

UCI EMERITI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING October 5, 2009

Held at 111 Theory, the Research Park , 9:15 -11 AM, with Vice President Quilligan presiding in the absence of President Hamkalo. Minutes drafted by Ron Miller in the absence of Richard Frank.

Members and staff present: Call, Dumars, Eddleman, Feldman, Frederick, Horn, Hubert, Jevning, Krassner, Lawrence, McCulloch, Miller, Parten, Quilligan, Schnaubelt, Soley, Stephens, and Tobis. Judith Stepan-Norris, Chair of the Academic Senate kindly attended as well.

Judith Stepan-Norris provided an articulate and comprehensive review of matters of concern from the perspective of the Academic Senate. Of greatest concern is the budget and furloughs. If the latter continue beyond the end of the academic year, it is feared that we will lose faculty. It takes many years to build a faculty of quality, but it takes no time to lose such a faculty. The Gould Commission on the Future of UC, jointly chaired by President Yudof, is to consider such matters as the size of the faculty (should we downsize in order to sustain quality?), the number of students, tuition increases, differential fees for schools such as business schools, etc.. Professor Stepan-Norris recognizes the Academic Senate is powerful but fears it has become somewhat distant from the faculty, an observation she found evident in the systemwide summer's unrest. She feels the faculty best has power and input through the Senate and will ask for faculty input from each School at UCI to address problems that will be sent for comment to the Schools by the Cabinet. When asked about the September 24 faculty walk out, she responded that the greatest activity was at Berkeley with 5000 attendees at a noon time rally, next most active at UCLA, and Irvine somewhat less but in the middle. She noted some information that was presented was not accurate such as an allegation that the University was not using financial reserves (and this apparently was a misunderstanding regarding the necessary financial reserves of the hospitals and reserves held by individual schools and units rather than funds alleged being protected by the Office of the President). If I understood correctly, she praised the Blue and Gold program revision of financial aid for students such that those whose family income is \$60,000 or less would not have an increase in tuition, and the full increase in tuition would be restricted to those with a family income greater than \$180,000. She believes the walkout did bring media attention to the economic plight of the University, and she noted that decreases in state funding had occurred in Michigan and Florida also. Present Yudof was interviewed in the New York Times Magazine on September 27, and only one response was printed, but another by the 10 campus Senate Chairs may possibly be published this coming week. Julian Feldman expressed concern regarding emeriti and retirees input for the Task Force on Post-Retirement Benefits, and Professor Stepan-Norris stated she would be pleased to receive written comments from our Association on the matter.

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 14, 2009 were approved as distributed with corrections from Barbara Hamkalo and Jeri Frederick. Minutes of the Annual Association meeting of June 10, 2009 will need to be approved at the 2010 meeting, but no corrections or additions were made by the Executive Committee today. Please note comments about our Bylaws in both minutes.

Stuart Krassner reported our UCI Foundation fund balance is \$3863.37 noting we anticipate several thousand dollars of income from dues. A pre-addressed envelope may improve the response. Jeri Frederick stated there will be a 20 percent retrospective budget cut and that Administrative and Business Services will not provide money to the UCIEA this year. Ron Miller asked how the budget cuts would affect Jeri Frederick, Garland Parten, and Marilyn Soley. Jeri responded that she is affected by the furloughs, but regarding the budget, plans to meet with Barbara Hamkalo, Stuart Krassner, and Marianne Schnaubelt. Jeri states her funds will not be able to pay for printing and mailings as in prior years. She and Marianne indicated that David Tomcheck has been very helpful to us particularly with regard to meetings held at the University Club. A letter of thanks would be appropriate. Despite these budgetary cutbacks Jeri Frederick provided a substantial list of programs for the Emeriti and Retirees.

Jeri Frederick reported that Barbara Hamkalo expressed concern that no one had yet been appointed by the UCI campus for the post-employment listening forum but that she now understands that Associate Chancellor Ramona Agrela is to be appointed and that Julian Feldman and Marianne Schnaubelt are to represent us on the listening forum at UCI. Julian Feldman will include an article in the upcoming newsletter. Miller recommended that Julian Feldman be officially recommended by Barbara Hamkalo for the post-employment task force.

Barbara Hamkalo's e-mail call for nominations for the Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship was also photocopied and distributed at the meeting and was approved as written. Self-nominations or nominations of emeriti should be submitted promptly as they are due November 16, and Barbara would intend to submit up to 4 unranked proposals to be considered by the EVC Provost who will also receive nominations from UCI Deans.

Recall that proposed amendments to the bylaws were not distributed sufficiently in advance of the annual meeting last June and that a quorum was no longer present when Bylaws amendments were discussed at the annual meeting. However, the Bylaws were posted on the UCIEA website and an attempt to obtain approval by e-mail resulted in only 20 responses (as reported by Jeri Frederick at the September meeting, and indeed many members of the Executive Committee never received such a request. Review of the previously approved Bylaws today indicated they should be updated at this time. The proposed updates include: (1) the proposed new wording to Sections 1 through 4 of article XIV on Amendments written in the minutes of the UCI Emeriti Association Annual Meeting June 10, 2009 and (2) the request of Barbara Hamkalo that we reconsider Section 4 of article VII that states, "A member of the Executive Committee who fails to attend 3 consecutive minute meetings without explanation may automatically be considered to have resigned from the Committee (a revision yet to be reconsidered by the Executive Committee), and (3) Barbara's request that Section 1 of Article VII be amended to include a representative from the University Forum and the Osher Life-Long Learning Institute on the Executive Committee. Today the UCIEA Executive Committee approved Vice President Quilligan's recommendation that all of these changes be incorporated in a single draft that can be sent 2 weeks or more prior to the annual meeting (but that we not wait for the revised draft until next May) so that the bylaws can be properly updated (neither e-mail nor US mail approval is -- as we understand it -- currently possible until such amendment is approved by vote at an annual meeting with a quorum present).

CUCEA and CUCRA will meet at the Parnassus Campus UCSF on October 29 within attendees to include Hamkalo, Quilligan, Feldman, Porter, Miller, Frederick, and Schnaubelt.

Jeri Tobis reported the Ethics Committee has been dormant.

Feldman reported the Newsletter should be published in approximately 2 weeks and should include announcement of the annual holiday social. He and his wife have kindly offered once again to host the party on December 10 from 4 to 6 PM, and the Executive Committee is most appreciative.

Cindy Eddleman provided the University Club Forum schedule for October through December and informed us of an important Town and Gown Lunch Meeting on Tuesday, November 3 at the University Club to be presented by Dean Erwin Chemerinsky.

Marianne Schnaubelt reported the University Club essential for meetings of the Retirees, that the annual art show at the time of the Chancellor's reception and the annual golf outing would be held again this year. She indicated the importance of dues in this year of budget cuts and reminded us that emeriti are retirees welcome to pay annual or lifetime dues.

Barbara Hamkalo reported that Lyman Porter, John Swett, and Jerry Tobis had offered resignations and it was suggested that they might not appreciate yet another plaque in thanks, but might appreciate a luncheon or dinner. Several members pressured Jerry Tobis to reconsider in view of his continued extraordinary productivity on behalf of the emeriti.

Ron Miller announced a memorial service for Dean Emeritus Stanley van den Noort is to be held Friday, October 9 at 11 AM at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church which is located at the corner of MacArthur Blvd. and San Joaquin Canyon Road.

Minutes drafted in the absence of Richard Frank, October 5, 2009 by Ronald B. Miller, Past President  
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