UCIEA ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, June 5, 2012

I. Meeting was called to order by President Quilligan in the McCulloch Library of the University Club at 10:08 am, and adjourned at 11:50. Present were Linda Brown, Thomas Burstein, Frank Cancian, Peter Fielding, Robert Folkenflik, Richard Frank, Jeri Frederick, Ellen Greenberger, Barbara Hamkalo, Ann Heiney, Judy Horn, Stuart Krassner, Susan Lessick, Carolyn Luce, Duncan Luce, Cal McLaughlin, Peggy Maradudin, Ron Miller, Rochelle Michon, Garland Parten, Lyman Porter, Meredith Porter, Edward Quilligan, Kim Romney, William Schonfeld, Marianne Schnaubelt, Marilyn Soley, Thomas Standish, Ann Stephens, and Mary K. Watland.

II. President Quilligan then called for a minute of silence to remember four colleagues who passed away in the last year: Julius Margolis, Michael Martinez, Sherwood Rowland, and Jerome Tobis. He then spoke briefly in praise of Jerry Tobis, a founder of this association. He was still teaching at 95, and an inspiration to his colleagues. “Every person he touched will miss him.” Without objection, we dedicated this meeting to his memory, as recommended by Ron Miller. [It was later learned that a celebration of Jerry’s life will be held on July 6 at 2 pm at Pacific View Cemetery. His sons, David and Jonathan, daughter Heather Booth, and Myra Fono will be there.]

III. Awards – (1) Outstanding Emeritus ward was presented to Professor Frank Cancian. After a distinguished career in Anthropology, he has turned his energies to photography, and his efforts to picture the lives of ordinary people bear comparison with the work of Robert Capa. Professor Cancian spoke of his current project, “Main Street UCI,” focusing on students with their answers to the question “What do you think is important?” He invited us to participate.

(2) Mentoring Awards were presented to Professors Anne Walthall (History) and Farghalli Mohamed (Engineering). Neither could be present, but President Quilligan spoke of their generous help to many young scholars and read glowing comments from referees.

(3) Panunzio Award is given to two scholars in the University of California – all 10 campuses – who have done outstanding work after retirement. It was given to Professor Duncan Luce (Economics and Cognitive Sciences) for his work in mathematical psychology. President Quilligan commented that after reading Professor Luce’s c.v., it was clear that the award was a “slam-dunk,” and noted that Professor Luce and Professor Francisco Ayala are the only UCI professors to receive the National Medal of Science.

IV. Keynote Speaker: Professor William Schonfeld, “Challenges to UCI: Budget, Politics, Growth.”

Professor Schonfeld began with the Fall of 2008, when – as a result of the financial crash – most American universities froze hiring and salaries. But not UCI which recruited new faculty and raised salaries, “So there were not many changes.” This year, despite continuing recession, there have been 58 new faculty hired – a record! The crisis continues, but nobody here seems concerned about it and nobody talks about it. “The situation is surrealistic.”
Why? Reason: there are reserves of cash, and also a sense of security. Everyone is confident that if the State doesn’t give us enough money, student fees will make up the difference. And in fact during 2000-2008 there has been a 40% decline in State support. In order to raise more money from fees there has also been a steady increase in the number of out-of-state and out-of-country students admitted, which means fewer places for California students. Reason: each out-of-state student pays $23,000 more than an in-state student, and indeed they are now officially categorized as “net payers.” This shift, along with large increases in administrative salaries while freezing staff pay, has given an impression of arrogance and lost public support.

What of the future? One central fact emerges: the “one university” principle announced by President Robert Sproul in 1932 may no longer be tenable. If it is impossible to maintain quality in all 10 campuses, then one must choose. And certainly no one will doubt that preference will be given to maintaining the quality of Berkeley, one of the jewels of American and, indeed, world higher education. Maybe UCLA, too. UCI will be left behind. If there is a solution to this threat, it will not be found unless and until members of the UCI community become concerned about the problem and start playing a role. That means faculty and Emeriti – us.

Professor Schonfeld then answered questions from the audience, and the lecture was concluded with generous applause.

V. Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting were corrected to include in IV the note that “The next Annual Meeting will be held in June of 2012.” With which the Minutes were accepted and approved.

VI. Bylaws – The amended Bylaws of the Association, approved by ExCom on May 3, 2012, and distributed with today’s Agenda, were adopted by unanimous vote.

VII. Officers – A slate of nominees was presented and was elected unanimously. Officers for the coming year will be:

- President: Cal McLaughlin
- Vice-President: Bob Folkenflik
- Secretary: Ronald Miller
- Treasurer: Stuart Krassner

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Frank, secretary

Next Meeting: June, 2013