the time to ponder each question and answer them, perhaps not in the time suggested. |
| * Thank you for your interest. |
| * n/a |
| * For the past 18 years I have lived and worked at universities mainly in Thailand - but also India and Indonesia.    It continues to be a rewarding life, academically - as well as living in the tropics.     Always happy to keep in touch with UBC - a great institution. |