

UCI Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes March 2, 2009

I. President Hamkalo called the meeting to order at 9:20. Present were Justin Call, Ken Dumars, Cindy Eddleman, Julian Feldman, Eldon Foltz, Dick Frank, Jeri Frederick, Barbara Hamkalo, Ann Heiney, Judy Horn, Ron Jevring, Judd Hubert, Stuart Krassner, Pam Lawrence, Sam McCulloch, Ron Miller, Kivie Moldave, Garand Parten, Ted Quilligan, Marilyn Soley, and Jerry Tobis.

II. Minutes of February 2 – Amend as follows: I: Add Garland Parten and Jerry Tobis. IV-VI: Add to “Barbara met with CFW” Subcommittee on Academic Freedom. VII: Vice Provost Killackey’s given name is Herbert. XIII: add re “official support group”: - Ron: Is that officially established? With these amendments, the Minutes were accepted.

III. Treasurer’s Report - Stuart distributed copies of “Fund Balance Statement” for July 1, 2008-January 31, 2009, showing a balance as of January 31 of \$7,613. Names of those who have paid dues are given; henceforth names will not be given.

IV. Urgent Business – (1) Barbara announced that the School of Engineering has set up a Fund to honor Roland Schinzinger, and suggested that we should contribute \$1,000 to the Fund. It was so moved by Ted Quilligan, seconded by Pam Lawrence. - Ron: This is a precedent. – Barbara: Roland was a former chair of the UCI Emeriti Association, so this is a special case. The motion was then unanimously passed. (2) Barbara noted that Ann Stephens has had knee surgery, and is now recuperating. - Ron: We should send cards. Barbara said she would send a card.

V. Committee on Faculty Welfare – Kivie reported on a Council meeting which was notable for scant attention to emeriti affairs. Not much of anything was settled, nor did we get answers to five questions we raised. – Ron: In view of this scant attention it might be better to have an independent Emeriti Committee or Council, and if CFW rejects the idea then this group could take it to the Academic Senate. – Kivie: That might not be a good idea. Now we at least have the chance of getting CFW support which has more weight than that of a separate unit. – Lyman: Yes, but only if we can get its support. – Barbara: Let’s make a good faith effort this year to make the present set-up work. If we fail, then we could try for separation. – Jerry: Kivie’s position seems convincing. – Ron: Let’s keep the possibility of a separate unit open, in case CFW continues to have little relevance to emeriti. The current arrangement is good if it works. – Barbara: Another item, Rights and Privileges of Emeriti. There is a memo on this by Renee Hubert which went nowhere. I will bring the matter again to this committee to get renewed support. – Ron: It should be endorsed by CUCEA. – Barbara: I’ll try to get it on the agenda [of CUCEA]. Health Care Costs – Ron: A survey was started under Julian. – Julian: The central issue is that these costs come out of the annual budget; that is, they are not pre-funded, as are pensions. Also, if one compares UC and CalPers benefits, CalPers does better. The Joint Benefits Committee [of CUCEA and CUCRA] says that UC does not spend all its money. University officials reply that they are spending more [than is appropriated]!!

VI. Ethics Committee – Jerry: There is such strong opposition to a separate committee that it seems best not to push for one right now. There already exists an Ethics Committee in the Hospital, but it addresses only complaints of individual patients; it does not address organizational ethics, that is, the way the Hospital functions.

VII. Newsletter – Julian reported that it is “in good shape”; much material already collected. Jeri agreed; the next issue should be out in 10 days. Self-statements will be included, modeled on those in the

weekend NY Times. Need to have a story on Chemerinsky, especially in view of the attack by Wall Street Journal on his role in Laguna Beach lawsuit re homeless. – Ron: Who here lives in Laguna and can comment? – Pam: It is part of a larger problem that faces the whole U.S. – Dick: The essential point is that we have a Resource Center that provides meals, showers, and counseling, but that's during the day; nothing is provided for nights, so people sleep on the beaches, etc. Of course, some cities don't have this problem; Newport Beach puts homeless into buses and sends them to Laguna.

VIII. Visitors. – Barbara introduced several leaders of a new program to help graduates write English: Bill Zeller, Director of Graduate Student Center; Cathy Palmer and Julia Gelfand, of UCI Libraries Outreach; Jonathan Alexander, Professor of English; Randy Black, expert in grant writing. – Alexander explained that many graduates, both foreign and native, have great difficulty writing proper and effective English, and this program will be distinctive in that it aims to provide instruction and mentoring to graduates by faculty including emeriti in their own disciplines. Writing a lab report, for example, is quite different from writing a seminar paper in History. Focus will be on writing (1) dissertations, (2) grant proposals, (3) appeals for support. Instruction will be through individual tutoring, group teaching, and peer review. – Justin: Research shows that people differ greatly in how they learn. – Judd: One effective way to develop good English is to have students translate foreign language texts into good English - Alexander: Yes, we know that and are trying to get high schools to include translation skills in foreign language classes, and to require it. – Dick: You are fighting an uphill battle with the high schools. If they toughen requirements, more students will drop out and they will lose ADA money. Better start with junior high schools; there you have a captive audience. – Alexander: We will need to consider that. There was general discussion, and agreement that this is a good thing [but nothing was said about recruiting emeriti]. The visitors then left.

IX. Forum and OLLI – Cindy: The OLLI Catalogue and enrollment will soon be all on-line; aim is to complete transition by Fall, but finances and technical details still not settled. The web-site is [OLLI@UCI.edu](mailto:OLLI@UCI.edu). Schedule for Spring is drafted. Note: Everyone here can attend an OLLI class meeting for free, but first be sure to ask Cindy or Peggy for a pass. The Forum Program for March 4 is Africa Project; for March 11, Keith Fowler on Max Reinhardt.

X. Awards – Barbara: Herb Killackey has sent out reminder: Nominations are due April 10. Our committee will make recommendations. CUCEA will meet April 30 in San Diego.

XI. History & Archives – Ken, Marilyn and Garland have collected and unified all records, and everyone here is welcome to consult them. However, to enter the office one needs two keys on weekdays, three on weekends.

XII. Brochure & By-Laws – Judy distributed copies of two brochure proposals, differing in length, each with an insert. – Dick: Maybe the dues should be noted, in dollars. – Barbara: That will be in the insert. – Judy: As to the By-Laws, there remain two questions: (1) Are we an official support group of the University? If so, that should be stated in the By-Laws. (2) "Dues are assessed ..." seems vague. Why not say "Dues are paid ..."? – Ron: Another point: we should have both an Ethics Committee and a Welfare Committee. – Ken: One committee should be enough. As it is, we have difficulty staffing the committees we have. – Barbara: I agree with Ken.

XIII. Center for Emeriti and Retirees – Jeri: During March 18 through April 3 I shall be in Italy. Judy Pruitt will answer voice messages and e-mail. Brochures: Our aim is to get them set up by deadline for the year's budget, which is May 30. – Barbara: Text should be settled by next meeting, in April. – Ron: Regarding the planned program on Long Term Care, some questions should be answered: (1) What does Medicare cover? (2) How best to choose a facility? (3) How can one collect information on the

internet? – Barbara: Here I should note that from now on everyone can call up the Emeriti web-site from the UCI Home Page.

XIV. Old Business – Barbara: I shall try to get Ron to report on the negotiations regarding parking at our next meeting.

XV. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Frank, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, APRIL 6, 9:15 AM  
IN 111 THEORY, SUITE 200**