

UCI EMERITI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING September 14, 2009

Held at 111 Theory, the Research Park 9:15-11 AM

Members and staff present: Dumars, Frederick, Hamkalo, Heiney, Horn, Hubert, Jevning, Krassner, Lawrence, McCulloch, Maradudin, Miller, Mosier, Parten, Quilligan, Soley, and Stephens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENT HAMKALO:

Robert Folkenflik, Professor Emeritus of English, will join the Executive Committee next month.

The EC meeting in October will be chaired by Ted Quilligan in the absence of Barbara Hamkalo. The EC meeting in November will be held on Monday, November 9 so as not to conflict with the retirement open enrollment program on the first Monday.

UCI did not renew the lease on 100 Academy Way, and the new UCIEA office is room 104 in Bio Sci Admin, but EC meetings will continue to be held at 111 Theory.

The Academic Senate of the College of Health Sciences has two new ad hoc committees, one on Clinical Affairs, the other on Ethics.

With the departure of the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, the Programs in Public Health, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Nursing Sciences now report to the Executive Vice Chancellor-Provost, Michael Gottfredson, via the Associate EVC-Provost for Academic Programs, Michael Clark. Stuart Krassner reported that in 2 years time Epidemiology may transfer from Medicine to Public Health.

Barbara Hamkalo and Lyman Porter enter their third and final year as Dickson Professors. Because the EVC-Provost offered the UCIEA the opportunity to recommend individuals for Dickson Professorship, Barbara Hamkalo investigated how this is done at other campuses, and proposes that the UCIEA solicit self-nominations to be reviewed by our Awards Committee and up to 4 names be forwarded to the EVC-Provost for possible consideration. The Professorship offers \$10,000 per year to our campus which has supplemented funding to \$25,000 annually.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting on May 4, 2009 were circulated with amendments recommended by Ron Miller and were approved. Minutes of the annual UCIEA meeting on June 10, 2009 are available on the UCIEA website, and Barbara Hamkalo asked the Committee members to review the minutes for any corrections even though official approval awaits next year's annual meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Stuart Krassner reported a balance of \$4739.96 prior to the annual request for dues. The new UCIEA "Invitation to Join" brochure has been printed and is to be sent with this year's request for dues with correction of the UCIEA office address by label or stamp. Jeri Frederick will send a list of emeriti to the Executive Committee members so that they may add a personal note to welcome those individuals not currently members but known to members of the Executive Committee.

**ACADEMIC SENATE:** The new chair, Judith Stepan-Norris is out of town today, but reported to Barbara Hamkalo that she will attend our October 5 meeting and that current concerns of the Senate are the budget and furloughs.

**CENTER FOR EMERITI AND RETIREES AND PROGRAMS:** Jeri Frederick reported a 15-20 percent budget cut anticipated for the Center this year. Barbara Hamkalo reported there is hope that the previously approved "permanent budget from Administrative and Business Services may be available, and she will pursue this with Michael Arias. Ms. Frederick plans approximately 14 programs for emeriti and retirees again this year, has met with Peggy Maradudin and Cindy Eddleman. They are all concerned by the rumored insolvency of the University Club and the importance of preserving it. Programs planned include: (1) the Chancellor's Reception and third annual art exhibit on Friday, January 22, 2010 at the Student Center or the University Club; (2) influenza vaccination (seasonal and hopefully H1N1) for emeriti and retirees on **Wednesday, October 21st**, in the parking lot of the University Club; (3) annual open enrollment **health information program** on Monday, November 2, 9: 30-11 AM with 15 minute presentations by each health plan to provide more information than in the past (legal plan is to be opened for enrollment this year, but the vision plan probably will not be); (4) a program titled "Healthy to 100 and Beyond" is to be held in the spring; and (5) Barbara Hamkalo hopes to arrange a trip this academic year to the Center for the Conservation and Research for Endangered Species of the Zoological Society of San Diego funded by the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center for Conservation Research. The facility is about 2 years old and located near the Wild Animal Park.

**NOTE: Per a meeting that occurred the day after this meeting, it appears that the vision plan may, indeed, be open for enrollment to Retirees this year.**

**BYLAWS:** Because the recommended changes in the Bylaws were not distributed sufficiently prior to the Annual UCIEA meeting in June, an Email vote was held with only 20 responses (of ~300 emeriti), but all apparently favorable. Because of the small number of responses and because a number of members of the Executive Committee do not recall receiving a ballot, another request is to be mailed, perhaps along with the annual request for membership and dues. Barbara Hamkalo indicated the Bylaws should be changed to add an Osher Life-Long Learning Institute representative to the Executive Committee, and perhaps this should be drafted and sent along with the vote on other Bylaws changes. Since we still have more members of the Executive Committee (allowable by appointment by the President), Barbara recommended we not solicit new nominations until attrition to the appropriate number of members.

**CUCEA:** The fall meeting is to be at the Parnassus campus of UCSF on October 29. Tentative attendees include Hamkalo, Quilligan, Feldman, Miller, and Frederick. Barbara Hamkalo has asked Julian Feldman to be our campus liaison to the Task Force on Post-Retirement Benefits.

OSHER LIFE-LONG LEARNING INSTITUTE: Peggy Maradudin passed out announcements of the University Club Forum meetings and of OLLI programs this fall. She indicated OLLI may move to the Research Park or to the University Club. Barbara Hamkalo spoke of a fascinating talk on computer-generated animals by a paleontologist from Cal State San Bernardino. He has worked at the Field Museum in Chicago to create Tyrannosaurus rex.

UCI RESPONSE TO THE UC BUDGET CRISIS, PAY CUTS, FURLOUGH DAYS, UC FACULTY WALKOUT SEPTEMBER 24, AND AAUP SUPPORT (BASED UPON INSUFFICIENT PARTICIPATION OF FACULTY IN SHARED GOVERNANCE): President Hamkalo reviewed considerable information regarding these matters and recommended all members of the Executive Committee read the September 11 letter of Judith Stepan-Norris on the UCI Academic Senate website. Barbara indicated the UCI Senate has not decided its response concerning the walkout, but that 588 UC faculty including 72 from UCI support the walkout. Judd Hubert noted the traditional meaning of "furlough" was paid leave! Ron Miller expressed the opinion that the walkout punishes students and recommended a motion to have the UCIEA Executive Committee oppose the walkout. Ann Heiney agreed and indicated the walkout would probably be politically unwise as Barbara Hamkalo noted the likely public reaction to faculty and staff furloughs when student fees had been increased (even though Present Yudof and the Chancellors recommended furlough not be taken on instructional days as the Academic Senate had recommended). Ann Stephens also agreed and a substitute motion was passed unanimously, stating "While we regret the increase in student tuition and the requirement that faculty and staff take unpaid days off, we believe the walkout is ill advised and counterproductive." This resolution is to be sent to emeriti and to EVC-Provost Michael Gottfredson, Judith Stepan-Norris and the UCI Academic Senate, and to Charles Hess and CUCEA.

Minutes drafted September 14, 2009 by Ronald B. Miller, Past President

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