UCIEA ExCom Meeting
Thursday, April 5, 2012

I. Meeting called to order at 10:32 by President Quilligan, adjourned at 11:52. Present were: Bob Folkenflik, Dick Frank, Jeri Frederick, Barbara Hamkalo, Ann Heiney, Judy Horn, Ron Jevning, Pam Lawrence, Susan Lessick, Peggy Maradudin, Cal McLaughlin, Ron Miller, Garland Parten, Ted Quilligan, Marianne Schnaubelt, and Marilyn Soley. Also present, as guest, was the Chair of the Academic Senate, Craig Martens, Professor of Chemistry.

II. Minutes for the meetings of Jan. 15, Feb. 02, and March 01 were accepted and approved, with special thanks to Ann Heiney for exemplary work. They will be transmitted by Marilyn Soley to Carol Gardner for posting.

III. Membership – Cal reported for the Nominating Committee that Stuart Krassner has agreed to continue as Treasurer and Ron Miller has accepted nomination for Secretary, with Marilyn Soley as “back-up.”

IV. Senate Update – Prof. Martens reported on several recent developments:

(1) UCI’s Dept. of Education has been raised to the status of a School, and has a Ph.D. program in place. This may be the only such advancement in the system in these troubled times. The dept. has been highly rated in a national survey. The advancement is “revenue neutral,” meaning it doesn’t cost anything. – Barbara: Another change is that our Program in Nursing has gained approval for its Ph.D. program.

(2) System-wide: There is huge uncertainty regarding next year’s budget. Scenarios range from “not too bad” to apocalyptic.

(3) Discussion now continues on “revenue streams,” meaning where the money goes. In the past all moneys went to Berkeley admin., and then was allocated to campuses. Now each campus collects its own money, and then pays a percentage to UCOP (referring to overhead costs). This has worked to UCI’s advantage, much to disadvantage of USF. In consequence, USF is seriously talking about becoming independent. If others follow the result would be very bad for UCI, since Berkeley could charge higher fees and get better faculty, research facilities, etc. USF has admitted all clinical staff to its Academic Senate.

(4) A new issue revolves around “re-benching,” which refers to State allocations per student. UCI gets $6,000. per student, UCLA $9,000.

(5) In UCI planning some depts. considered “strong,” others “need attention.” The latter can be beneficial. For example, French and German are no longer separate, but have been combined into a new European Languages & Cultures Dept., with a new program.
Pam: Has any attention been given to the issue of intellectual property? Martens: There has been a new decision of by the Supreme Court in connection with “accessible medicine.” I don’t think we as individuals should sign onto that until the University has adopted a statement of principles. – Ron Miller: Do emeriti have a role in this? – Martens: Lyman Porter is involved in Planning and Budget. – Barbara: He was in administration, hence well known. What about “garden variety” emeriti? – Martens: It’s up to you. You should send a representative to the Chancellor’s Cabinet. Get on the Senate’s agenda. Make proposals.

President Quilligan thanked Prof. Martens for his generous allotment of time, and Prof. Martens said he would be glad to return.

V. Ethics – Ron Miller presented a revised version of the charge to our Ethics Subcommittee in the UCIEA Bylaws. It was adopted by general agreement. The Charge as revised for our Bylaws is as follows:

Section V: Ethics. This committee shall:
(1) consider generic and systems issues with ethical implications;
(2) consider programmatic and faculty needs in applied ethics;
(3) offer the services of our Committee to the campus Academic Senate (when time permits, through the Emeriti Subcommittee of the Council on Faculty Welfare);
(4) identify potential ethically vulnerable activities, and suggest ways to avoid such activities;
(5) review ethical issues that may arise (or may have arisen) on our Campus and consider how Emeriti might assist in preventing such problems in the future or in detecting them sufficiently early that harm to faculty, staff, students, research subjects, or patients is minimized (or, if harm has already occurred, how the divisional Senate might respond);
(6) ensure that recommendations made to the divisional (campus) Senate will first be approved by the UCIEA Executive Committee.

VI. Aldrich Award – No action.

VII. Exit Interviews – Barbara: So far it has been impossible to secure a reliable and readable (sic!) list of faculty leaving. But VC Gottfredson has given us a go-ahead, and wants a proposal. – Regarding the Administration’s letter to Belmont, Assistant VC Arias has agreed to look into the matter. He has been informed that it was never our intention to restrict applicants to faculty now living in University Hills. So the project will be back on the table.

VIII. Housing Survey – Ted: There was a 10% response, which is adequate. It shows overwhelming support for a retirement facility. Question: should I present these findings to VC Arias? And ask him what our next step should be? In the past he has been very helpful. – Barbara: Yes. We should get this information to the Admin. as soon as possible, and also put it in the Newsletter. Ann: Publication in the Newsletter would be most helpful. – Marianne: Tell him there is lots of interest. We could nominate people for a planning committee. – There was general agreement to authorize President Quilligan to present the findings to AVC Arias.

IX. Joint Meeting – Jeri: Arrangements have been completed, thanks to help from Marianne and Judy. About 50 people will attend, 41 will go to the Beall Center, 35 to the dinner. On April 25
CUCEA meets 1-4, then at 4:30 goes to Beall Center. On April 26 there will be a joint meeting with representatives of the Office of the President. Any member of ExCom can attend any meeting.

Jeri also distributed invitations to the Chancellor’s Reception on April 30, and to the First Anne Paden Golf Tournament on June 4.

X. Newsletter – Bob: Many items already set for next issue, and aim is to get it out very soon. New items need to be sent in quickly. Will give attention to Reception on April 30 and Annual Meeting on June 5. – Jeri: Could it have a memorial tribute for Jerry Tobis? He was an integral part of this group. – Ron Miller: Ted wrote an obituary for the In Memoriam site, and that could be edited and used in the Newsletter. Jerry was in fact one of the founding members of this group, and a past president. – Also: Should there be a Newsletter Committee? – Bob: Probably not. Informal advising works better. – Ron: But a committee helps groom a successor. – Bob: Let’s think more about this. – Ted: I’ll give you a list of our committees.

XI. CFW – Ted: CFW received a petition submitted by Jerry Tobis, which recommended that selected members of the clinical staff be made members of the Academic Senate. The proposal was sent to the Senate. USF has made all clinical staff members of its Senate. How that decision will affect the issue is unclear.

XII. OLLI – Peggy reported on UCI faculty giving courses, and distributed a list with 42 faculty listed. Some of the 42 are retired, but the list is not yet completed.

XIII. New Business -- Dick will send letters of condolence to Jerry Tobis’s companion and also to his daughter. Ted and/or Ron Miller will give him their names and addresses.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Frank,
Secretary

NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 3
10:30 AM, 1121 THEORY