EMERITAE/i ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 12, 1998

Present from the Senate Emeritae/i Committee: Jerome Tobis, Robert Warner, Jann Yang, Julian Feldman, Richard Friedenberg

Present from Emeritae/i Committee: Myron Simon

Representing Academic Senate: Steve Barney, Eric Stanbridge, Robert May, Bill Sirignano

The meeting commenced at 3:35 p.m. presided by Jerome Tobis.

1. Julian Feldman reviewed the history and stated that the Senate Emeritae/i Committee had been established five or six years ago. Jerome Tobis noted that at previous Emeritae/i meetings they had voted against disbanding the Emeritae/i Senate Committee.

2. Robert May stated that the Senate has been looking into the restructuring of Senate committees. Many have developed for different reasons and are not functioning well. They are attempting to reorganize the committee structure to make the Senate more efficient. They feel this may give the Senate a stronger voice with Administration. They have requested and received data from many of the committees regarding their individual functions.

He stated that the restructuring would probably lead to four basic groups, including a council, cabinet, chairs of division and assembly. The councils would consist of CAP, Planning and Budget, Research and Education, Faculty Welfare. They would interact with the Cabinet, which would consist of the Chair of the Academic Senate, the Vice Chair, and the Past Chair. The Representative Assembly would become the Senate Assembly. He estimates the size of the Senate Assembly will be about 60 individuals and it will be a legislative body and must ratify all actions.

Regarding the Emeritae/i Committee, he states that he recognizes the concerns of the Emeritae/i that they need a strong voice. He proposed that the Emeritae/i Committee be a standing subcommittee of faculty welfare and consist of five members with at least three of the members being Emeritae/i. He states that under the Welfare Committee the Emeritae/i Subcommittee can interact with any other committee on actions other than welfare.
3. The members of the Senate Emeriti Committee in closed session discussed the proposal. The overall feeling was that this strengthened the position of the Emeriti Committee. A motion was made to support the changes that Robert May had outlined for the Senate Emeriti Committee. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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