UCI Emeriti Association
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting 05/03/2010

I. Meeting called to order by President Hamkalo at 9:06. Present were: Ken Dumars, David Easton, Cindy Eddleman, Julian Feldman, Dick Frank, Jeri Frederick, Barbara Hamkalo, Anne Heiney, Judy Horn, Judd Hubert, Ron Jevning, Pam Lawrence, Sam McCulloch, Cal McLaughlin, Ron Miller, Garland Parten, Ted Quilligan, Marianne Schnaubelt, Marilyn Soley, Ann Stephens, and Jerry Tobis. Announced that Professor Greenberger could not be present. Noted possible new members.

II. Minutes - April 5 Minutes accepted, pending corrections.

III. CFW - Julian reported on discussion of post-employment benefits; no changes. Pension system in trouble because (a) there was a 20-year hiatus in contributions, and (b) money given by State to compensate for this was nevertheless used by the University for other purposes. - Dick: Who decided that? Julian: It was decided "at the highest level." -- Julian: Due to this gap plus state of market there has been a sharp drop in investments. Hence, question: Where will the money come from? N.B.: benefits are funded by assessments on each campus. So an additional assessment would accord w/practice. -- Barbara: One proposal is for the University to issue pension bonds (which could be tax-free). -- Julian: Major changes may be made, to affect new hires. But so far no discussion of defined contributions. -- Cal: Retirement age should be raised. -- Julian: It's already encouraged. -- Marianne: It's been proposed to raise the minimum retirement age from 50 to 55. -- Julian: There is a recommendation to reduce retirees' health benefits from 90 to 70%. -- Ron: This might make UC less competitive in recruitment and retention of faculty. -- Anne Heiney: Emphasis on health benefits is natural. People now more conscious of health. -- Barbara asked Julian to communicate discussions to Charlie Hess of CUCEA, and announced that there will be a presentation by chair and vice-chair of Post-Employment Task Force on May 6 at 3 pm in Ad. 330. Earlier events have been poorly attended. -- Jeri: That's largely because of poor publicity and poor coordination. -- Barbara: Chancellor's office has been responsible, and there has been poor liaison. -- Julian: That's May 6 at 3 PM. New venues will be sent via e-mail.

Congratulations were given to Julian for the Extraordinarius Award.

IV. Treasurer's Report - Stuart Krassner being absent, there will be no Report.

V. Newsletter - Julian: We need to get info on Bylaws and Committees by middle of May. -- Barbara: Would everyone please get news items to Julian by May 10. -- Jeri: The Newsletter is a great recruiting tool. I send it to new retirees, to reach out.

VI. Bylaws - Ken distributed for consideration a statement - suitably revised - from the Medical Staff Bylaws of the California Medical Association. -- Jerry: I don't think our Ethics Committee should be an investigative body. -- Ken:
How many Ethics Committees are there? -- Ron: Just one. -- Spirited discussion followed, summed up by Barbara: One change needed: replace "cases" with "issues," and delete "bio." -- Pam: With those changes Ken's statement is fine, and I move we adopt it. -- Dick: Second. Motion carried by 20-0-0. -- Miller reviewed the many changes in Bylaws he had recommended and had sent to the Executive Committee on April 24. Sam and Ted moved that, with these changes, the proposed Bylaws be adopted. Carried unanimously! --- Round of Applause!!!

VII. CUCRA - Marianne: Are we willing to co-sponsor a joint meeting of CUCEA and CUCRA in April of 2011? -- Barbara: If administration supports it [with money], it would be a good idea. -- Marianne: We will need 2 or 3 representatives from UCIEA. Moved by Dick and Julian that we sponsor the joint meeting. Carried by 19-0-1.

VIII. Center Report - Barbara: Dues were due May 1, but not yet billed. In absence of Stuart, Jeri should consult Lyman Porter. -- If, like Berkeley, we become a separate, non-profit organization, we would cease to be "part of the University" and, therefore, would not be covered by University insurance. We should stay a "support group." Main negative of present status: we have no direct control of our finances, and as such cannot sign our checks. -- Another issue: Some emeriti associations, e.g., UCLA, are investigating provision of housing for emeriti. At UCLA the emeriti, working with a private group, have established Belmont Village. Similar action at Davis. This is a good project for our organization. I will approach VC Gottfredson for his reaction. -- Anne Heiney: If retirees in university housing were given priority for emeriti housing, they might then move out and make room for new faculty.

IX. OLLI - Cindy distributed Spring Forum Schedule. Fall classes are now scheduled. There will be Fall classes in the Oasis Center in Corona del Mar. At present 66 UCI faculty will give classes, a little over half of OLLI's teachers. That participation is critical, for it ensures that our classes are of high quality. -- Barbara: More faculty participation in OLLI selection committees would encourage faculty teaching. -- Cindy: The class offerings are on the web, under UCI Extension. Home page gives link.

X. Next Meeting of the UCIEA will be the Annual Meeting on Monday, June 7, for ratification of the proposed Bylaws, election of officers, other business, and a presentation by Sidney Golub on stem cell research.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Frank, Secretary