Call to Order:

The meeting of the executive committee was called to order by Vice President Jim Danziger at 10 AM in the first floor "den" of the Newkirk Alumni Center. Those present included Cal McLaughlin, Richard Frank, Ron Jevning, Jen Yu, Judy Horn, Pamela Lawrence, Peggy Maradudin, Jeri Frederick, and Keith Nelson.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Board's meeting of March 3, 2016 were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeri Frederick reported for Stuart Krassner that our organization's current bank balance is $9323. She also disclosed that we are experimenting with a new system of dues reminders.

The Vice President's Notes:

The President (George Miller) being absent, Vice President Jim Danziger conducted the meeting. He began by expressing on behalf of the Board its deep sorrow at the recent death of Dr. Ron Miller, an earlier president of the Board.

Outstanding Emeritus Award: Jim noted that there has been one nomination and that we are expecting a second before April 15.

Dickson Award: To do a better job in publicizing this award, Jim is asking past recipients (among them, Spence Olin, Barbara Hamkalo, Robert Folkenflik, and Keith Nelson) to help him "beef up" the call, explaining in particular how the three stages of the award are implemented and how they have expended the award money. Jim has extended the deadline for nominations past May 2.

Move-Down Policy: Keith Nelson reported that Bill Schmitendorf, one of those emeriti who has been most concerned about clarifying the right of University Hills homeowners to exchange houses, is pleased with the progress made in establishing ICHA's responsibility to assist such residents.
UCI Council on Faculty Welfare:
Jim reported that the most recent meeting of the Council was devoted primarily to matters of health insurance. Most of the issues raised had little to do with emeriti.
There was also some discussion of the new university policies regarding sexual assault. Jim remarked that, as an active instructor, he had attended a recent university training session on how to deal with sexual harassment. He noted that under the new guidelines a comment by anyone about possible harassment should be reported to the OED (The Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity).

Newsletter:
Jim informed us that he is currently waiting for responses from individuals he has asked to write articles for the spring issue.

Programs Committee:
Jeri Frederick called our particular attention to the next Emeriti Association Distinguished Lecture, which is scheduled for Monday, May 9, and features Chancellor's Professor Emerita Margot Norris, who will speak on "James Joyce and the film of Ulysses". Jeri emphasized that the lecture will be in the Newkirk Alumni Center and at 3:30 pm. There will be a wine and cheese reception. Parking in Lot 14 is complimentary with an RSVP to emeriti@uci.edu
The Annual Meeting and Awards Program of the Emeriti Association is scheduled for Friday, June 3, at 10 am at the University Club.

Center for Emeriti and Retirees:
Jeri noted a new arrangement which allows all university employees to verify their current annual income (which they may need to know in order to obtain a loan, buy a car, etc) by calling a third-party provider obtained by UCOP, "The Work Number" --- 1 (800) 367-5690. She noted that all UC Retirees were switched over to using this vendor first (perhaps for the past two years).
She has heard of no changes being planned in the existing medical enrollment process. She has, however, learned recently that all university retirees will be receiving a COLA this year.
She cautioned emeriti who are interested in participating in the "Gazing at the Galaxy Tour" on Tuesday, April 26, to register early for bus seating. On the April 5 tour the bus was full to overflowing.
OLLI: Peggy Maradudin reminded us that OLLI is co-sponsor of the University Club forum which meets every Wednesday. The forum has some good speakers coming up.

New Business:
Jim asked the members of the board to read and study the existing "Invitation to Join" the Emeriti Association, which was published in 2009 and seems to be in need of updating, rewriting, and even beautifying. He would like us to talk about this at our next meeting.

Brainstorming with Regard to the UCI Strategic Plan:
At Jim's request the group explored at some length how to increase emeriti involvement in university research, teaching, mentoring, lecturing, and community activity. A number of ideas were advanced including (1) suggesting to departments that they encourage faculty to invite emeriti to address classes and mentor students, (2) suggesting that they invite emeriti to join existing research teams, (3) suggesting that they continue to provide them offices and staff support, (4) maintaining a public list of emeriti who are willing to lecture on various subjects, and (5) acknowledging more often and explicitly what contributions emeriti have made and are making.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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