UCI Emeriti Association Committee meeting October 4, 2012 at 111 Theory, Irvine

Attendees: Dumars, Frederick, Horn, Jennings, Krassner, Lawrence, Maradudin, Miller, Parten, Schnaubelt and Soley.

The Secretary opened an e-mail this morning from our President, Cal McLaughlin, requesting that the Secretary chair the meeting. The Secretary arrived late, for which he apologizes, and thanks Stuart Krassner for initiating the meeting by review of the Treasurer’s report and distributing the UCI Foundation Fund Balance Statement for August 2012 and the Foundation General Ledger activity for August 2012 related to the UCI Emeriti Association.

Minutes of the UCIEA Executive Committee meeting of September 6, 2012 (the Parliamentarian having determined that a quorum was present, albeit barely) were approved with the spelling corrections recommended by Marilyn Soley and the addition of the phrase under the report of the Treasury recommended by Frederick that the budget awaits approval. Miller will send the minutes to Charlene Mandau for posting on the UCIEA website.

Minutes of the June 5 annual meeting of the UCIEA await consideration by then-Secretary Richard Frank of recommendations of the current secretary. Hopefully the minutes can be reviewed at our next meeting on November 1.

Senate update: Senate Chair not in attendance.

Membership: Our President indicated two individuals have agreed to join the Executive Committee: William H. Parker who "will investigate with the Administration whether we need retiree housing on-campus along the Belmont model and will work to put such a unit on the campus map if the need can be justified. He will be our representative to the Committee on Faculty Welfare."; And: Michael Burton who "will work with the Administration to make sure the Emeriti are noticed by e-mail about important campus events." Although they were not present today, Executive Committee members welcome Parker and Burton enthusiastically. Krassner noted that Bill Parker had been responsible for the development of University Hills and the Research Park. Krassner also recalled that McLaughlin may have mentioned Willie Schoenfeld would be a member of the Executive Committee.

Council on Faculty Welfare update: Our CFW members were not present to report.

Newsletter: Editor currently in London.

Bylaws: With regard to the question of whether we should have a subcommittee on budget as discussed at the September Meeting, our current bylaws under article VI (Duties of Officers), Section 4 states "The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget in collaboration with other officers of the organization and the Director of the Center for Emeriti and Retirees", and all agreed this was sufficient and that we need not add a subcommittee on budget. With regard to the question of approval of minutes of annual meetings, following the September meeting, Miller and Horn corresponded. They agree that Roberts Rules of Order "fail to include specific information for our particular case" and recommend "it would be helpful to have a statement... in the Bylaws". Lawrence then made a motion
for preliminary approval of minutes of annual meetings by the Executive Committee (which meets 3 months after the annual meeting) with final approval at the next annual meeting (usually 12 months later). Horn and Miller recommended, and Lawrence accepted, an addition to the motion to post the minutes on the website after preliminary approval by the Executive Committee. Thus, we should recommend for consideration at the September 2013 annual meeting a change in the bylaws as approved today unanimously by the Executive Committee: Article XI (Meetings), Section 3: Minutes of the Annual Meeting are to be preliminarily approved by the Executive Committee at its first meeting following the annual meeting, may then be posted on the UCIEA website, and are to be finally approved at the next annual meeting. At the next Executive Committee meeting, Miller will recommend adding to Article VI (Duties of Officers), Section 1: the following statement: The President shall recommend to the Committee on Committees individuals to serve on the Emeriti subcommittee of the Council on Faculty Welfare.

UCI Retirees: Schnaubelt reported the Retirees Advisory Board meets today. Plans have been made for the golf tournament and the art show. Under consideration are visits to Sherman Gardens, to the Ocean Institute at Dana Point, and to the Clinical Skills Center for medical students at UCI. Krassner recommended a visit to the Long Beach Aquarium. Miller asked about plans for educational programs, recommended topics of stem cell research and therapy, and a review of ballot measures/initiatives prior to future elections (as there is a section provided by Olli for the current election -- see below). Water is a never-ending concern for Southern California, and Lawrence noted the groundwater is being depleted. Frederick recommended a lecture might be given by J. Farmiglietta regarding the UC Center for Hydrologic Models. Peggy Maradudin recommended Bill Cooper, Director of the Irvine Water Research Center.

Center for Emeriti and Retirees and Programs for Emeriti and Retirees: Frederick reminded us that the CUCRA meeting will be held October 31 and the CUCEA meeting November 1 at the Santa Cruz campus. She and Schnaubelt will attend. Apparently McLaughlin, Folkenflik, and Quilligan are unable to attend. Miller asked, but no one volunteered. Frederick reminded us that November is "Open Enrollment" month (with health and legal plans open, but VSP not this year), and on October 30 she has arranged that beginning at 9 AM there are to be presentations by Anthem-Blue Cross, Kaiser, and Health Net. On November 6 there is to be a meeting on Medicare at the University Club. Frederick also announced the October 21-24 meeting of the Retirement Organizations in Higher Education in North Carolina which she and Schnaubelt will attend. She indicated our organization might cover the expense for another attendee, but there was no volunteer. The Healthy to 100 series of 5 talks is to begin in February, once again in the University Club library (though sessions this past year were very full). They wish to avoid duplicating OLLI talks. Miller recommended a talk again on Alzheimer's dementia, and Krassner recommended talks on Parkinson's disease and on cataracts. Maradudin recommended a session on integrative medicine, and another on Cyber Warfare and Health (by Richard Matthews) might be of interest. Miller recommends Andrew Policano (who wrote "Public No More -- a New Path to Excellence for American Public Universities") as a speaker for a meeting this academic year or for the next annual meeting of the Emeriti.
OLLU: Maradudin announced sessions by the League of Women Voters at the Woodbridge Classroom October 15, 1:30 to 3:30 PM on the "Ballot Initiatives -- Pro and Con", and October 18, 1:30 to 3:30 PM on "Realignment -- State Funds Shift to Locals". She noted Bill Cooper, UCI Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, whom she had recommended for an educational program (see above) had previously arranged a series of 5 talks on global water in the fall of 2011. Maradudin distributed copies of the Fall 2012 catalog of the UCI Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and of the fall 2012 University Club Forum. Lawrence spoke of the TEDx non-profit organization which holds annual conferences in Long Beach/Tom Springs and Edinburgh, Scotland which began in 1984 "bringing together people from 3 world's: Technology, Entertainment, and Design". Speakers talk about their own lives in 18 min. or less, and the second annual Tedx Orange Coast conference will be October 10 from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Three of the 30 speakers are Hans Keirstead of UCI, Richard Afable of Hoag and Rick Warren of Saddleback Church.

Next Meeting of the Executive Committee (November 8—rescheduled from November 1): As previously recommended, Miller hopes up will be possible to arrange for flu vaccine for emeriti and retirees. We hope to have further consideration of the possibility of Emeriti participating in exit interviews of faculty who leave by Barbara Hamkalo who has taken responsibility for this possibility following earlier work by Miller. Miller also believes it would be important for the EC to review the interview of UC President Yudof by Conan Nolan on PBS SoCal television or NBC on July 15 which was in part on online education but also considered the state of the University, our budget woes, and what may happen if Jerry Brown's's tax increase is not approved by the voters in November. The audiovisual of the half hour program available on the NBCLA.com website is less than 9 min., and although it would not be appropriate to show the entire half hour program, Miller hopes a somewhat more complete summary could be obtained. Frederick offered to ask the HR technician to obtain an audiovisual for presentation at our next meeting. Miller believes it might generate ideas for ways the emeriti may contribute to the welfare of the University. Finally, Miller recommends the EC read Andy Policano's book, Public No More -- a New Path to Excellence for American Public Universities, to further and stimulate discussion of things Emeriti can do to benefit the University. That might also lead us to consider Policano as a speaker for a UCIEA Educational Meeting.

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ronald B. Miller

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