Welcome back to the 2009 academic year! I hope you had a good summer. As you all are aware, there was considerable activity at the Office of the President to respond to the State budget crisis. Among the consequences were increased student fees and mandatory furlough days. The decision to schedule these days outside the instructional calendar caused a considerable stir among faculty, given that the Academic Council unanimously approved a proposal to schedule furloughs on instructional days, questioning the reality of shared governance. To make a long story short, a walkout to protest a number of issues, including those noted above, was scheduled for September 24. At our Executive Committee meeting on September 14 we discussed the proposal in detail and unanimously supported a statement to not support the walkout (see our website), since we felt the target (students) was inappropriate.

I would like to turn to more positive issues. Center Director Jeri Frederick has been hard at work on programs for the 2009-10 year. Mark your calendars for the following: October 21 – Free Flu Clinic at the University Club parking lot; November 2 – Open Enrollment Health Program. The latter will include brief presentations by representatives of all the plans. Also save January 22, 2010 for the Annual Chancellor’s Reception and Third Annual Art Exhibit. Jeri also has been working with Marianne Schnaubelt (President of UCI Retirees Association) and Peggy Maradudin (OLLI) to develop joint activities among the three organizations.

I’d like to encourage anyone interested in serving as a periodic tutor/mentor for undergraduate and/or graduate students to contact Jonathan Alexander, Campus Writing Coordinator and Professor of English (jfalexan@uci.edu). Finally, the Emeriti Association has a new office. We had to move from 100 Academy because the campus did not renew the building’s lease. We are now located in Room 104 in the Biological Sciences Trailer complex, near Natural Sciences I.

Barbara A. Hamkalo
THE EDWARD A. DICKSON EMERITUS/A PROFESSORSHIP -2010
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

BACKGROUND OF THE AWARD: Edward A. Dickson served as a Regent of the University of California from 1913-1946, the longest tenure of any Regent. His vision is credited with helping to make the Los Angeles campus a reality. In 1955 Mr. Dickson presented the University with an endowment to provide for annual special professorships for retired faculty. The 1955 gift document describing the award states:

For the support and maintenance of special annual professorships in the University of California to which shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of The Regents, persons of academic rank who have been retired after service in the University of California and who shall receive such awards in addition to their retirement or pension allowances. Awards shall be made upon such conditions of service, research or teaching as The Regents may require. Professorships so awarded shall be known as the Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorships.

In 2003, the funds for the Dickson award were separated into 10 endowments, one dedicated to each campus. The responsibility for making the awards was delegated to the Executive Vice Chancellor or chief academic officer at each of the 10 campuses.

THE AWARD: The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship is awarded annually, renewable for up to three years, to one or more emeritus professors for teaching, research or public service activities, in accordance with the intent of the donor. The award conveys a modest stipend that can be used for salary, travel or research support, subject to the policies and requirements of the University and the UCI campus. At the end of each year, awardee(s) will submit a brief written report of the accomplishments that have resulted from the Professorship.

THE CALL: All UCI emeriti faculty are invited to submit proposals clearly specifying how they would use the Dickson Award to support research, teaching or service at UCI. It should include the amount of time the awardee will devote to the project. Once awarded, a detailed budget will be submitted by the awardee.

Proposals of NO MORE THAN 2 pages, including previous experience relevant to the proposed project should be submitted to the UCI Emeriti Association Awards Committee by email using emeriti@uci.edu or US mail (c/o: 111 Theory, Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92697-4600) by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009. In addition to the proposal, include an abbreviated CV of no more than 2 pages highlighting previous contributions to teaching, research and service.

SELECTION COMMITTEE AND PROCESS: The Awards Committee of the UCIEA will review applications and will forward no more than 4 unranked nominations to the Executive Vice Chancellor/Provost who will make the final selection.
UC Task Force on Post-Retirement Benefits--
a Personal Perspective

UC President Yudof has appointed a task force on post-retirement benefits. The goal set for this task force is obvious—the University wants to reduce benefits to present and future retirees.

What proposals might this task force make? What should current retirees do about these likely proposals?

**Defined Benefit Plan.** The basic UC pension plan benefits to retired staff and faculty are based on age and years of service. These benefits are funded by contributions from UC and from employees. Contributions were suspended for almost two decades, but contributions will be resumed soon. While the fund has been hurt by investment losses in recent years, UC says the fund can still cover expected benefits. The UC pension fund is not covered by the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation. The PBGC only covers private plans.

It is very unlikely any changes will be made to benefits from this plan for those already retired. However, contributions to and benefits from this plan could change for those not yet retired.

**Defined Contribution Plans.** The DCP, 403b, and similar monies belong to you. UC can’t touch these, but the market can obviously affect how much you will receive from these funds.

**Health Benefits** are vulnerable to reductions for both present and future retirees for several reasons:

1. Health benefits for retirees are funded from the annual operating budget. No prefunding.
2. Federal regulation requires UC to account for future health benefits for retirees. This rule would make UC financial reports look worse and might hurt borrowing power.
3. Cost of health benefits will probably increase.
4. While the state allocation for UC has funds earmarked for retiree health benefits, UC considers that this money is available for any purpose. So retiree health benefits compete for funds with all other UC expenditures, e.g., salaries, maintenance, supplies, health benefits for active employees, etc.
5. A consultant’s report shows that UC health benefits for retirees are at or near the top of benefits paid by twenty other universities and colleges.
6. Many other organizations—public and private—are cutting retiree health benefits.
7. Possible targets for cuts include Medicare Part B reimbursements, benefits for early retirees, and benefits for retirees not on Medicare.

**Conclusion.** We can expect proposals to reduce retiree health benefits. The composition of the task force—very few retirees, mostly administrators—makes this prediction a virtual certainty. The notion that rational employees will not vote against retiree benefits because most everybody will retire eventually doesn’t hold.

**So, what can we do?** Some have suggested protesting about the composition of the task force. I don’t think that kind of protest will be effective at this point. Even if a few more retirees are added, I don’t think they can impact task force recommendations except by filing a minority report.

As such, I think we need to be prepared for a major battle after the task force recommendations are released.
Upcoming CER Programs and Events: 2009-2010
The following are provided through our Center for Emeriti & Retirees (CER) coordinating with the UCI Retirees and Emeriti Associations.

❖ October 21, 2009, 8:30-11:15 a.m. - Free Flu Shot Clinic
The mobile Flu Shot Clinic will be in the University Club parking lot, 8:30 to 11:15 a.m. This is the regular flu shot vaccine. Every Retiree (& Spouse) who receives a flu shot also receives a 10% discount lunch coupon for lunch at the University Club! This is a great opportunity to meet with colleagues and friends for lunch! Please call 824-7960 to make reservations for lunch.

❖ November 2, 2009, 9:15 a.m.- Open Enrollment Health Information Session for All UCI Emeriti & Retirees
Please join us and your UCI Health Care Facilitator, Glenn Rodriguez, at the University Club, Rooms A, B & C. This year, to provide you with the most up-to-date information, there will be short presentations from each of the Health Plans, beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m., with time for questions. Parking is free.

❖ November 10, 2009 – 10-11:30 a.m., Fidelity Retirement Services Information Session
UC Irvine Fidelity Representative, Jeff Crowley, will present an Investment Strategy workshop followed by a Quarterly Market Perspective update in University Club, Room C. PLEASE rsvp via retirees@uci.edu or 949-824-7769.

❖ November 15, 2009, 2 p.m. – Special Rate for The Threepenny Opera
The Claire Trevor School of the Arts is offering a special rate of $18.00 per ticket for our Emeriti & Retirees, for the Sunday, November 15, 2:00 p.m. performance. David Walker, Box Office Manager, requests that you contact him directly at dwalker@uci.edu or via 949-824-2011 to acquire these tickets. Pre-Show Lunch: If you would like to join other UCI Retirees/Emeriti for a no-host lunch at 11:30 a.m., at the Steelhead Brewery, please rsvp to Sandi Campbell at sandi4stamps@yahoo.com or via 949-291-3426, as she has graciously volunteered to make the reservation for us!

❖ January 22, 2010, 3:30 p.m. - Chancellor’s Annual Reception for All UCI Emeriti & Retirees
Yes, 2010 will be here quickly! Please SAVE THIS DATE on your calendars to join us in the Student Center, Emerald Ballrooms. This annual, gala reception has become the highlight of each year where Chancellor Drake will be our keynote speaker. Once again, the 3rd Annual UCI Retirees & Emeriti Art Exhibit - an amazing array of arts and crafts created by your colleagues and friends – will grace the room. A lovely appetizer buffet will also be available. PLEASE RSVP via email to retirees@uci.edu or to 949-824-6204.

*Highlights*
January 22, 2010, Calling All UCI Retiree and Emeriti Artists!
Do you have an art or craft that you would like to exhibit at this year’s Art Exhibit? After last year's wonderful showing and success, your UCI Retiree's Association is in the planning stages for a 2010 show. If you are interested to help and/or to display, please send an email to retirees@uci.edu and type "ART" in the SUBJECT line for your email or call 949-824-7769.

GOLF Anyone?!
We are planning the 2nd Annual UC Irvine Retirees/Emeriti Golf Tournament, to be held in late May or early June 2010, for folks at all levels of play. Our 1st tournament was such great fun and full of laughs! So why are
we talking to you about a June tournament now? Leading up to this soon-to-be-famous day, we will have a few group practice “play dates”. If you would like to join in (and size up your possible competition), with a possible free golf lesson or two for those of us just getting “back in the swing of things”, PLEASE email retirees@uci.edu and type “GOLF” in the SUBJECT line for the email or call 949-824-7769.

**SAVE this Date – December 10, 2009 – UCI Emeriti Association Holiday Party**

Once again, we are fortunate that Julian and Marilyn Feldman are hosting this gathering, **from 4 – 6 p.m.**, (see address and directions below). We will have appetizers and wine and lots of holiday cheer! Cost is $10.00 per person and we do ask that you let us know if you are coming so we may plan the refreshments. The address is 2824 Carob Street in Newport Beach CA 92660.

To RSVP, please mail a check for $10.00 per person payable to UCIEA, by December 1, 2009, to:

UCI Emeriti Association  
111 Theory, Suite 200  
University of California, Irvine  
Irvine CA 92697-4600

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**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute – OLLI & UCI University Club Forum**

As the new co-sponsor of the University Club Forum, OLLI at UC Irvine (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) is proud to announce the programs for the Fall Forum. Each Wednesday of the academic year it convenes for lunch and a presentation in the McCulloch Library at the UClub. Everyone is welcome. Lunch service begins at 11:15 a.m., $11.50 for members and $13.50 for non-members, including tax and gratuity. Please call 949-824-7960 FOR RESERVATIONS.

**Fall 2009 Speakers**

**October 21:** Ed and Deb Schell: **An American Marriage**–from poets Jane Kenyon and Donald Hall. The Schells present engaging plays based on letters of John and Abigail Adams, the Roosevelts, George Bernard Shaw and Mrs. Patrick Campbell, and others. Ed is an Emeritus Professor of English at UCI and Deb a retired marketing consultant. Julie Hume, coordinating.

**October 28:** Thorsten Ritz, Professor, Ph.D., Physics, UCI: **Quantum Physics of Life.** From green leaves collecting light to migratory birds in their flight path, biological systems may exploit quantum phenomena. Is quantum physics more relevant to everyday life than we thought and how can we learn to use such phenomena as a benefit? Dennis Silverman, coordinating.

**November 4:** Michael Crvarich, CPA, Executive Director, Legacy Planning, UCI: **Value Based Legacy Planning.** Values Based Legacy Planning is related to who we are, what we care about and the impact we have on others during our lifetime. Sherri Nussbaum, coordinating.

**November 18:** Matthew Beckmann, Ph.D., Dept. of Political Science & Study of Democracy. **Grading President Obama’s First Year.** Taking stock of a well scrutinized beginning, Dr. Beckmann will provide a glimpse of the action from the White House. Julie Hume, coordinating.

**December 2:** Jennifer Fisher, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Dance, UCI: **Nutcracker Nation: How an Old World Ballet Became a New World Christmas Tradition.** Jennifer will prepare Forum attendees for the Nutcracker season by revealing the ballet’s secrets and evolution since its birth in Russia (1892). It has much to offer the weary during the holidays. Suzanne Fromkin, coordinating.
December 9: Fran Solmor, Attorney: **The Supreme Court and the First Amendment: The Legal History of Free Speech.** The First Amendment protects the rights of free speech and religion for Americans, but legal boundaries have been drawn by the Supreme Court in its implementation, which will be described in this presentation. Julie Hume, coordinating.

**A Call For Short Biographies**

I would like to start a "Short Bios." column in the newsletter. Our hope is that Emeriti would contribute short biographies, voluntarily and/or in response to solicitation. Models of short bios. can be seen in the Sunday Business Section of the NY Times. The name of the column is "The Boss". You can get the NY Times online at "NYtimes.com". Please let me know if you have any questions. Julian Feldman, 949-644-1665, feldman@ics.uci.edu.

**In Memoriam**

**Stanley van den Noort, MD.**
During his nearly 40 year association with UC Irvine, Dr. van den Noort left an indelible mark on the university and in the field of medicine. A pioneer in multiple sclerosis education, research and patient care, he touched the lives of many. An influential former Dean of UC Irvine School of Medicine, Dr. van den Noort played an integral role in helping the school become a nationally ranked and respected institution. In recognition of his many contributions, Dr. van den Noort received the UCI Medal -- UC Irvine's highest honor -- in 2008.

His family has asked that in lieu of flowers donations be made in his honor to the following:
- The van den Noort Neurology Chair's Research Endowment, Fund No. 7152;
- The van den Noort Multiple Sclerosis Clinical Program, Fund No. 3042; or
- The National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Pacific South Coast Chapter), 950 La Place, Suite 200, Carlsbad, CA 92008.

**Becky McGaugh**
Jim's wife passed away very peacefully in June. As many of you know, Becky had a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease and had been particularly ill her last three months. Our hearts go out to Jim and his family.

Condolence messages may be sent to Jim via email at jlmcgaug@uci.edu or cards may be sent to his home at 2327 Aralia, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Should you wish to honor Becky's memory with a gift, the family is asking that contributions be made to the "Carol Becker McGaugh Undergraduate Award.", coordinated via the UCI Foundation.

**2 for 1 Tickets to Claire Trevor School of the Arts Performances**
The Claire Trevor School of the Arts has done it again by creating a riveting assortment of events this season and offered to you at a discount. Right now we are offering seats at Irvine Barclay Theatre for the UCI Symphony Orchestra concerts, conducted by Stephen Tucker, on:

Friday, October 30, 2009, 8:00 p.m.  - With a pre-concert conversation at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31, 2009, 8:00 p.m.
Performance: CENTER STAGE
Featuring Mozart’s Overture to the Magic Flute, Opera Arias, Copland’s Old American songs (Wayne Shepperd, soloist), and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 2.

Get tickets through the Arts box Office, open Monday and Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, noon to 4:00 p.m., or call 949-824-2787.

Town and Gown Lunch Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, for a presentation by Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, UCI School of Law. Social time will begin at 11:30 a.m. and lunch begins at Noon. The buffet lunch will be held at the University Club and the cost is $22.00 each. Please rsvp by October 27 to Dorothy Dave at 949-786-7855. If you pay via check, please make it payable to UCI Town and Gown.

A Bit of UC Irvine History

The planning for the seventh, eighth and ninth campuses for the University of California system began in the 1950s with a decision that general campuses of the UC should top out at 25-35,000 students. The projected growth in California population suggested the need for three new campuses.

Now, where to locate these three campuses?

Sometime in the 1964-65 time frame, Pat Brown, Jerry’s father and a former governor of California, came to UCI Irvine and talked to the faculty. I don’t remember whether his comment on the location topic was something he brought up or whether it was a response to a question, but he was straightforward with his answer. He said that he looked at the election results, and he located the three new campuses in those counties where he got the least number of votes.

Julian Feldman

Scams, scams and more scams!

The UC Irvine Office of Information Technology (OIT) continues to learn of attempts to gain access to individual’s UCInetIDs and passwords. The calls and emails claim to come from “Network and Academic Computing Services” and ask for your password or some other personal item of information in order to “fix” an issue. They warn that without this information your email account will be shutdown in a few minutes.

Please know that UC Irvine computing services will never ask you for this type of information. If you receive phone calls or emails like this, please report the incident to the OIT Response Center at 949-824-2222 or oit@uci.edu.

Meetings of the UCIEA Executive Committee

Please join us! Our meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month. However, as the Open Enrollment Health Information Session for All Emeriti & Retirees falls on the first Monday in November, our NEXT meeting has been moved to SECOND Monday in November. We hope to see you on November 9,
**Annual Dues Notice in the Mail or in Your Email**

It is time for the annual Emeriti Association dues notices to show up in your mailboxes. It will be accompanied by the long-awaited, revised Emeriti Association brochure which we hope to be a brief highlight of our history and continuing mission.

Your continuing support for the work of this Association is very much appreciated, especially in this very dire budget year.

For those of you who are already Lifetime and 5 year members, you will simply be receiving the brochure and our continued appreciation.