UCI EMERITAE/I ASSOCIATION MINUTES
MEETING: February 2, 2004

Present  David Easton, Julian Feldman, Ann Heiney, René Hubert, Sam McCulloch, Ron Miller, Kivie Moldave, Bob Montgomery, Lyman Porter, Lorie Reed and John Swett

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Lyman Porter at 9:17 am.

The meeting was preceded by a moment of silence in memory of Past Chair Roland Schinzinger who had passed away very suddenly a week earlier. A donation is to be sent to a memorial being established for disadvantaged engineering students.

I. Minutes of the December meeting: Ron Miller suggested the phrase in item VII be changed from “Killackey said he had heard awards were soon be given” to might soon be given. The minutes of the December meeting were then approved as amended.

II. Treasurer’s Report: Lorie Reed gave a detailed report about the method of anticipating the financial balance. $964 is available in the Foundation account. There is about $500 in the Academic Affairs account which is used for salary purposes. Reed also reminded the group of the Housing Funds. It was agreed the housing funds should be resolved soon. Reed feels the balance at the end of this fiscal year will be comparable to the past.

III. Program Committee Report: John Swett announced the dates for two upcoming events: On March 18th a luncheon will be held at the University Club, at which the speaker will be Professor Gregory Benford. His talk is entitled “A Scientist in Hollywood”. There was a discussion about the lack of attendance and the excessive fees charged by the University Club. Rather than charging $17 per person, which might pay for the event, it was decided to subsidize it to an extent by charging only $12 for those who reserve early, and $15 for attendees who attend without a reservation. It was felt this price might encourage better attendance.

Swett also announced the date for the annual meeting at the University Club, June 15th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A speaker has not yet been chosen.

Swett commiserated regarding the University Club costs. Their estimated costs for the holiday party were much less than the actual invoice received. The University Club has agreed to review and correct the invoice.

IV. Newsletter Editor’s Report: Bob Montgomery announced that the Newsletter is almost ready to be sent to the formatter. There are an abundance of stories for this edition.
V. Retiree’s Committee Report:  There was no report in the absence of Dennis Clark.

VI. Award Committee Report:  Ron Miller said although the committee had not met, David Easton forwarded material relating to mentorship and Jerry Tobis forwarded to Miller several websites re: mentorship. Lyman Porter mentioned discussing a mentorship award at the Dec meeting of the UCI faculty welfare meeting, on which sit Julian Feldman, Kivie Moldave and himself. The two major reactions were 1) that the attendees were positive and 2) the members suggested it be done in conjunction with the academic Senate awards committee.  No one from UCIEA has discussed the matter with the academic awards committee. Moldave said we need to prepare a final document previous to any presentation to the Senate. Easton felt it would give EA visibility by tagging onto the Senate’s awards. Porter mentioned that teaming with the Senate would ease the procedure. The EA awards committee will talk to the Senate awards committee. Moldave would like to see our recommendation be more concise. Miller suggested an award for mentoring be given annually by the UCI Emeritae/i Association. For the purpose of this award, mentoring is to be defined as outstanding academic or career counseling by a faculty member who is active or emeritus and awarded to a faculty member or post-doctoral student or fellow outside a traditional teaching relationship or responsibility. Nominations for this award are to be requested annually by email to all possible mentees. “These are to be evaluated by the UCI Executive Committee with no award to be given if they are insufficiently meritorious nominations. The request for nominations might ask what was the nature, quality and duration of the mentoring, how does the mentoring affect your academic progress or career, and what is your academic relationship to the mentor. Miller then asked for questions and remarks. Reed questioned whether ‘faculty’ includes ‘Senate’. Miller stated he disagreed with Easton, that awarding individually rather than in conjunction with the Senate would give more visibility. Porter suggested a meeting with the Senate awards committee chair.

VIII. New Business: Porter said all the documentation regarding the nomination of David Easton for the Panunzio Award has been prepared and forwarded to the Executive Vice Chancellor’s office. The awards committee was thanked for their efforts. Porter also announced he would not be available to meet in March, and asked the Vice-chair, Moldave, to conduct the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Ronald B. Miller, M.D., Secretary