

**UCI Faculty Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting Minutes -- DRAFT  
December 3, 2015**

Call to Order:

The meeting of the executive committee was called to order by President George Miller at 10 AM in the second floor conference room of the Newkirk Alumni Center. Those present included Jim Danziger, Ron Miller, Susan Lessick, Pamela Lawrence, Cal McLaughlin, Bill Parker, Jen Yu, Ron Jevning, Peggy Maradudin, Jeri Frederick, and Keith Nelson.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Board's meeting of November 5, 2015 were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

In Stuart Krassner absence, Jeri Frederik reported that because of the savings being derived from moving our meetings to the Newkirk Center (which charges us \$130 per meeting, roughly half of what we paid the University Club), it should not be necessary to raise emeriti dues this year.

President's Notes:

(1) Systemwide Update. Miller noted that Bill Parker has become the treasurer of the system-wide emeriti association, and Parker in turn reported

-- first, that President Napolitano and the Regents intend to increase the number of in-state undergraduate UC admissions next year, and

-- second, that in January Napolitano will circulate a proposed retirement plan with two options for future emeriti:

(a) a defined benefit plan plus a supplemental defined contribution plan. The University would accept the investment risk of the defined benefit plan, but there would be a cap of \$117,000 annually on the compensation upon which the retirement benefit is calculated plus a supplemental defined contribution plan for compensation above \$117,000

(b) a defined contribution plan based on total compensation. The advantage here is that the arrangement would be portable, making it easier for employees to leave the system.

(2) Emeriti Survey Update. Jeri reported that Irvine emeriti have been completing and returning the questionnaire to a much greater extent than in earlier years. However, she noted that Humanities is lagging and urged an effort to energize the emeriti of that school.

(3) University Hills Policy Relating to Emeriti. George Miller reported on a recent conversation with Nahid Gregor, the sales marketing director of University Hills, in which she asserted that there is no reason why a property exchange (with compensation to equalize value) cannot occur between home owners in University Hills. However, every exchange does have to be examined and approved by the UC Irvine Provost's office. Bill Parker suggested that the Board ask the Provost to establish a general policy for this process to simplify it and reduce the element of disincentive, and the Board endorsed his proposal. Jim Danziger, who has served on the University Hills board of directors, noted that there are a number of disincentives, personal and otherwise, to such exchanges of property.

#### Council on Faculty Welfare/ Academic Senate

Bill Parker disclosed that the relations of University Hills residents with the UCI police department is on the agenda for discussion. There will also be Council discussions of the university's new retirement plans. He noted that, because of the relatively few changes in medical insurance this year, the period of "open enrollment" was "less traumatic" than usual. However, we can anticipate the possibility of "big changes" next year because the University may substitute another administrator in place of Blue Shield for UC Care. Health benefit costs for retirees will continue to increase as the Regents reduce their financial contribution to our coverage from approximately 74% to 70% of costs.

#### Newsletter

As editor of the Emeriti Newsletter this year, Jim Danziger initiated an extended discussion regarding what kind of material our members would actually read and find interesting. Among the suggestions offered: summaries of lectures given at our annual meeting or the distinguished lectures sponsored by our Program Committee, incidents from the history of the campus, personal recollections of fellow emeriti, information about the medical center.

Programs Committee:

Jeri called our attention to a lecture that the emeriti association is sponsoring on December 8th, 3:30 to 5 pm at the University Club:

"Plutocrats United: Campaign Money, the Supreme Court, and the Decline of American Democracy", by Richard Hasen, Chancellor's Professor of Law and Political Science at UCI.

She also noted a "Healthy to 100 and Beyond Lecture" at noon on December 15 at the Newkirk Center entitled "Cutting through the Clutter".

Center for Emeriti and Retirees (CER):

Jeri reported that she is working on a new business plan for the Center with Barney Ellis-Perry, the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations.

She also announced that there will be an open house at the Newkirk Center at 12:30 on February 9 to officially welcome our office to the building.

UCI Retirees Association:

Note that the Association is sponsoring a walking tour of the holiday lights of Balboa Island at 6:45 pm on Saturday, December 12.

OLLI Update:

Peggy Maradudin reported that OLLI will be moving to the Orange County Transportation Center (near the Spectrum), where a building is now being remodeled for it. At the moment OLLI is concentrating its attention on planning courses for next autumn.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Nelson