

UCI Faculty Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – (Reviewed by W. Parker) -  
March 12, 2015

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 Stuart Krassner, Ron Miller, Dick Frank, Ron Jevning, Barbara Hamkalo, George Miller, Marilyn Soley, Peggy Maradudin, Jen Yu, Pamela Lawrence, Marianne Schnaubelt, Judy Horn, Susan Lessick, Jeri I. Frederick, Alan Lawson (founding UCI faculty, Professor Emeritus Boston College), and Keith Nelson.

Minutes: The minutes of the Executive Committee's February 12, 2015 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Stuart Krassner informed us that the Association has "plenty of money". Bill Parker interprets this to mean that we are "marginally solvent".

President's Notes:

**Health Sciences.** Bill Parker noted that the Chancellor has appointed a new Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine -- Dr. Howard Federoff of Georgetown University.

**Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare.** Nothing new.

**UC Systemwide.** Nothing new.

**Panunzio.** We have forwarded the vita and documents of Kim Romney as our nominee for this award.

**Other Awards.** April 10 is the deadline for nominating individuals to be awarded Outstanding Emeritus/a of the Year and Outstanding Mentor. A reminder will be sent to the Deans and campus.

An "appropriate event" to honor founding faculty and staff. Bill and other members of the board are participating in a focus group that will meet on March 19 to discuss an "appropriate event". He asked for suggestions from the board as to what they should convey to the meeting.

Among the comments offered:

--- the fact that UCI Schools may be doing something with and/or for founding faculty should not constrain us.

--- we should be clear that we consider UCI's "founding faculty" to include the 37 members of the California College of Medicine who were admitted to the Academic Senate in April 1967.

--- organizers could create an interesting event by asking founding faculty questions such as, "What attracted you to come here?"

--- "What has changed and what remained the same at UCI over 50 years"?

--- "How has your discipline changed since 1965?"

--- "How has our relationship to the city of Irvine changed since 1965?"

--- in generating suggestions we should distinguish between "social" events (like a party for the founding faculty hosted by the Chancellor, which is very desirable) and "intellectual" events (focused on academic questions) that might be appropriate to this occasion

--- we should get in touch with and collaborate with a group of faculty (including Jim McGaugh, Willie Schonfeld, and Spence Olin) that has met recently with the intent of injecting something intellectually substantial into the 50th anniversary celebrations and is apparently planning a major event for the fall of 2015.

In Bill Parker's opinion, suggesting "celebratory themes" to 50th anniversary organizing groups will probably not be effective at this point, since such "themes" will run up against the chancellor's current efforts to create a "brand" for the campus. Bill thinks that emeriti should focus their activities on past achievement and let University Advancement and the Chancellor's office focus on the present and future.

Communications Committee: No report. Next newsletter is slated for Spring with Dick Frank as Editor.

Programs Committee: Barbara Hamkalo reminded us that the first of our Emeriti-sponsored "Community Lectures" will occur this Friday (March 13) and feature Chancellor's Professor of History Jeffrey Wasserstrom, who will speak on "Dissent and Its Enemies in the People's Republic of China." She disclosed that her committee hopes to arrange a second lecture on the Association's behalf either late spring quarter or early fall. It is considering the University Hills Community Center as a location for the

event, primarily because the Center is larger than the University Club, but she noted that it charges about the same fee (ca \$500) for a three hour program.

Center for Emeriti and Retirees (CER): Jeri Frederick noted that the new discount with Regents Point arranged for emeriti has generated a great deal of interest. There have been 20 inquiries and 4 deposits just in the last few weeks.

She also alerted us to dangers resulting from the recent security breach at Anthem Health Insurance. Be careful if anyone calls you or e-mails you ostensibly from Anthem.

UCI Retirees Association: Marianne Schnaubelt informed the board that there was "lots to tell":

- the Retirees' advisory board has decided to mail more in order to better reach retirees without email, possibly hoping to mail 3 of the Center newsletters (Connections) out a year

- there are still a few seats left on the April 1 tour of the San Andreas fault system

- they will hire a professional photographer to take group pictures at the Chancellor's May 5 reception

- the Retirees will have a banner and booth at "Celebrate UCI" Day (Saturday, April 18) -- they have also organized a panel of four founders (faculty, staff, administrator and student) to talk about the "Instant University" from 1:30 to 2:30 on that day at a room in the Student Center.

- the Retirees will offer pins at all future events which say "You came for the adventure; you stayed to create history"

- the Retirees are currently organizing a "wine and olive oil tour" to Temecula.

OLLI: Peggy Maradudin reported that OLLI has a "huge enrollment" of more than 740 this winter, with classes often over-booked and long wait lists. Nevertheless, attendance often being less than 100%, she is still offering vouchers to emeriti to attend OLLI classes. It is not clear as yet whether OLLI will have to leave its Woodbridge Center. If it does, a potential new location at the Transportation Center (by the Irvine Metrolink Station) will offer larger classrooms than the Woodbridge Center does.

If anyone knows of World War II veterans, the Humanities Core Project has students who would like to interview them.

Old and New Business: Ron Miller has volunteered to be the "web-master" for the new Emeriti web-site. (He will be assisted by Eric Vu, Center's new student assistant.) In response to Ron's query, the board advised him to list the e-mail addresses but not the telephone numbers of the Emeriti officers. However, he will list the name, e-mail address, and phone number of the health care facilitator. For In Memoriam citations he will rely on the information received by Jeri from UCOP, not the official UCI campus listing.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Nelson, Secretary  
Executive Committee