UCI Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2015

Call to Order/Attendees: Present: George Miller, Jim Danziger, Dick Frank, Jeri Frederick, Barbara Hamkalo, Judy Horne, Ron Jevning, Pam Lawrence, Susan Lessick, Peggy Maradudin, Bill Parker, Jen Yu

President George Miller, presiding, introduced Jim Danziger as the new Vice-President of the Association.

In the absence of Secretary Keith Nelson, Jim Danziger agreed to take minutes.

Minutes: Minutes from the October 1, 2015 meeting were approved without revision.

Treasurer’s Report: Stu Krassner was unable to attend but no expenditures are reported since the last meeting.

President’s Notes:

1. A meeting between representatives of the UCIEA (George Miller, Jim Danziger, Bill Parker and Jeri Frederick) was held with Mike Arias and Jeff Lefkoff, the new Assistant Executive Vice Chancellor, who will be the liaison in the Administration to UCIEA. There was a full briefing of the characteristics and activities of the Center (CER), UCIEA, trends, and the need for additional staffing (specifically, one part-time paid staffer to assist Jeri Frederick). The discussion today also considered the 2.43 FTE in UCI HR (Retiree Counselors) and actions by OP to implement a systemwide Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC) in Oakland and a transactions center at UCR. RASC is operational, but the transaction center is behind schedule.

2. The Committee was asked to encourage colleagues to complete the UC Emeriti Survey. The survey is important in providing data on the continuing value of emeriti to the university. Jeri will send contact information to Committee members to encourage them to make a personal effort to get responses. UCI has a very low response rate at this time.
3. The draft of the Joint Benefits Committee Report was provided and discussed. Topics included difficulty if there is a Tertiary Beneficiary, the Anthem data breach, and advocacy for “poor retirees” with very low benefits levels.

4. Retiree Medical Costs for 2015-16 information was distributed.

5. Agenda for year of UCI Senate Council on Faculty Welfare was considered. Key topics for emeriti include Retirement Counseling and Treatment of Recall Faculty. George Miller (ex officio on the CFW) raised the issue of “downsizing” in University Hills desired by some emeriti that he was making contact on. Jim Danziger is on the Council and the Subcommittee on Emeriti Affairs.

Newsletter Call for Submissions: Committee was encouraged to provide or solicit content for the next newsletter and send to Dick Frank. Jim Danziger will work with Dick on the next newsletter.

Programs Committee: Next lecture: Rick Hasen on “Sarcasm in the Supreme Court” in U Club Library at 3:30 pm on December 8. Discussion of low attendance at previous lecture and possible survey to find topics of interest, since the campus now has a substantial number of general and special interest lectures.

Center for Emeriti & Retirees/HR/HCF Update: Center now located in Newkirk Alumni Center. Zotline has been highlighting what emeriti and retirees are doing. Emeriti are encouraged to submit “good stories”.

UCI Retirees Association Update: Marianne Schnaubelt unable to attend and update. It has been agreed that UCIEA would co-sponsor with UCIRA (with a donation) a “50th anniversary bench” for Aldrich Park. The treasurer has provided the funds to UCIRA.

OLLI Update: Peggy Maradudin reported that there is an increase in UCI (and other) faculty offering courses. The OLLI programs are moving to the Irvine Transportation Center where there is more parking (but some distance from UCI).

Old Business: None
New Business:

1. The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) in May Symposium would like more Emeriti to serve as judges.
2. UCLA has appointed a Faculty Liaison to work with Emeriti. Should UCI have a similar position?

Next Meeting: December 3, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.