

UCI Emeriti Association
Executive Committee Minutes
December 1, 2008

I. President Hamkalo called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Present were: Justin Call, Ken Dumars, David Easton, Julian Feldman; Richard Frank, Jeri Frederick, Barbara Hamkalo, Judith Horn, Judd Hubert, Stuart Krassner, Pamela Lawrence, Peggy Maradudin; Sam McCulloch, Garland Parten, Lyman Porter, Marianne Schnaubelt, Ann Stephens.

II. Minutes of November 3 accepted, with the following corrections: in section I add Call, delete Porter; in section V change CFW in line 1 to Academic Senate; in section VI-VII change "Zeller has started use" to "Zeller wants to use;" in section XIII change Porter (last line) to Hamkalo.;

III. Treasury – Stuart reported that we have on hand \$7,562. in the Foundation Account, \$1186. in Emeriti Account. – Jeri: Foundation Account receives our money, but is not allowed to pay for assistance, so that money must go through an HE account, which explains the entry of \$1186. for "grants."

IV. Newsletter – Jeri: The last newsletter was sent out in October. Julian says the next one will probably come out in January. - Barbara: We need to jazz up our newsletter. – Jeri: For a little more money we could have color.

V. Forum and OLLI – Sam: The last Forum of the year will be Wednesday, December 3; speaker will be present Dean of Humanities, Vicki Ruiz. She will argue that Latino Studies should be merged with American Studies. – Peggy distributed the winter schedule of the Forum. She said the spring schedule is almost entirely set; this is a list of what we have now. She distributed a list of courses to be given by OLLI in the spring. One especially interesting spring course will be given by Stuart Krassner: "Three Stubborn Plagues." The OLLI catalog will be available on December 15, and it will also be on line. Remember: anyone can audit one meeting of any class for free. After that one should become a member and pay dues. - Cindy Eddleman will attend Executive Committee meetings when Peggy can't come.

VI. Program - Jeri has obtained 65 reduced price tickets for the Irish Christmas program at the Barclay. -- December 11 will be the Holiday Party at the Feldman's home. Barbara will be up north, helping to celebrate Estelle Warner's 95th birthday. December 18 will be the Fidelity session with Jeff Crowley, for both emeriti and retirees; the focus will be on how to use on-line. -- January 23 will be the Chancellor's Reception. We have a bigger space than last year, Pacific Ballroom A+B+C in the Student Center, in conjunction with the Retirees' Art Exhibit. I will try to get free parking in the nearby parking structure for

you. -- April 14 Dean Chemerinsky will speak.

VII. Awards - Barbara reported that Sam, Pamela, and Lyman have agreed to serve. Ron Wilson will be asked. Aim is to have a meeting soon to discuss criteria. Co-Chairs are Pam and Lyman.

VIII. Ethics Proposal - Barbara: A committee of Committee on Faculty Welfare met to consider our proposal, but could not agree on a report. Isaac Scherson, Chair of the CFW Committee on Academic Freedom, supported the no-report decision. Ron Miller has asked that he be replaced as our representative on CFW. -- So yet again our proposal is in limbo. The seventh version by Jerry Tobis was presented, but not endorsed. -- Stephens: The idea is a non-starter. There is a procedure in place, but it doesn't work. "Investigating" is associated with McCarthyism. -- Pam: It's the culture that needs to be changed.

IX. Ethics Committee - Pam: We discussed what the role of an Emeriti Ethics Committee should be, and concluded that it should take an educational role. There are already various avenues of regulation; our job should be to point our various possibilities. -- In the past Chancellor Drake has expressed interest in setting up a task force to examine programmatic and faculty needs, but the responsibility has been referred successively to three executives, the last being Vice Provost Michael Clark. But Clark thinks [the projected] Organized Research Unit suffices. -- The committee adjourned with a plan to prepare a defined agenda and then seek a meeting with Chancellor Drake.-- Barbara: One concern is that there are already too many organizations involved in this, and they don't coordinate. The ORU referred to by Michael Clark is projected by Kirsten Monroe, Director of the Center for Scientific Study of Ethics and Morality, to devise procedures for regulation.

X. History/Archives - Ken reported that it is difficult to use the+ computer in the Emeriti Office. The old one broke down, and the new one is not yet hooked up with the internet. -- Jeri: The Emeriti Office will be moved December 4 to 111 Academy, away from Human Resources.

XI. Retirees - Marianne: Our exhibition will be opened in conjunction with the Chancellor's Reception, probably in a separate room. Participation is open to all people, all crafts, but only one display per person. Announcements will be sent out via e-mail to all retirees and friends. Last year's exhibition was in the University Club and there was no room and no security for displays of jewelry and books. This year there will be, but the exhibition will be hung for one day only. -- Barbara: One day is too short. Any alternative? -- Jeri: I've asked whether space is available in the Student Center. No answer so far. -- Marianne: we are looking for ways to keep the exhibition up longer. Space in University Club depends on the decision of Dave Tomcheck. But there is a

precedent: Dave has given space to the photos of Ron Wilson. -- Barbara: Let's make Ron our agent in negotiating with Tomcheck.

XII. Center - Jeri: The aim is to set up a Center that functions if/when I am not here. At present we have a dedicated space. We have gone a long way in three years. The next step is to get permanent staff. -- Emeriti have been assigned an office in 111 Academy, the Center Office remains in 111 Theory, and our Executive Committee meetings will continue to be held in 111 Theory.

XIII. New Business - Peggy reminded us of Bill Zeller's talk regarding the new program for international students and new graduates, and the need for mentors. -- Barbara: Diversity students also need help at first.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Frank, Secretary

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009
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