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UCI Emeriti Association
Executive Committee Minutes
Meeting of Sept. 8, 21008

I. President Hamkalo called the meeting to order at 9:15. Present were: Dumars, Easton, Frank, Frederick, Hamkalo, Heiney, Horn, Hubert, Jevning, Krassner, Lawrence, McCulloch, Miller, Porter, Quilligan, Stephens, Tobis.

II. Approval of May 5 minutes will be conducted by e-mail.

III. Treasury - Krassner: \$8,654. on hand. "We are in pretty good shape." Statement distributed, divided for two accounts. Frank: What are these two accounts? Krassner: Foundation Account, EVC Account. Frederick: EVC Account has been used to pay for (a) assistance and (b) special projects (e.g., surveys). This year the Center finally got some permanent funding, to be used for expenses other than personnel. Sum = ca. \$11,000., plus assistance from other depts. EVC sent a letter saying that w/ ANBS assistance the Center now receives ca. \$25,000. So here is a proposal: this would be the year to revise our brochure. Center can pay most of cost for brochure, plus newsletter and postage. Hamkalo and Krassner agree. Frank: What is ANBS? Frederick: Administrative and Business Services. That assistance is valued at \$12,500., which brings the figure for support to ca. \$25,000. --- Hamkalo: we should be thinking of spending that allocation, to make it permanent. Frederick: By now the retiree list is ca. 3,000, and it increases by 100 each year. Miller: One use of additional money would be for additional speakers. McCulloch: On Wed. Oct. 8 the Univ. Forum will have as speaker Dean Chermersky. Tobis: We need to attract more retirees, get "new faces." This year 52 academics will retire, 87 staff; that's 139 altogether. Hamkal: We should have a reception for new retirees. And we should consider having a fund for students returning to college. --- Hamkalo: As of now there is no commitment from the Faculty Senate Chair to come to our meetings. Frederick: Our Newsletter is now on our Web page. Carol Gardner has placed all past issues of our Newsletter on the Em. Assoc. web page.

IV. Program - Hamkalo announced that she has established a Program Committee, or - rather - a team, with no chair. It includes Hamkalo, Frederick, Peggy Maradudin, and Sher Bradley. Frederick: Here is a schedule: Oct. 14: Dr. Longhurst will speak on Naturopathic Medicine, location t.b.a. Oct. 28: Open Enrollment Health Fair, at Univ. Club. Dec. 11 or 18: Holiday Party at the Feldmans; which date

is preferred? Hamkalo: Dec. 11 is better. OK. Jan.23: Chancellor's Reception for retirees, both staff and faculty, 3-6 p.m., probably at Student Centger. Stephens: Chancellor's office pays cost.

Frederick: there is a new venue: HR has a "training room"; it holds 50, in classroom arrangement. Rules for its use are given in a booklet of 10 pages (!). Could be used for ExCom meetings. the bldg. is at Bison & California. ---- Also planned is another meeting on ageing with Julie Schoen. And Dean Chermerinsky has agreed to talk to us in the Spring. --- Other possible topics: how to deal with contracts, how to talk to your doctor.

V. OLLI - will take over Univ. Forum. It invites members to join and offers a catalog of courses. Any member of the Em. Assoc. can visit a class free to decide on membership. List of planned courses is available. Hamkalo: There will be a field trip to the Claremont furniture studio of Sam Maloof, famous for the Maloof Rocker.

VI. Ethics Committee - Jerry Tobis circulated proposal for an Ethics Com. for the campus. Now is a good time to establish it, foster "joint governance." Meeting of CFW scheduled for Oct. 30. Our representatives are Jerry tobis, Ron Miller, Don Fosket, Isaac Sherson, Julian Feldman, and David Easton. Krassner: Any contact with Priv. & Tenure Committee? tobis: No. P&T does not deal with ethical problems. Krassner: But P&T does sponsor a list of actions deemed "proper and not proper." Miller: P&T DOES deal with ethical questions. ---- ExCom members should write to Tobis to give views of current proposal. If aplroved, it will go to the Senate cabinet, which invites comment. -- Jerry Tobis thanked Pres. Hamkalo for her leadership. -- Tobis: Please put on ExCom agenda for nexty month a proposal to make clinicians eligible for the Academic Senate.

VII. Nominating - No chair, no committee as yet. Discussion postponed.

VIII. Membership - Reception for new emeriti being planned. Letter will also be sent out after dues mailiing.

IX. By-Laws - Judy Horn will complete revisions. Miller: Be sure to include amendments. Horn: It will be done in November.

X. CFW - Miller: there is need for child-care for faculty. Also we need discussions of eligibility for Univ. Hills, size of units. Held over from last year.

XI. CUCEA - Next meeting will be Oct. 30 in Santa Cruz.

XII. History - Dumars: good to have minutes of past meetings available on Web. Miller: Contact info should also be available. Dumars: Newsletters are also available on the Web. All due to the help of Marilyn and Garland.

XIII. Retirees - Schnaubelt: There will be a presentation of Naturopathic Medicine at Samuelli Center, which will give an idea of supplementary medicine now available: "simple foods to add to your diet for health." Prof. John Longhurst will spend Oct. 14 meeting on alternative medicines. Miller: Do we have a program on Integrated Medicine? Hamkalo: OLLI Science Committee is planning courses on alternative medicine.

Also: plans are underway for (a) an art exhibit and (b) a golf tournament in Spriiing. Miller: Can poetry be included in the Art Exhibit? Schnaubelt: It depends on space. These plans are a work in progress.

XIV. The Office of the President will provide an info program for retiring faculty. Question: Do we want discussion of Fidelity? Estate Planning?

XV. Parking - Miller: 5 campuses have free parking. we get only 50% discount. Hamkalo: Campus might allow free parking for meetings.

XVI, New Business - (1) Stephens: Do we continue to meet here [in Berkeley Place]? Hamkal: No, we will meet in 111 Theory, a building in Research Park. There are directions for everyone on the table. (2) Miller: Clinical Professors in Health Sciences are not in the Ac. Senate, would like to be admitted. Would help morale. Question: What do Emeriti think of the proposed change? Hamkalo: Let's talk about this in our October meeting. (3) President Hamkalo has invited to a future meeting Bob Zeller, Director of the Graduate Center, which serves graduate students and post-docs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Frank, secretary

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2008

AT 9:15 AM IN 111 THEORY

PROPOSAL OF AN ETHICS COMMITTEE FOR THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE --

The UCI Emeriti Executive Committee and the Subcommittee on Emeriti Affairs of the UCI Council on Faculty Welfare recommend establishment of an Ethics Committee of the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate. Such a committee would be precedent setting at UCI, and might be of interest to other campuses of the University. The academic discipline of Ethics is well provided by seven schools and an interdisciplinary Center at Irvine. This proposal for an Academic Senate Committee on Ethics is unrelated to UCI's programmatic and faculty needs in ethics research and education. However, the Committee will communicate its findings, to the extent permissible in respecting confidentialities, for the possible educational value its recommendations may have for the UCI community.

PURPOSE: The Ethics Committee of the Academic Senate will consider general issues arising within the University of California, Irvine that are of an ethical nature. Ethical issues are of paramount importance to the University, and the Academic Senate will strengthen its role in shared governance by creation of this Committee. The Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity for the Academic Senate and the University community. It is not intended to replace existing committees and other entities at UCI which provide guidance or oversight of the responsible conduct of research and teaching, and of the ethical conduct of faculty, staff, administrators, and students, but rather is to be an additional resource to serve in a consultative capacity for the Academic Senate, the University community, and for faculty, staff, administrators, and students. The Committee will serve to promote the mission, values, and goals of UCI, avoiding the perception of oversight, regulatory, or watchdog functions yet at the same time allowing the faculty to set ethical standards and to fulfill its responsibility to see that they are respected. In this capacity, the Committee may prove of educational value for faculty and students.

CHARGE: Although the Committee may at times be proactive in asserting the values and standards of the University in order to integrate them into the institution's culture, most often it will consider issues and problems of an ethical nature brought to it. Anyone in the University Community may consult the Committee, and the Committee may consider problems referred to it or, when appropriate, refer the matter to extant committees, offices, or other appropriate entities at UCI. Indeed, the Committee should be conversant with such committees and offices and their mission and expertise, not only to refer appropriate problems to them but to provide liaison as well. The Committee will need to protect the confidentiality of those who consult the Committee and that of sensitive issues, but it must also protect all members of the community including those accused of inappropriate or unethical behavior. Rather than seeking to blame individuals, the Committee should focus on systemic problems that inadvertently enable inappropriate behavior. The Committee should define issues, framed independent of the specific persons or particular circumstances, in order to reflect on the ethical issues and to make recommendations. In this way the Committee may identify inappropriate behavior prior to harm to individuals and thereby protect the reputation of the University.

The Ethics Committee may address ethical issues not covered by Federal or State Constitutions or statutes, case law, or University policy. Generic problems (such as the relationship between an academic institution and private industry or the relationship and influence of private benefactors) may come within the purview of this Committee. The Committee may assist the Senate and the Administration in developing ethical policies and procedures.