UCI Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2016

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 Stuart Krassner, Richard Frank, Jim Danziger, Ron Jevning, Bill Parker, Marianne Schnaubelt, Barbara Hamkalo, Jen Yu, Cal McLaughlin, Judy Horn, Pamela Lawrence, Jeri Frederick, and Keith Nelson.

Minutes:
The minutes of the Board's meeting of December 3, 2015 were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:
Stuart Krassner reported that the finances of the Association are in "pretty good shape", our bank balance at the moment being $9998. The growth of the Association is bringing in more money in dues. Jeri Frederick noted that our only pending expenses include ca $250 for mailings to emeriti and $1000 for a 50th anniversary memorial bench to be placed near the center of Aldrich Park (total $2K expense for this but we are splitting with the UCI Retirees Association).

President's Notes:
George Miller acknowledged, with deep regret, the passing of Professors Judd Hubert, Carol Whalen, and Harut Barsamian.

Move-Down Policy: Miller noted that the Provost's office issued a new "move down" policy regarding residence exchange for University Hills Residents on January 20. This may have been in partial response to questions raised earlier by Miller, and is ostensibly intended to allow current owners whose needs have changed to voluntarily re-locate from a larger to a smaller house, or vice versa. However, such "trades" are only to be allowed when neither house is wanted by a new faculty member or a renting academic senate member on the wait-list to buy a home, a stipulation that the president of the HRB himself considers a major hindrance to exchange. Bill Parker suggested that the situation may be less "stifling" that it might appear, but since it is not clear even how long the wait-lists are, Keith Nelson requested that Miller attempt to find out and, if possible, have the rules altered to render exchanges in University Hills easier. Miller will attempt to do this.

Strategic Plan Input: Miller pointed out that UCI's strategic plan is being revised and that the authors of the current draft would like to specify significant roles for emeriti in the main campus programs. (He noted that he has written about this in the President's Letter in the latest Emeriti Newsletter.) So the question is -- how can we increase ("incentivize") emeriti involvement in research, teaching, mentoring, lecturing, and community activity? Would it make sense to copy the arrangements of other campuses, to appoint a faculty person to develop programs, to organize case studies of specific emeriti? George wants to discuss such questions extensively at our next board meeting.
Panunzio Award: Miller disclosed that our nomination is due at UCLA by February 29 and that there are currently three UCI candidates, including one from last year. The nominating committee will meet to discuss this after today's board meeting.

Dickson Award: A call for nominations will go out to UCI faculty this month.

UCI Council on Faculty Welfare: According to Miller, the Council is currently discussing nothing that immediately affects emeriti. However, the Council has reviewed a report received from the Systemwide Task Force charged with developing new retirement benefits for FUTURE UC employees and it has offered comments on that report which we have been asked to examine. Jim Danziger noted that the Council was concerned about the Task Force’s lack of consultation with faculty in preparing the report. He also questioned the clarity and wisdom of Comment #2 (recommending that the UC president pursue a statement of intent from the Governor about funding) and Comment #7 (recommending that savings generated by changes in benefits be used to increase faculty salaries). Bill Parker warned that, since UC retirees have health benefits which are far better than those of most universities, we will probably see health benefits in particular under onslaught in the future. Comment #5 discloses that "the effects on the healthcare benefits of retirees have not been fully resolved [in the Task Force report]".

Members of the UCI community, with the assistance of Human Resources, may send comments on the Task Force recommendations to the President's office until Tuesday, February 16.

Newsletter: The Winter issue of the Emeriti Association Newsletter, edited by Jim Danziger, was published today.

Programs Committee: Barbara Hamkalo reported that the committee will be meeting in the next few days and that it hopes to organize and sponsor a spring quarter Emeriti Association lecture featuring a distinguished faculty person.

Center for Emeriti and Retirees: Jeri Frederick informed us that the Center is preparing its own strategic plan and budget proposal for inclusion in the plan for the campus. Despite her "amazing volunteer group", the rapidly increasing numbers of emeriti and retirees and the number of projects and services are prompting her to request two full-time assistants.

UCI Retirees Association Update: Marianne Schnaubelt called our particular attention to two upcoming events -- the John Wayne Airport tour on Saturday, February 27, and the tour to the California Science Center and Griffith Observatory on Tuesday, April 5. The UCI RA (through the Center) will be sending out dues renewal notices shortly and remarked on the fact that emeriti can join the Retirees Association as well as the Emeriti Association.

OLLI Update: Peggy Maradudin was not present, but her article in the Emeriti Newsletter discloses that OLLI's Spring 2016 catalog has been published and lists 44 courses in a variety of fields. There are also 14 special events, including trips, scheduled. OLLI hopes to re-locate to its new facility at the Irvine Transportation Center by Fall 2016.
Old Business:  None reported.

New Business:  Jeri Frederick noted that there will be a luncheon on Tuesday, February 9, celebrating all the Volunteers who have assisted her over these last 10 years, the tenth anniversary of the Center and honoring our long-time working (and reporting) relationship with the Provost’s Office and the ongoing assistance of this office (formerly with Mike Arias as the Center contact and now with Jeff Lefkoff as Mike is now with the Chancellor’s office) which has been the major support behind the Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Nelson