

## UCI Emeriti Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - Thursday, April 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President McLaughlin at 10:04 am and adjourned at 11:50.

Present: Ken Dumars, Dick Frank, Jeri Frederick, Judy Horn, Stuart Krassner, Pam Lawrence, Peggy Maradudin, Cal McLaughlin, Ron Miller, Marianne Schnaubelt, Jen Yu, and Marilyn Soley.

I. Minutes of March 13 meeting were unanimously approved without objection.

II. Treasurer's Report -- Stuart reported that the number of emeriti is expected to grow in the next few years, as the hires in expansion period retire. -- Jeri: Office of the President's (OP) list included names previously unknown to us. They were contacted, and many were pleased by the attention. Foundation wants the dues notice to indicate that unless emeriti "opt out" they will be included on solicitation lists for other UCI projects. Cal: Dues paid to the Foundation have an advantage: they are tax deductible.

III. President's Notes -- Cal announced that the speaker at the Annual Meeting will be Jim McGaugh, one of UCI's founding faculty. --

Pam: When will commencement be held? -- Jeri: The day after President Obama speaks at Angel Stadium, so that will be Sunday, June 15.

-- Cal: Committee on Faculty Welfare sent a letter to the Provost asking that 2 positions on campus dealing with retirement counselling be retained at the campus level. The general tendency now is to use 3rd party vendors. Example: now a private firm -- "The Work Number" -- handles pension verification information for when someone needs proof for a loan. And "The Work Number" charges a fee!

-- Cal: Awards Committee will meet on Monday, April 28. -- Ron: Have we been informed as to whether Senate will take responsibility for Mentor Awards? -- Cal: No.

IV. OLLI Update -- Peggy reported on the Humanities Core writing project to collect war experiences, whether from veterans or protesters or family members of either. UCI Humanities Core Open Forum which was organized by Professor Carol Burke to be lectures for students of the Humanities Core course, UCI Alumni, and members of OLLI

at UCI. The theme for the entire year has been "War", and the next lecture is on Friday 23 May at the UCI Newkirk Alumni Center at 11am. Professor Jon Wiener will speak on "Remembering the Cold War". She noted that any Emeriti or Retired Staff would be very welcome. -- Dick: When I was in it, the theme changed every quarter; three years seems excessive.

V. Center -- Jeri: Acting Provost Howard Gillman will speak at the Annual Reception to be held in the University Club dining room, TUESDAY, April 22, 3:30-6:30 pm. If you plan to come, please RSVP at 824-7769.

Additionally, it would be nice to have a compiled list of major awards garnered by UCI Emeriti all in one place and she will be emailing some to help.

-- Stuart: Bio Sci is now called Francesco Ayala School of Biological Sciences. Also, the Center has been presenting a lecture series on Care Giving Resources. He found the information valuable and it has been a great success.

VI. Retirees Association -- Marianne reported that the Healthy to 100 Lecture Series, also presented by the Center by assisted by the Retirees Association, has been well received as have the Walks/Hikes Series coordinated and sponsored by *UCIRA*. The hikes will continue to August.

-- Marianne: the lecture series had an offering on research reported on Tai Chi helping reduce falls; 108 Tai Chi moves were reduced to 8 basic ones which can be done in 20 minutes. "Tai Chi for Balance" will continue to be a course offered through the Samueli Center. Other projects included a tour of the UCI Costume Dept. and a tour of the UC ANR (Agriculture and Natural Resources) Center in Irvine (an experimental farm with researchers participating from UCR, UCI and UCB) with several landscapes to illustrate different uses of water will be on Monday, April 14. On May 29 there will be a tour of the Getty Villa in Malibu. There are still 6 slots open for participation.

-- As Vice-Chair of CUCRA she wanted the Committee to know that CUCRA/EA has focused on making sure that all retirees be informed of any change in University benefits. There is ongoing discussion of two issues: (1) The rate of return on the UC investment portfolio last year was 7.3%, which compares unfavorably with the 10% earned by other funds. Not good! (2) Health insurance premiums will change, but no others will. But out-of-state, Medicare retirees with UC insurance were switched to dealing with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party exchange vendor Extend Help to find plans during the last Open Enrollment period. Though there have been many complaints, including some 3-page

letters with details, even if they come back to California, they will not be able to come back to UC insurance options; they will still need to go through this company. A survey showed that 20% expressed "extensive dissatisfaction."

SO: This leads to the thought if UC retirees staying in California will also be forced to rely on this company? University officials say no, but the issue is still alive. -- Cal: The real question here is: Has changing a good system really saved much money?

--Marianne: People in the O.P. (i.e., staff) had a meeting with the new president, Janet Napolitano during which she was asked: "Since coming to UC, what crisis has arisen?" Her answer: "When you come from Homeland Security, 'crisis' has a different meaning."

VII. Old Business -- Peter Krapp, Chair of the Academic Senate, will attend our next meeting.

VIII. Bylaws -- Judy Horn conducted a discussion of the text which she and Ken Dumars had prepared. Various changes and deletions were discussed, and they will be included in the revised version to be presented next meeting. No votes were taken, so to describe those changes and deletions would be otiose, and will therefore be left for the minutes of the next meeting.

IX. Policies – However, there was discussion of basic policy which should be registered. Ron noted that IX.3 omitted mention of required review of the Association's website, brochure, and stationery. -- Cal: Those matters are always subject to review. -- Ron: It was in the Bylaws. Why remove it? -- Cal: Managerial issues need not be in Bylaws. Entropy prevails. NOTE: Entropy: a measure of the amount of information in a message that is based on the logarithm of the possible equivalent messages.

--Marianne: The brochure is not published every year, so I agree with Cal. This illuminating discussion of the thermodynamics of the issue concluded the meeting. Discussion will resume Thursday, May 8, at 10 am in University Club, Room C.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Frank  
secretary pro tem