

UCI Faculty Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - October 9, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting of the executive committee was called to order by President Bill Parker at 10 AM in Room C of the University Club. Those present included Stu Krassner, Pamela Lawrence, George Miller, Judy Horn, Susan Lessick, Ronald Miller, Ron Jevning, Jen Yu, Marilyn Soley, Peggy Maradudin, Keith Nelson, and Jeri Frederick. Susan Pihl joined later during the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Business Meeting and Awards Presentation on June 2, 2014, were approved. (Ronald Miller requested that Jim McGaugh be asked to provide us with an outline of what he spoke about.) The minutes of the Executive Committee for its meeting of April 10, not having been distributed, were put on the agenda of our next meeting for review. Jeri will see that they are available.

Treasurer's Report: Stu Krassner announced that our bank balance at the present time is \$10,424, more than the Association has ever had. Bill Parker suggested that we ought to use some of this money for "more aggressive programming", that is, sponsoring outstanding speakers who would be of particular interest to emeriti and university colleagues.

President's Notes:

- Searches -- It was noted that UCI is currently engaged in three national searches, for (1) Provost, (2) Vice Chancellor/Dean of Health Sciences, and (3) Dean of the School of Arts. Once appointed, the VC of Health Sciences may need to select someone to assist in guiding the medical school. The budget for the hospital/medical school is currently running at about \$1 billion a year, with roughly 70% of it allocated to the hospital.
- University Committee on Faculty Welfare -- Bill disclosed that we will almost certainly see an increase this year in the rates for UC Care, which is suffering from "adverse selection", that is, from enrolling an older and more sick population than anticipated. President Napolitano acted to hold down the size of the increase.
- UC Systemwide -- Bill noted a recent study of the UC regents on "total remuneration" which reports that faculty salaries are running 12% below the average of comparable institutions while our benefit packages are roughly comparable. Five years ago our salaries were running 10% below those of comparable institutions, while our benefits were much better than average.

Bill also discussed the decision of the regents to reject a student proposal to disinvest endowment funds in fossil fuels. The regents did decide, however, to place a greater emphasis on "sustainable" investments, e.g. biofuels, solar energy, and battery technology.

- Senior Housing -- The University is almost ready to announce an agreement with

Regents' Point coordinated by our Senior Housing Committee and CER that will give application priority to university retirees.

-- Meeting with Mike Arias -- Bill noted that, as chief of staff, Mike Arias plays an important role in the Provost's Office. Arias has been a good friend of our Association and the Center.

-- Emeriti Association Website -- Repeated negotiations with the staff director of the Academic Senate regarding our website have been necessary due to the costs involved in updating it. The website is currently up and running on a new platform that must be maintained outside of the Senate office from now on.

Ad Hoc Communications Committee Update: Keith Nelson reported that the committee (Stu Krassner, Dick Frank, and himself) will be meeting next Thursday to discuss whether or not we need a regular Emeriti Newsletter and, if we choose to have one, what it should feature or include. He asked the group to offer suggestions to the committee. It was noted that Bob Folkenflik was the last editor of the Newsletter. Jeri has provided the committee with a brief history of the Newsletter, which was first published in 1988 and off and on since 1992.

Program Committee:

-- the question arose to what extent founding faculty are being asked to play a role in the celebrations surrounding the campus' 50th anniversary, and there is no evidence that they have been. Keith noted that the University archivist has received money from the Parnham committee to digitalize the McCulloch and Olin interviews of founding faculty. Bill encouraged the Program Committee to come forward with proposals for emeriti activities.

Human Resources:

-- Retirement Counseling -- Susan Pihl discussed the vigorous efforts of Human Resources to maintain personal retirement counseling on campus. Bill asserted his strong belief that a retirement center should be integrated as much as possible into the services provided by Human Resources.

UCI Retirees Association: There was no report.

Center for Emeriti and Retirees (CER):

-- the Center may be moving location in the near future.
-- Jeri reminded us that free flu shots will be provided in a mobile clinic at the UCI Student Center on October 17.
-- New Association Website -- <http://sites.uci.edu/emeraliti/>
-- New Center Website -- <http://retirees.uci.edu>

OLLI: Peggy Maradudin reported that OLLI is now partnering with the Medical School, with the Humanities Core Course, with the Center for Unconventional Warfare, and with

speakers from all over campus. It is thinking of partnering with the Forum at the University Club. It is in constant contact with the Irvine Company and with UCI Extension in its search for new classrooms. She intends to write a letter for "Attractions" and for our newsletter about the course being offered. She would love to increase emeriti membership in OLLI.

Bylaws Committee Update: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

— Ron Miller made three suggestions:

- 1) that at some point soon we discuss the advisability of raising the \$1,500 limit on UC dental insurance
- 2) that we should send cards of condolence to the families of university people who have died. Bill Parker agreed to do this.
- 3) that we add a list of those who have recently died to our executive committee agendas.

Submitted by K. Nelson

Revised by W. Parker