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

Minutes: The minutes of the Executive Committee's meeting of March 12, 2015, were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Stuart Krassner was not present, but it was noted that the recent Wasserstrom Lecture cost the Association approximately $700, which Bill Parker described as "money well spent". At the present time we have about $11,000 in our savings and checking accounts but we will have travel costs to attend system-wide meetings.

President's Notes: Fiftieth Anniversary Planning: Bill and other members of the board participated in a focus group organized by Student Affairs that met on March 19 to discuss what events would be "appropriate". According to Parker the meeting was "generally disappointing", since "acknowledging the contributions of founding faculty was simply not on the administration’s agenda". Its focus was on planning celebratory all-day activities in the fall, with vague reference to a "founders event" to occur on September 28-29, when the academic Schools will offer their own programs, and a "major campus party" on Saturday, October 3. In light of the recent success of the School of Social Science in honoring its founding Dean, Jim March -- an event described by Marianne Schnaubelt -- it was suggested that it might be wise for us to work through the Schools in attempting to achieve appropriate emphasis on past achievement (including recognition of five Nobel Prize winners). Bill Parker agreed and said that he would write letters to the Deans to convey our wishes.

Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare. Bill reported that "rumors abound" on several UC campuses that there will be major changes in
health care, but that "there will be none".  He also noted that UCI's chancellor is in the process of offering an appointment to the position of Executive Vice Chancellor/Provost.

**Academic Senate.** Bill announced that he has been elected as Vice Chair of next year's academic senate (and will become Chair the following year).

**Mentoring Awards.** April 10 was the deadline for nominating individuals to be Emeritus/a of the Year or to receive mentoring awards. Bill is planning to send a letter to the Deans to remind them of this.

**Communications Committee:** No report.

**Programs Committee:** Barbara Hamkalo reported that her committee is hoping to arrange a lecture on Thursday, May 28, by Professor Hassin of the Law School, who speaks entertainingly about "Sarcasm on the Supreme Court". The committee is also at work on lecture plans for the fall quarter. Bill urged it to take advantage of "targets of opportunity".

**Center for Emeriti and Retirees (CER):** Jeri Frederick distributed a new "Connections" Newsletter and noted that the recent lecture by Dr. Aimee Pierce on Alzheimer's disease was very successful. It was the last of the 2015 "Healthy to 100 and Beyond" lecture series.

Jeri called our attention to "Celebrate UCI" on April 18, which among other things, features a panel presentation by founding, students, staff, administrators, and faculty coordinated through the UCI Retirees Association.

She also reminded us that the 10th Annual Chancellor's Reception Honoring All Emeriti and Retirees and the 9th Annual Art Show will take place in the Student Center Ballroom at 3:30 on Tuesday, May 5th, with nearly 300 expected. The event, coordinated by Jeri assisted by an all-volunteer force, will feature a group Founders photo at the culmination of the Chancellor’s keynote address.

**Human Resources (HR):** Susan Pihl had a number of announcements:

--- retirees will receive modest COLA increases this coming July, the rate varying from 1.3 to 2%, depending on the date of retirement.

--- there will be a Retirement Planning Conference at Hotel Irvine
this coming Wednesday, April 29 from 6 to 8 pm. This is designed to assist staff 50 years of age and older in deciding when to retire and how to meet challenges associated with retiring and to meet expert advisers.

--- Human Resources has been cleared to hire a new retirement counselor. The health care facilitator will continue to be employed.

--- The Employee Assistance Program, heretofore administered by Cascade, is being put out to bid for a new five-year contract. Designed to help faculty and staff in a variety of ways, from providing general financial assistance to providing referrals for baby-sitters and adult day-care. The Program has provided assistance to 19% of emeriti over the last seven years. Bill Parker wondered if the service could be made formally available to emeriti.

**UCI Retirees Association:** Marianne Schnaubelt had a number of announcements:

--- the Joint (Multi-Campus) Benefits Committee, which convenes every six months at alternating campuses, will be meeting via a conference call this week. Marianne expects it (1) to ask President Napolitano to write a letter to faculty and staff regarding the problems deriving from the recent Anthem data breach, and (2) to request that the beneficiaries web-site for the university's personal savings accounts be enlarged to include reference to tertiary beneficiaries.

--- The annual UCIRA Anne Paden Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club on Tuesday, June 2.

**OLLI:** Peggy Maradudin reported that OLLI has still not heard from the Irvine Company about the possibility that it will have to leave its Woodbridge Center. She also expressed her concern that UCI faculty involvement in the OLLI Board is declining to the point that it may be necessary to form a new academic liaison committee. She would love to have Jeri Frederick participate in this and any other faculty, especially emeriti faculty, who are interested.

**Old and New Business:** None.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Nelson
Executive Committee
Secretary