UCI Emeriti Association Annual Business Meeting and Awards Presentation
June 9, 2015 Minutes

(pending final approval at next meeting which will be held September 10, 2015)

Present: Carol Bander, Diana Belluzzi, Jane Foley, Jeri Frederick, Debbie Glazer, Manuel Gomez, Judy Horn, Jean Keating, Stuart Krassner, Pam Lawrence, Randy Lewis, Margaret Lo Hsueh, Peggy Maradudin, Cal McLaughlin, George Miller, Ron Miller, Irene Morris-Miller, Kivie Moldave, Rose Modave, Keith Nelson, Spencer Olin, Bill Parker, Glenda Rynn, Nathan Rynn, Ronald Jevning, Bill Schmitendorf, Mary Schmitendorf, Janis Schnauer, Loran Shaw, Garland Parten, Bill Parten, Marilyn Soley, Jen Yu, Dan Stokols, Dennis Silverman, Ellen Greenburger, Michael Burton, Herb Killackey, Alan Gazzaniga, Brook Thomas.

Outgoing President Bill Parker thanked all attendees and Jeri Frederick, Director of the Center of Emeriti and Retirees. He updated emeriti participation on the Academic Senate committee.

1. Award Announcement: Bill Parker introduced Professor Juliet Flower MacCannell who is the 2015 Outstanding Emerita Award winner noting Professor MacCannell had produced as much in retirement as while serving during her career at UCI.

2. Keynote Address - Bill Parker introduced Professor Emeritus of History, Spencer Olin who discussed, “Democracy in Peril: Global and Local Perspectives”. Professor Olin’s fascinating talk discussed how the unique-to-UC system of Shared Governance had created a vital and productive academic institution capable of all the achievements that UCI has garnered in just 50 years. He noted that this system had taken a beating as of lately in the area of appointment of deans, where the document of basic principles for how the selection should be a shared process had not even been shared with the selection committee. He suggested that a drive for what is seen as increasing expediency has led to an omission of faculty involvement. This lack of inclusion appears to be resulting in newer faculty who have no idea that they do have a role in shared governance that benefits the entire community.

There was ample discussion among all attendees at the questioning time. It was discussed that with so many demands on faculty that their willingness to be included on committees and actions was increasingly hard to garner.

3. Slate of 2014-15 Officers was unanimously approved with an invitation for nominees to come forward for the office of Vice President.

   Slate: President – George E. Miller, Vice President – open, Secretary – Keith Nelson, Treasurer – Stuart Krassner


5. Old/New Business/As Offered

   Motion to close at 11:28; meeting closed at 11:30.