

Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2017
UCI Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting
10 a.m., Newkirk Alumni Center

I. Call to Order/Introductions (if needed)

J. Danziger, J. Horn, S. Lessick, J. Frederick, J. Yu, J. Halvaks, E. Stanbridge, G. Miller, R. Jevning, P. Lawrence, S. Krassner

II. Treasurer's Report

-Might need to eliminate lifetime membership (?)

-individual letter to lapsed membership, lifetime membership, and those who have never joined to solicit more dues.

-Treasurer notes that \$5,500 went out June 2017 for past year's expenses so the current balance is true and a little lower than usual.

There is a hope that the dues notices sent out with Newsletter will bring that balance up.

-Discussed having Univ. Advancement load UCI EA as an entity to which folks can give to make it easier for the board and others to give more than regular dues.

Jeri will follow up with Advancement.

III. Review of DRAFT October Meeting Minutes

IV. President's Notes – Danziger

-Reminder to move meeting date to Second Wednesday of every month starting 2018.

-Discussed a recent TIME article on Stress.

-More than 50% are stressed, 63% are stressed about the state of the USA.

-Money, work, healthcare are highest stress factors.

-More sleep, better diet, exercise, connect with other people.

-Faculty challenges of political sensitivity of students.

-Pol Sci instructor starts each class with meditation and mindfulness.

-George Miller featured in an article in the OC Register.

-Guinn & Miller were asked to test the bullet fragments from the JFK assassination.

-Conclusion: the bullet fragments that killed the president were all from the same bullet.

-Thank you G. Miller and R. Jevning for contributing articles to the UCIEA Newsletter.

-There was a similar discussion at APG about increasing number of PhD students.

-Jeri has requested the data of how many PhD students enter program vs how many graduate vs how many get jobs.

-Graduate Studies responds they will need time to pull data and asked for some clarifications.

-? possibility to present the provost?

-Ph.D.'s project still alive although wondering what the exact role of Emeriti might best be. Suggested there are other routes to obtain data but we will see if we hear back from

Grad Studies or if we can further assist them. Jim or Jeri to send more questions to Vice Provost Leslie?

- Stanbridge and Miller agree that the APG needs to make the number of PhD students are a concern if to remain a "top level research university".
- Chancellor Gillman often speaks about the undergraduate accolades.
- Stuart Krassner suggests that accreditation should have the data about graduate students.

CUCEA / CUCRA updates

- UCSF Chancellor spoke about the budget challenges that the UCSF faces and the change in medical science methods.
 - There is a new shift of focus on a data science in medical science.
- Gary Schlimgen (UCOP) spoke about the 70% floor of UCs contribution towards retiree health benefits.
 - A work group is being formed by January, report due by June.
 - 70% floor is off the table per B. Parker.
 - UC contribution will continue to be at a 4% budget cap no matter what.
 - To stay within these budget constraints, benefits will have to adjust (ie. Increase copay, charge for dental, etc.)
 - ?to be made up by different representatives of the stakeholders?
 - Workgroup will have constraints.
 - 30% contribution is a global number for the whole system.
- There is a debate across campuses for how UCIEA dues should be delineated.
- Another Emeriti cumulative activity survey will occur Nov 2, 2018.
 - John Vohs from CUCEA volunteering to assist again.
- UCOP Redwood Project:
 - includes survey data on how retirees use technology (surveyed recent retirees only) and came up with 85% use technology.
 - developing a system to replace RASC -> UCRAYS (UC Retirement At Your Service).
 - Jeri expresses concern that older retirees will be left out since they do not use technology as much.

- New Medicare card will be issued (11 digit number vs 10 digit number).
- OptumRX will no longer be the prescription provider, switching to Anthem Blue Cross.
 - Reminder: If you have a refill due, should fill prior to the change in January 2018.

Jim's update on Emeriti Engagement meetings since meeting with Lefkoff:

- Need to meet with Deans again, Emil to facilitate with Jim.

-Parking for emeriti and retirees:

- UCR - 1 month/year they do a survey of how many people are using.
- Will continue to research to present information on how to obtain better parking rates for emeriti and retirees.

-We must continue to put forward that those coming to campus are helping at the campuses, volunteering, and donating MILLIONS to UCI (Christian Werner being a recent example), etc.... FAR more of a value than a worry regarding the small dollars lost to parking revenue.

- Jeri obtaining data from parking on how many Retiree \$5 parking permits were sold last year to see usage.

- Although, she feels actual usage is not the issue because it is all contributing to good will, ambassadorship, and the good of the campus in general.

-Faculty Retirement Liaison (currently on 3 campuses) position at UCI (Provost has great interest in this position)

-Liaison in case of UCLA generates a Pathway to Retirement document which is a legal document signed by Provost, Dean, and emeritus/retiree.

-Medical campus faculty has additional issues.

-Faculty Liaison position at possible 3 or 4 campuses now and reporting structure is more through the academic side of the house.

-UCI reporting through Jeff Lefkoff. But needs to have a strong relationship to HR. You need a separate person to deal with Medical School faculty.

V. Academic Senate Update/System-wide Update (deferred for Parker)

VI. UCI RA Update -- Halvaks

-Attended CUCRA and noted similar information as was disseminated per CUCEA update from Jim.

-List of UCIRA events on website.

-Trying to schedule two faculty lectures for beginning of 2018.

-CER, UCIRA, UCIEA to meet with Brian Hervey in November.

VII. Center for Emeriti and Retirees Update -- Frederick

- The Open Enrollment Info Fair will be Nov. 9th at 9 a.m. in the Newkirk.

- OptumRX will be sending cancellation letters to Anthem Blue Cross members.

- HCF Office Hours at the Newkirk prior to OE Fair.

- Retiree rates of < 20 years of service are NOT published online so members must call RASC to get their exact premiums if have less than 20 years of service.

-January financial lecture series coming (to be on subjects not covered by Fidelity).

-There was a suggestion for the Annual Reception to possibly have Cohort tables (decades?) for reception?

Dues Update:

- x3 paid dues as of 11/2
- x35 to be mailed (no email)
- x258 dues need to be renewed/never paid (have by dept) have email
 - Previously distributed a list of never paid 4/17 by dept. that included ones that don't have email ~285 (included spouses)
- RESEND list to: Jim, Stuart, Ron, Eric, George

VIII. OLLI Update – Maradudin (not present)

IX. Old Business (none)

X. New Business or Other Input from Attendees?

-Gottschalk Medical Plaza is having issues with appointments

-Expansion of Gottschalk no longer being discussed. Rather the creation of a new facility near Gavin Herbert Eye Institute has been noted (?)

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 am