UCI Emeriti Association Executive Committee meeting September 6, 2012 at 111 Theory, Irvine

Attendees: Feldman, Folkenflik (Vice President), Frederick, Horn, Jevning, Krassner (Treasurer), Lawrence, Maradudin, McCulloch, McLaughlin (President), Miller (Secretary), Parten, Schnaubelt, and Soley

Minutes of the UCIEA Executive Committee meeting of May 3, 2012: Approved as written by the current secretary in Frank’s absence and as previously posted on the UCIEA website.

Minutes of the annual meeting of the UCIEA on June 5, 2012: Minutes drafted by Richard Frank were sent in June to the entire Executive Committee. Miller responded with track changes in June to Frank with copies to Folkenflik, Frederick, McLaughlin, Miller, Parten, and Quilligan. He also raised questions at that time about the summary of the talk by the guest speaker that he felt the secretary might wish to review with the speaker. The minutes without the changes recommended by Miller were distributed at today’s meeting.

Miller asked when and by whom the minutes of the annual meeting should be reviewed. Horn read about annual meeting minutes from her copy of Robert’s Rules of Order which Miller felt were internally contradictory. He therefore recommended a change in our bylaws to permit review of the minutes of the annual meeting of the Association by the Executive Committee (pending any corrections, changes, or additions to be made at the next meeting of the Association). This would allow posting of the minutes shortly after each meeting without waiting for the next meeting, generally scheduled for one year hence. The motion was seconded by McCulloch but failed with only 2 votes in favor, 6 opposed, one abstention, and 2 undeclared. The Chair indicated the minutes would be made available again for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Treasury: The UCI Foundation’s fund balance statement of July, 2012 was distributed by Krassner indicating a balance of $5376.10. Frederick reported the portion of the budget from Administrative and Business Services was provided late in prior years and eventually discontinued. A September 6, 2012 2-page proposed budget for the Center for Emeriti and Retirees (CER) for 2012-2013 was provided by Jeri Frederick. It had been discussed with McLaughlin, Quilligan, and Michael Arias and had been reviewed by Schnaubelt and was sent to Krassner. As already approved by the EVC P’s office, the budget requests an increase from a 50% to a 75% FTE for the CER Director’s position. It also requests $39,000 for an assistant administrative analyst and $23,500 for supplies and for programs to be put on by the Emeriti and by the Retirees Associations. Last year’s request for a half time administrative analyst was not approved, and only $4000 was approved for supplies and programs. Miller expressed appreciation for the history of CER budgets since the EVC P requested the separate budget requests of the Emeriti and the Retirees be combined in 2006 (and each year subsequently) and the comparison of our modest staff request with the approved staffs of Centers at UCB, UCD, UCLA, and UCSD. Miller expressed concern that the Executive Committee and particularly the Treasurer and the Program Subcommittee were not involved in preparation of the budget, and he recommended a change in our bylaws to establish a Budget Committee. The motion failed for lack of a second, but Horn indicated that our bylaws formerly
had a budget committee and that in revision of the bylaws several years ago the committee was omitted because to the best of her understanding the committee had not met in recent years. She felt that budget recommendations could be made by the 4 officers of the UCIEA and then combined with those of the UCI Retirees Association. Frederick indicated that she wished to review the dues notice for UCIEA members for this year, and Folkenflik asked if it could be sent with the current newsletter.

CFW: Carol Gardner has retired and Charlene Mandau (Council Analyst for the Council on Faculty Welfare and the Subcommittee on Emeriti Affairs, amongst other responsibilities) is now the Senate staff person who will update our Emeriti website upon request. She can be reached at 949-824, 5559 or Charlene.M@UCI.edu. Julian Feldman is a member of the Subcommittee and believes the UCIEA President is a member ex officio. Miller noted the Subcommittee formerly had 4 members, one of whom was an active member of the faculty.

Membership: The Agenda for today's meeting asked "how to invite the medical school's clinical faculty at associate professor level and above and the equivalent campus ranks to join the Emeriti Association?" In discussing this I understood President McLaughlin to indicate his desire to invite retired associate and full professors of the clinical faculty to join the UCIEA. Miller asked whether he would extend the invitation to retired associate and full professors in the adjunct series. McLaughlin felt not. Horn noted the absence on the Executive Committee of Emeriti from the Arts and from Social Sciences. Folkenflik mentioned several Emeriti he would like to invite (including one from Social Ecology), and McLaughlin mentioned another who would be particularly useful in leading our review of the recommended retirement community.

Retirement Community: 3 summaries of the survey of the proposed UCI retirement community facility were distributed at today's meeting (a survey of the Emeriti (173 responses), a survey of Retirees (279 responses), and a list of 24 questions or comments written by emeriti and retirees. The summaries were not discussed, but President McLaughlin stated that in discussions with UCI administration he became less favorably disposed toward the Belmont proposal and stated that even if University land was designated for a retirement community, the Administration could not guarantee it could be used for that purpose in the future. He stated that Regents Point (a Presbyterian not-for-profit whose name has changed to the BE Group) has vacancies, and because of the age of occupants, a high turnover. In addition, although it generally requires a large down payment with lower monthly rent, this may be negotiable. He stated that 85% of the residents are single. He also stated that there is not available land for future expansion of Regents Point.

Newsletter: The second newsletter of the last year, the "summer" newsletter (including memorials), is to be distributed shortly, possibly with dues notices. Folkenflik plans newsletters for November, February and May. He requests a volunteer to be editor working with him on the November newsletter and taking over thereafter.

Retirees: Schnaubelt reported she and another retiree work with Frederick, Parten, and Soley each week.

Center for Emeriti and Retirees: Frederick distributed a year-end report for the Center.
OLLI: Maradudin reported she has given catalogs to Frederick, and members of the Executive Committee may request a catalog. She reported there will be a meeting on senior housing and that Schonfeld will speak again this year and remarked that his sessions last year were enthusiastically received. Folkenflik mentioned an organization, Humanities Out There, but Maradudin reported it is no longer funded. She noted the University Club Forum (started by McCulloch) has fine speakers also.

New Business: Miller noted the need to decide who will attend the October 31, November 1 CUCEA meeting at UC Santa Cruz. He noted the UCIEA website although it has the correct address for the CER and the current bylaws, in other locations it has our outdated Berkeley Place address and the bylaws that were revised in 1999. In addition the list of Executive Committee members and the list of subcommittee members need to be updated. He recommends that the Membership Committee contact individuals listed as members of the Executive Committee who have not attended meetings for some time to see if they wish to continue on the EC. Following the meeting he asked a number of individuals still present if they agreed the UCIEA should print its own condolence card to be circulated at Executive Committee meetings for those who know the widow or widower to sign, and this seemed to meet approval and is to be on the agenda of the next meeting. Although not discussed today, but previously recommended for the September or October meeting, is a 9-minute interview by Conan Nolan of UC President Mark Yudof that aired on July 14 on NBC-So Cal (NBC-LA). The interview discusses the mission of the University, the Blue and Gold tuition-free program, faculty salaries, non-resident students, and the e-learning initiative with 25 core courses -- all of which he thought would be of interest to the Emeriti.

Minutes drafted by Ronald B. Miller 9-6-12

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