

UCI Emeriti Association Executive Committee

Minutes February 2, 2009

I. President Hamkalo called the meeting to order at 9:16. Present were: Ken Dumars, Cindy Eddleman, Julian Feldman, Eldon Foltz, Richard Frank, Jeri Frederick, Barbara Hamkalo, Judy Horn, Ron Jevning, Sam McCulloch, Ron Miller, Kivie Moldave, Lyman Porter, Ted Quilligan, Marianne Schnaubelt, and Ann Stephens.

II. Minutes of January 5 accepted with the following corrections: (1) In section VI read "Ron: SOME departments do not invite emeriti..."; (2) In XI, the definition of the Outstanding Emeritus/a Award should read: "...one who makes a significant contribution to the university's mission in teaching, research, and/or service." In XVI "beyond the ability" should be "beyond the JURISDICTION".

III. Treasurer's Report – Stuart not being present, there was no report. – Ron: He should be reminded that he needs to prepare a budget, as per our By-Laws.

IV-V-VI. Committee on Faculty Welfare & Ethics – Barbara: Ron reported at our last meeting about the meeting of CFW which he attended as our representative. At that meeting his recommendations were rejected, and Ron suggested another representative might be more effective. Barbara met with CFW Chairman, Isaac Scherson, and they had a frank and cordial discussion. His view is that ethical issues should be handled by the Committee on Academic Freedom, a committee of the Academic Council. Barbara: That will be his recommendation; therefore, there is no need for additional communication. – Barbara: If we sent a different representative or used a different title, would that change your views? – Scherson: No, No! – Barbara: When you make your proposal, will you indicate what powers you expect the CAF will have? – Scherson: I will suggest that CAF be enabled to appoint ad hoc committees. CFW has supported this position. – Jerry: Scherson's views mean a rejection of our proposal to have an independent committee. – Barbara: I agree. – Jerry: There are generic issues that arise, such as the influence of a donor [and these might be handled by CAF]. But specific cases require an independent committee, e.g., the Liver Scandal in the Medical School. In that case only the personal intervention of the Chancellor himself caused the issue to be addressed. That's why I think an independent committee is needed. – Barbara: CFW's decision does not preclude other action. The Chancellor can be pro-active. – Ron: I disagree; ethical issues should be dealt with by the faculty.

Barbara: OK. The proposed meeting with the Chancellor should take place a.s.a.p. – Jerry: Some of us met, asked for a meeting, were told the Chancellor is now overwhelmed with various problems. Secretary suggested we meet with Ron Dormaier. – Barbara: Bad idea. He isn't even faculty. – Julian: The secretary says the Chancellor has put Dormaier in charge of committees. – Ron: Roy Dormaier is evidently a point person. – Julian: He's a budget guy. – Ken: The administration SHOULD be involved. When I was at CHOC the administration was not involved, and that was a major problem. – Ann: Why are we still talking about this? The Chancellor has said NO the the emeriti. We are beating a dead horse. – Jerry: We here voted approval of the proposal; that's why we are discussing it. – Barbara: Next step is to meet with Dormaier. – Ron: Faculty should be involved. Our best chance of influencing is CUCEA. – Barbara: Why not go to Jutta Heckhausen [Chair of Academic Senate]? – Dick: How can you expect her to go against CFW? – Barbara: Let her speak for herself.

VII. Benefits – Barbara: There are two issues we want to bring before CFW: (1) parking, (2) pre-retirement planning. Alan Hubbell [Chair, Department of Medicine] sent me an email: Is there a written statement of the rights of emeriti? So that would be issue #3. Long ago Bob Warner did write a summary of emeriti rights. – Jeri: I found it! – Barbara: Those are the three issues I will carry to CFW. –

The previous chair of emeriti asked that such a statement be written, and got promises of action from Bob Newsom, Ken Killackey, and Pat Price. – Barbara: distractions have intervened. We should present a package to CFW. – Ron: Write the chair of CUICEA at Davis to find out what they do. Also the Academic Senate of the College of Health Sciences.

VIII. Newsletter – Julian: We need items for the next issue. Deadline is February 15. Also, each of us should think about writing a short autobiography [for publication in the Newsletter]. As a model, look at the autobiographies in the business section of the NY Times every Sunday. – The next issue should appear in March. That will allow special attention to the Chermerinsky lecture in April.

IX. Benefits Survey – Julian: Aim was to find out benefits available, and confront chairs and deans who are “laggard.” BUT: it turns out that the level of benefits is very high. E.g., of the 40 respondents, 30 had office space. In general, 60% have office space and 30% don’t want it. So what do we do next? (1) I think we should try to have office space available enlarged. Furthermore, there is a significant group of emeriti who don’t get along with current chair and/or deans. We should help them. (2) Also, many departments don’t encourage participation of emeriti in meetings. I think we should encourage participation. (3) Finally, we should make results available, and our two recommendations.

X. Forum & OLLI – Cindy: OLLI relies on UCI. Of 57 courses now being given, 33 are by UCI faculty and 1 by UCI staff. Our members are very impressed. (2) This Wednesday at the Forum the UCI volleyball coach, John Speraw, will show how our team won gold at Beijing. – Peggy: We have a schedule of classes offered for Winter, and it’s available on line. During Fall and Spring other OLLI courses will be given by emeriti; they usually do not use slides or power point, and our members like that! To go on line, Google “OLLI.” We have started contacts with the new Senior Center in Laguna Beach. – Suggestion: The time has come to consider a co-sponsorship arrangement between OLLI and the Center for Emeriti & Retirees. We could co-sponsor programs on aging, long-term care, housing. – Barbara: An alliance would give us access to larger meeting rooms, and they wouldn’t cost us. – Ron: Long-term care could cover facilities as well as insurance. – Peggy: Another program might be a survey of medical advances in gerontology. – Julian: Another possibility is a course for care-givers. – Barbara: The Laguna Center is splendid, 200,000 sq.ft. with underground parking. It’s not just a senior center, it’s a Community Center.

XI. Awards – An email was sent to us by Herb Killackey asking for nominations. Deadline is April 10.

XII. Brochure – Judy presented proposed revision. It was pink, but should be orange; a draft to give an idea of what it will be. There would also be an extra page, to be inserted, listing officers of the Association and contact numbers. The insert could be changed, the rest of the brochure used unchanged for years. – Barbara: We agreed to have the proposal distributed at this meeting, then discuss and decide on final version at next meeting. – Ron: It says we are an “official support group.” Is that really true? – Jeri: It means we support the University’s mission, and are so recognized, which means we enjoy the University’s insurance coverage. – Julian: Campuses have a policy of “adopting” groups as “support groups.” – Ron: Not all campuses. – Julian: Correct. – Jeri: Do you want corrections and suggestions sent via email? – Judy: Yes. – Ken: I suggest a note re founding of the association, in particular the efforts of Marian Murphy. Here is a brochure from 1995. The larger font is an advantage. Also, I suggest a title: “An Invitation to Join.” – Judy: Please send all suggestions by email, and sent them by February 15.

XIV. Retirees Association – Marianne: (1) Another advantage to being a support group is that we enjoy the accounting services of the University. – Julian: Actually all money goes to the Foundation, with a

notation on the check showing connection. - Marianne: (2) The Retirees Association also supports cooperation with OLLI. (3) Placement of the Art Exhibition in the Student Center was welcomed by both artists and visitors. We will aim to have exhibition next year in the same place with the Chancellor's Reception. (4) Our Golf Tournament will be in June and all are welcome. We will also have a Play Day on February 19 at the Costa Mesa Country Club. All are invited.

XV. Center – Jeri: The Chancellor's Reception resulted in great feedback and more Association members with some folks still under the impression that their dues go to the Center. What does the future hold for the Center? Budget cuts mean there will probably be no increase in the Director position's time and no additional staff and changes may be necessary regarding program offerings. I will continue to serve on committees, e.g., City of Irvine committees and University committees to further promote the interests of our retiree community and how many emeriti and retirees continue to "give back" to the University. We have free Athletic vouchers for home games. Programs: A joint program with the UCLA Emeritee/Retiree Center on financial planning in the Ayres Hotel on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, a March 6<sup>th</sup> program at the UClub on Long Term Care Insurance. There is a UCIEA program, set up by Barbara, with Dean Chermerinsky as the Speaker at the UClub on April 14. – Carol Gardner is the intermediary for our website; Jeri does NOT have access. Barbara offered to contact Susan Menning regarding outside access to the Emeriti website from the UCI homepage. – Ron to Judy: Would you supervise website content? – Judy: Yes.

XVI. Emeriti Office – Barbara: It's in 111 Academy, room 245C. – Ron: I was there. It was locked. – Barbara: There is one set of keys in Human Resources. We need to contact Airport Lock and Safe, and have one set in Reception. – Ron: Could we meet there? – Ken: Hardly. It has one chair. One could have a SMALL meeting: two people. – Ron: The Conference Room at Academy could hold our meetings, and has free parking. – Barbara: I'll talk to Dave Tomchek.

XVII. New Business – (1) Julian: I want to suggest that we get a Voice Mailbox. People without email could call up and get a message. We could change the message every week. The costs are given in a memo distributed: \$20 for installation, \$12 per month. – Marianne: A volunteer's job would be to change the message once a week. I'll bring this suggestion to the Retirees. – Barbara: We'll discuss this once we have the Retiree's response. – Marianne: This would cut down on calls to Jeri. Her voicemail could refer callers to the message. (2) Ron: Judy's proposal for By-Laws mentions Audit Committee. I thought we agreed to do away with that long ago. – Judy: No, that isn't in my final draft. – Ron: Also, our By-Laws should mention our status as a support group. – Judy: That is in section XIII, on p. 4. – Barbara: Yes, but it should also be mentioned at the beginning.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Frank, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, MARCH 2, 9:15 AM  
IN 111 THEORY, SUITE 200**