Minutes

Present: Cal McLaughlin, Ken Dumars, Jeri Frederick, Pamela Lawrence, Kivie Moldave, Bill Parker, Peter Kluger and wife, James McGaugh, Ken Dumars, Gail Hart, Mark Petracca, Kimball Romney, Lyman Porter, Meredith Porter, Norman Rostoker and daughter, Toshiki Tajima, Ken Janda, Audrey Kelaher, Tatian Arizaga, Peter Taborek, Bill Heidbrink, Greg Benford, Alison Lara, Frank Wessel, Houshang Tahasir, Alan van Drie, Yuanxu Song, Vitaly Bistritskii, Rich Harrell, Garland Parten, Marilyn Soley

Outgoing President Cal McLaughlin introduced Jeri Frederick, Director of the Center of Emeriti and Retirees who updated the Center information. There are presently 4532 retired faculty and staff. Although we are a younger Center than most we had 30 programs and events this year. Cal stated that many of our emeriti and retirees contribute to UCI as a favorite charity, donating more this year to UCI than was received from Proposition 30. The emeriti participated on all the Academic Senate committees with representatives on the Boards which successfully advocated to keep a Health Care Facilitator on campus.

1. Cal McLaughlin introduced Professor James McGaugh, a 1964 UCI hire. Jim has 500 papers, several completed while cooperating with Grover Stephens and Jack Holland before he arrived. Coming as a 32 year old with the responsibility of building a department, he found a very cooperative atmosphere at UCI. He spoke about research investigating the brain processes underlying the effects of drugs and stress hormones on memory storage. He began studies of neurochemical influences on memory storage as a graduate student. In early research on rats it was found that stimulant drugs enhanced memory when they were administered immediately after training. These findings suggested that the drugs acted to stimulate memory consolidation. Subsequent findings indicate that activation of endogenous hormone systems plays an important role in modulating the storage of recently acquired information.

Dr. McGaugh’s research on the effects of drugs on memory seem to indicate that that drugs can make changes in memory but do not enhance it. Memory is assisted by the making of an impression on the subject – e.g., inspiring fear, wonder, shame, joy. For instance, Larry Cahill did a study showing dunking one’s hand in an ice bucket or seeing an exciting film can result in better retention.

2. Awards Announcements - Bill Parker

Constantine Panunzio Award – Rein Taagepera, Political Science, was UCI’s 2014 nominee for this systemwide award given annually to a faculty member in Social Science or Humanities with a record of continuing outstanding research in retirement and he was one of two UC faculty to receive the honor. UCI is tied at 20% with UCLA for having the highest number of faculty receiving this award. Professor Taagepera introduced modern political sciences to his homeland where he has written the constitution, ran for President, and continues to be active.

2014 Outstanding Emerita/us Awardees

Professor Ruth Kluger, European Language & Studies
Professor Kluger’s son, Peter Kluger, accepted the award for his mother who is speaking (and accepting other awards) in Europe this summer. Surviving the holocaust, Ruth came out of a concentration camp at age 14. She received many awards as a writer and concerned critic while enduring UC politics as a woman. After receiving a Ph.D from UCI Berkeley, she came to UCI in late 1970’s. In 1980 she accepted Princeton’s call, but as a result of issues regarding equal pay for women at Princeton, Ruth returned to UCI.

Professor Norman Rostoker, Physics and Astronomy

Though Professor Rostoker retired two decades ago, he has developed the Tri Alpha Engineering Company with a staff of more than 100 scientists and engineers whose research has the promise of providing controlled fusion.

Outstanding Mentor Awardee

Since the Academic Senate does not have a mentoring award, the Emeriti consider both active and retired faculty. From an extremely impressive group of candidates, Professor Kristin Monroe, Political Science and Director, Center for the Scientific Study of Ethics & Morality was chosen for the 2014 Outstanding Mentor Award.

IV. Bylaws Vote – The modification of the UCIEA Bylaws, which the Executive Committee had approved at their May meeting, with notation of one verbiage change was unanimously approved. The Bylaws verbiage change is in Article VII – Executive Committee

Change the last sentence from "...(or his designate)..." to read “(or his/her designate)”…

V. Slate of 2014-15 Officers was unanimously approved with an invitation for nominees to come forward for the office of Vice President. [George Miller, Chemistry, Emeritus Sr. Lecturer, has subsequently agreed to become Vice President]

Slate: President – Bill Parker, Secretary – Keith Nelson, Treasurer – Stuart Krassner

VI. Minutes from June 2013 Annual Meeting – Unanimously approved.

VII. Old/New Business/As Offered

Motion to close at 11:28; meeting closed at 11:30.