

UCI Emeriti Association  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2013

Call to Order. The meeting of the executive committee was called to order by President Cal McLaughlin at 10 AM in Room C of the University Club. Present were Bill Parker, Peggy Maradudin, Jen Yu, Ronald Miller, Ron Jevning, Pam Lawrence, Marilyn Soley, Stuart Krassner, Dick Frank, Barbara Hamkalo, Keith Nelson, and Jeri Frederick.

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of November 7 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report. Stu Krassner reported that our most recent statement shows a balance of \$6800 but that, since it runs approximately a month behind, the actual balance is closer to \$5400 due to outstanding CUCRA/EA travel, and UClub meeting payments. Since the dues mailer has gone out, this should soon be supplemented.

President's Notes. Cal disclosed that the call for Panunzio nominations had gone out. He noted that the award is given for outstanding scholarly work or service in the Humanities or Social Science "since retirement".

Housing Committee Update. Bill Parker reported that there continue to be negotiations with Regents Point about a university/emeriti/retirees priority. In response to a question about the possibility of having retirement facilities in University Hills, Cal noted that (1) there are no advocates for this within the current UCI administration, and (2) there are no good models for this on other campuses. Neither "Belmont" at UCLA nor "Richmond" at Berkeley have been examples that show majority university retiree use.

Bylaws and Article 9 Review. At Ron Miller's request, there was a discussion regarding the advisability of staffing all standing committees with chairmen and/or members, having a published list available. Cal noted that the most active and "well peopled" committees are Welfare and Awards. The Program, Ethics, and History and Archives Committees have intermittent work, no appointed or volunteer chairmen or members. His preference is to have "point people" in each of these areas who can give relevant advice and action when needed. This would help the larger problem of overworking members. More than anything else, and because it is an ongoing service, we need an editor for the

Newsletter.

Faculty Welfare Update. Bill Parker reported with regard to ongoing issues at the UC level.

There continues to be debate as to whether there should be one corporate benefit rate (i.e. a charge for benefits) for all faculty.

With regard to health care: (1) The University moved out-of-state retirees into a new health care approach with health reimbursement accounts of \$3000 per person (if one had 20 years of service; graduated down based on less years of service) with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrator, Extend Health. There has been much opposition to this as it required the retirees to listen to plan options and choose all via a long and difficult phone interview; (2) UC Care --will it work? UCs without their own or proximal Medical Center found themselves to be very disadvantaged. UCR and UCSB did not find their preferred physicians in the plan.

Center for Emeriti and Retirees Update. Jeri noted that the upcoming holiday party will be held on Tuesday, December 10 from 4 to 7 at Regents Point. She would like to have members RSVP so that we do not over-order the food.

The Annual Chancellor's Reception will be held on Monday, May 5 at 3:30 pm.

The Emeriti Annual Meeting will occur on June 2nd.

Both events will be at the UClub.

OLLI Update. Peggy Maradudin distributed the schedule for the Winter Forum at the University Club. It has also been sent out via e-mail. The first program will occur on January 15.

Old Business. Ron Miller noted that the Emeriti web-site is still out of date, with minutes not posted. Cal reported that all updates were sent to the Academic Senate office on November 27. The Senate Office is struggling to catch up.

Barbara Hamkalo reported that "exit interviews" (interviews of those faculty who have chosen to leave UCI) will be getting underway shortly in collaboration with the administration. It was noted that this is an old practice now being re-instated. Our participation has been requested by the administration. Bill Parker estimated that it would involve no more than 15 interviews a year.

The next meeting is on Thursday, January 9 at 10 AM in the University Club.

Submitted by Keith Nelson