

UCI Faculty Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting Minutes -- DRAFT

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Call to Order: The meeting of the executive committee was called to order by President Bill Parker at 10 AM in Room C of the University Club. Those present included Ron Miller, Cal McLaughlin, George Miller, Marianne Schnaubelt, Marilyn Soley, Peggy Maradudin, Jen Yu, Ron Jevning, Susan Pihl, Barbara Hamkalo, Jeri Frederick, and Keith Nelson.

Minutes: The minutes of the Executive Committee's meeting of April 9, 2015, were accepted with two minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Stuart Krassner was not present, but Jeri Frederick reported for him that our money situation is "wonderfully fine". She pointed out that Barbara Hamkalo had recently been able to negotiate the use of the University Hills Community Center for the May 22 Segesta lecture at no charge. Barbara noted, however, that in return for this we had agreed to host any University Hills resident who wished to attend.

President's Notes:

Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare. Bill reported that very little was happening at the moment, but he believes that the committee will shortly take up the issue of childcare for faculty. Though there will be no major changes in health insurance next year, the committee has been discussing the appropriateness of rules regarding the treatment of hepatitis C (rules denying money for a cure but allowing money for "management" of the disease). Some have suggested that "medical tourism" may be desirable (e.g. funding travel to another country for medical treatment).

Academic Senate. Parker reported that there is a systemwide issue and a local issue which are closely connected.

The systemwide issue relates to the ongoing budget discussions between President Napolitano and Governor Brown, which have been difficult and "mildly disturbing". The governor's staff views us

as an expensive version of the State University system and is urging us to cut costs by teaching more and by experimenting with "programmatically innovations" like 3-year degrees and new technology. Brown apparently is quite sincere. He believes UC can be run for less.

The local issue relates to what are called "self-supporting programs", or SSPs. These are graduate programs that generate money, like the Paul Merage School of Business's "Executive MBA" or the MAS in "Criminology, Law and Society". The chancellor is encouraging- the creation of additional SSP for the purpose of revenue generation. The Graduate Council, the Committee on Planning and Budget, and the Senate cabinet are the places such matters will be discussed. Related questions, of course, have to do with how many out-of-state and international students we should admit. The Freshman class in Fall 2016 is anticipated to be 20% "international".

April CUCRA/EA Meeting in San Diego. Bill noted that this is a semi-annual meeting, alternating between northern and southern campuses. The two participating groups meet separately, then jointly. The director of the Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) attended. Strategies in health care were discussed. It is anticipated that next year we will see more "patient management activities" created.

June 9th Annual Meeting. Bill announced that Juliet Mac Cannell, a professor of English, has been selected as "[Outstanding Emeritus/a Professor of the Year](#)". Professor Spencer Olin will be giving the keynote address.

Human Resources. Susan Pihl reported that there has been a change in administrative structure that may give Human Resources more visibility and recognition on campus. It will now report directly to the chancellor's office, not through Administrative and business Services. Gillman wants HR at cabinet meetings and he has arranged for campus HR and Medical HR to be merged.

Susan noted that HR has worked out an agreement with KinderCare that will give UC faculty a 10% discount on childcare.

She also disclosed that HR has placed 6 new videos about retirement on line at UC Net.

Ron Miller asked if HR had had anything to do with arranging the semi-annual public conferences held by Orange County fiduciaries,

which he described as "outstanding". Apparently these have been organized independently.

Communications Committee: Parker noted that Dick Frank is working on the spring Emeriti Newsletter.

Programs Committee: Barbara Hamkalo reminded us that the Emeriti lecture on Segesta by Professor Margaret Miles on May 22 will be held at the University Hills Community Center, which, she said, "loves the idea of partnering with us". Professor Alex Maradudin will introduce Miles.

Center for Emeriti and Retirees (CER): Jeri Frederick distributed a new "Connections" and noted that the relocation of the Center has been postponed again and is scheduled now for the end of July.

She was praised for the success of the Chancellor's reception on May 5, which was attended by 285 people.

She called attention to the Association's Annual Meeting on June 9th and to the 5th annual Stanley Van den Noort Lecture, given on June 11th by Dr. Joseph Jankovic on "Treatment of Parkinson's Disease".

She also told us that retirees/emeriti interest in Regents Point continues to be strong. There were 32 personal tours arranged just in the last month.

Keith Nelson announced that the First Annual Nelson Lecture in US International History will take place in Humanities Gateway 1030 at 5 pm on Tuesday, May 19th. It will be given by Professor Mark Bradley of the University of Chicago on "The United States and the Global Human Rights Imagination". Nelson invited all emeriti and retirees to attend.

UCI Retirees Association: Marianne Schnaubelt reported that the panel discussion at "Celebrate UCI" in the Student Center was a big success. The retirees are now beginning to think in terms of activities for next year, considering among other things, a bus tour to JPL, wine tasting, and a cooking class.

OLLI: Peggy Maradudin reported that there is still no word from the Irvine Company about the possibility that OLLI will have to leave its

Woodbridge Center. This is worrisome because OLLI does not wish to be located too far from UCI. A new OLLI Board is being organized, but many of its members are not very knowledgeable about the university.

OLLI is currently launching its "Summer Lite" program with 12 courses being offered through UCI Extension. If interested, call (949) 451-1403.

Old Business.

Fiftieth Anniversary Planning: Bill was asked if the letters to the Deans regarding School plans for the fall had been drafted, and when informed that they had not been, he urged Jeri to help him get them out soon. He knows that Physical Science has planned a "founders event" for September 30, but it is not clear what other Schools are doing if anything. Meanwhile, the McGaugh Committee has planned four events for next year, one organized around members of the National Academy of Science, a second around members of the the National Academy of Medicine, a third around members of the National Academy of Engineering, and the fourth by a group discussing the future of higher education. All of these will be sponsored by the Chancellor's Office.

In addition, there will be a "major campus party" on Saturday, October 3, called a "Festival of Discovery", but this is not a "founders event".

New Business: Ron Miller asked the President to check out the Emeriti Association web site, which he finds very unsatisfactory. In particular he is troubled by an inadequate "health care facilitator" (HCF) link and by the fact that the In Memoriam section is more than a year behind. Jeri explained that the HCF link and our own In Memoriam link are actually at the top of the UCI EA page in the blue bar and both are up to date. The UC In Memoriam page link found in the body of the page is not controlled by us and is usually updated only once UC has the official write-up from each deceased person's department.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Nelson
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