

## UCI Faculty Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting Minutes -- May 5, 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 Jim Danziger, Bill Parker, Marianne Schnaubelt, Judy Horn, Susan Lessick, Peggy Maradudin, Jeri Frederick, and Keith Nelson.

### Minutes:

It was agreed that George Miller and Jim Danziger would submit an addition, if necessary, to the last paragraph of the April 7th minutes, the one in which our discussion of how to increase emeriti involvement in university activities has been summarized. Otherwise, the minutes of the Board's meeting of April 7th were accepted as submitted.

### Treasurer's Report:

Jeri Frederick reported for Stuart Krassner that our organization's bank balance has not changed over the last month and remains at \$9323. Bill Parker, who is treasurer of the CUCEA, noted that we are the last of the UC emeriti associations to pay our system dues. (We pay at the rate of \$2 per active member, with current membership numbering 160.) Jeri announced that this would be accomplished within a few days.

### The President's Notes:

President George Miller disclosed that UCI's nominee has not been selected for the Panunzio Award. Bill Parker suggested that we should seek guidance from the UC Panunzio Committee as to what the committee looks for in its choice of award winners.

The Outstanding Emeritus Award and the Dickson Award: There have now been nominations for each of these prizes. The awards committee (made up of past emeriti presidents) will meet to select the recipients during the week prior to June 3.

CUCRA/CUCEA meeting at UCLA in April with President Napolitano:

Miller and Vice President Jim Danziger noted that there have been no major changes in what is being proposed regarding health and pension plans. Blue Cross will replace Blue Shield as our primary insurance provider. Changes offered in the pension system relate entirely to those individuals yet to be hired. Current retirees will receive COLA adjustments in July of 2% or more, depending on the date of their retirement.

Danziger reported on an extensive survey of emeriti activity carried out by John Vohs (UC Davis). His report was distributed to Board members and is entitled – “Virtual Eleventh Campus”. Danziger had written an article regarding this report in the Spring Newsletter. He noted that President Napolitano said she considers such activity to be an important matter.

According to Danziger, Napolitano's report to the meeting was focused primarily on the university's relationship with the governor, which she called "the most difficult in several decades". She also noted that many members of the state legislature no longer share our

"systemic perspective". She suggested that some do not really understand the California "master plan" for higher education.

Marianne Schnaubelt disclosed that the retirees association is also doing a comprehensive survey of its members' activities, a survey scheduled for the fall and going back to the date that members actually retired. She noted that her organization is also late in submitting its dues to the larger system and is currently debating whether it ought to assess dues on the basis of all UCI retirees or only the active ones.

In response to a question about the costs involved in hosting the quarterly meeting of CUCRA/CUCEA, George Miller reminded us that the two organizations are willing to provide at least \$1500 to any campus that needs help in hosting the assemblage.

UCI Council on Faculty Welfare:

Jim Danziger had nothing to report, since no health or welfare issues relating to emeriti have been discussed.

Academic Senate: Bill Parker had nothing to report.

Emeriti Newsletter: The next issue will be published in the Fall.

Programs Committee: Jeri Frederick reported on behalf of Barbara Hamkalo that:

Our upcoming events include --

(1) the Spring Emeriti Distinguished Lecture at the Newkirk Center at 3:30 pm on Monday May 9, with Professor Emerita of English Margo Norris speaking on "James Joyce and the Filming of Ulysses", and

(2) our annual meeting and awards program at the University Club at 10 am on Friday, June 3, with Professor Nick Alexopolous speaking on "Nature's Signature: The Spiraling Shape".

Center for Emeriti and Retirees:

Jeri noted that what she can get done often depends on the number volunteers she has helping her. This week she was down to two. Her plan for staff expansion was in the hands of administration. A support letter would be written from the Board president.

Marianne Schnaubelt reported that the Retirees Association has scheduled a second Modjeska House tour because there was so much demand for the first.

OLLI: Peggy Maradudin announced that OLLI classes beginning in September will be held at the Irvine Transportation Center. She noted that the University Club will be closed in 2017 for an extended period for remodeling.

Old Business:

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding "strategic planning" and "strategic communication" at UCI and how these do and will affect emeriti. It was noted that the Chancellor is heavily invested in this and that a lot of changes are occurring. One surprising aspect of it is that the UCI Speakers Bureau is no longer functioning, and George Miller promised that he will look into this. Our own campus' "Strategic Plan" is central to expanding concerns and ambitions. We need to get our own report on emeriti activity incorporated in this by mid-June.

Related changes are occurring throughout the UC system. UC Riverside recently took out a full page ad in the New York Times. UCSD is advertising widely. Berkeley is undergoing a searching self-scrutiny. Jeri told us that she is prepared, as early as our next meeting, to report on what the different campuses are doing.

New Business:

The group debated whether or not it would be desirable to arrange for an Emeriti and Retirees table (ten seats at a cost of \$2500) at the Lauds and Laurels banquet in June. It was decided that this is a good year for us to become more engaged in this and similar campus activities and it was decided that UCIEA would contribute half of one table, with the Retirees purchasing the other seats.

Jim Danziger raised a question about how the membership of the emeriti board will be nominated and elected in June. George Miller plans to work on clarifying this. The by-laws were reviewed with regard to Board membership. Judy Horn commented, on behalf of the by-laws committee, that the evolution of the by-laws in past revisions had been to decrease the specificity regarding membership on the Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Nelson

Secretary to the Emeriti Board