

## UCI Faculty Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2015

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

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 Barbara Hamkalo, Dick Frank, Ron Miller, Ron Jevning, Marilyn Soley, Peggy Maradudin, Jen Yu, Susan Lessick, Judy Horn, Susan Pihl, John Daly, Jeri Frederick, and Keith Nelson.

Minutes: The minutes of the Executive Committee's meeting of December 11, 2014, were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Jeri Frederick reported on behalf of Stu Krassner that the Association remains "very solvent", with money from dues continuing to come in.

President's Notes: Bill Parker introduced John Daly, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, noting that Susan Pihl's office (Benefits, Worker's Compensation, and Disability Management) reports to him and that our Association interacts with Daly's offices "a lot". Daly in turn emphasized that Human Resources is increasingly dedicated to "engagement" with faculty, staff, and emeriti. Moreover, he expects to be doing more with the Medical Center in the future.

Bill Parker announced that Spencer Olin has agreed to be the principal speaker at our awards ceremony in June.

Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare: Bill reported that this committee is currently focusing its attention on (1) ensuring department chairs receive the training necessary to identify campus resources that can respond to mental health issues among their faculty, and (2) achieving adequate and affordable child-care for faculty and staff families. John Daly noted that the "paradigm is shifting" and that his office is now seeing more faculty regarding mental health issues.

UC Systemwide -- According to Bill Parker, the paramount issue remains the struggle between President Napolitano and Governor Brown over the budget of the University. The governor is committed to offering a 4% increase in the state's contribution to the university's operating budget, but since the state provides only 1/2 of the operating budget, this amounts to only 2% of the necessary increase in the total budget. This is why Napolitano wants either more from the state or an increase in the university's tuition. The Governor, as a condition of a 4% increase, insists the University not raise tuition.

In response to a question about the financial return to UC Irvine from leases in the inclusion area, Bill Parker explained that these fees generate only about \$4-\$6 million of the \$500 million campus budget. Private giving generates an additional \$5 to \$10 million of completely discretionary funding. The remainder of private giving is restricted to a particular use. Chancellor Gillman very much wants to diversify the campus' revenue stream and for this reason is aggressively promoting self-supporting academic programs, holding up private institutions as models. The university remains effectively tuition-free only for those students whose families earn less than \$80,000 a year, and even this is misleading, since our financial assistance often provides no money for room and board.

Panunzio Award -- Bill disclosed that no nominations have been received. He intends to contact the Deans of Humanities, Social Science, and Social Ecology later today to urge them to make nominations.

Communications Committee: Keith Nelson noted that the Autumn Emeriti Newsletter will be published this month. He urged members of the board to send him ideas regarding possible content in future editions. Ron Miller suggested that "how UCI's medical school came into being" would make an interesting topic for an article.

Programs Committee: Barbara Hamkalo reported that the committee has contacted several potential speakers for its new quarterly lecture series and is waiting for their responses before it meets.

In the meantime it will be concentrating its attention on the annual post-holiday emeriti get-together, scheduled this year for January 29 (from 2:30 to 5 pm) and billed as "Welcome to 2015". This will be held at the University Club.

The annual reception for the Chancellor will be held on May 5 in one of the ballrooms at the Student Center.

Bill Parker pointed out that Chancellor Gillman's Investiture is scheduled for March 31 at the Bren Center.

Academic Senate: Parker disclosed that the administration is developing a new Five Year Plan for the campus, a plan which assumes that tuition will go up and that UCI will undergo a 10% increase in student enrollment, perhaps to roughly 33,000. He noted the ironic fact that every time tuition goes up, student applications go up. This has been true over 40 years. Even if it costs more, the public sees the university as a good value.

UCI Retirees Association: No report.

Center for Emeriti and Retirees (CER): Jeri Frederick announced that the lecture series "Healthy to 100 and Beyond" will be starting up again in late January and that the Center will also be offering it at the Medical Center with the help of Wellness Coordinator. Ron Miller opined that offering such courses in two different places is a waste of money. They ought to be recorded and made available electronically.

Jeri reminded us that the Center expects to move at the end of January to an office on the fifth floor of the tower in the shopping center across from the campus on Campus Drive. Parking arrangements, and especially handicapped parking arrangements, are being re-evaluated, since the area is especially busy at certain times of day.

OLLI: Peggy Maradudin announced that while many of OLLI's spring courses are now officially closed, some remain open, and there are special provisions for new members. She has copies of the spring catalogue.

OLLI will be in its new center near the Irvine Transportation Center by the fall.

Old Business: Jeri reiterated that the Emeriti website, which is now hosted on a server at <http://sites.uci.edu/emeriti>, still needs some updating.

New Business: None.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Nelson, Executive Committee Secretary