

**Draft Minutes – January 15, 2020**

UCI Emeriti Association Annual and Executive Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m., Newkirk Alumni Center

- I. Call to Order  
In attendance: G. Miller, B. Hamkalo, B. Parker, C. Behrens, R. Jevning, R. Frank, P. Lawrence, J. Danziger, E. Stanbridge, J. Yu, R. Robertson, M. Norris, S. Lessick, E. Nguyen, J. Halvaks, J. Frederick, J. Horn, S. Krassner.
- II. Treasurer’s Report: Stu Krassner  
A. 60 dues payments received. Some included donations. Approximate amount = \$1,500.
- III. Review and approval of November 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes.  
A. Minutes unanimously approved at 10:07am.
- IV. President’s Notes - G. Miller  
A. G. Miller now back as full-time monitor of the nuclear reactor.  
  
B. UCI has been transitioning to UC PATH and UC RAYS.  
  
C. Nomination process for Vice Chair/President; no nominating committee.  
  
D. Committee on Faculty Welfare has not yet met in 2020. Ken Chew is the current chair.
  1. Proposed revision to APM 120 to limit which titles have automatic emeritus status at retirement. Previously, Professors of Clinical X, Lecturers SOE and other members of the Academic Senate also transitioned automatically to emeritus status along with tenured general campus faculty. The revision would require Chancellor’s approval for all but Professors and Associate Professors.
  2. Concern expressed about treating a subgroup of valued appointees as second class.
  3. Concern expressed about lack of consultation by UCOP staff with the Academic Senate and campus Academic Personnel Offices prior to proposed revision of APM 120.
  4. Benefits of emeritus status include retention of “Professor” title.  
E. Academic Planning Group has been reformulated to only have 7 members rather than 30.
- V. Retiree Health Benefits Update  
A. Open enrollment changes are now in effect.  
  
B. No anticipated significant changes for 2021.
  1. Medical cost inflation = +5%.
  2. UC Contribution = -1%.  
C. Committee established, but not new bids.  
  
D. UC wide: 11,000 defaulted into the new Medicare Choice PPO (3,500 new UHC registered users)  
  
E. R. Frank suggested that each campus should have a representative for RASC issues.
  1. UCI maintains UCI HCF and benefits counselors.
  2. UCOP pushback: wants to protect data.

- VI. Old Business
  - A. Retirement computer system (Redwood) problems still persist.
  - B. RASC issues:
    - 1. Still have long wait times.
    - 2. Might institute an interactive voice recognition (IVR) system that includes a call back functionality.
    - 3. Hoped to add survivors as a designated help line.
  - C. Faculty Club conversion from University Club; J. Frederick to attend meeting to honor previous Faculty Club founder
  - D. Annual Meeting 2019
    - 1. Officially elected G. Miller as President.
    - 2. Adopted By-Laws changes.
    - 3. Ken Baldwin unable to attend.
    - 4. Steve Topik talked on the history of coffee in the U.S.
  - E. End-of-Life issues/topic:
    - 1. R. Robertson requested establishment of a subcommittee that includes representatives from Health Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences.
    - 2. Suggested to include this topic in the next newsletter, and request participants for the subcommittee.
  - F. Next lecture suggestion: Carl Cotman to talk on effects of aerobic exercise on dementia/Alzheimer's.
- VII. UCI Retirees Association Update: Jill Halvaks
  - A. UCIRA dues signup/renewal start in January
  - B. 2020 events are being lined up.
- VIII. Center for Emeriti and Retirees Update: J. Frederick
  - A. Colleen McCune is a new CER volunteer. She was one of Jeri's first employees in 1999.
- IX. New Business
  - A. Panunzio Award recommendation:
    - 1. Social Sciences/Humanities award.
    - 2. Prof. Miles will be the UCIEA Executive Committee nominee.
- X. Other Business
  - A. Other input from attendees?
  - B. For items to be addressed in calendar 2020, please send to CER or G. Miller ([gemiller@uci.edu](mailto:gemiller@uci.edu))
  - C. Call for nominations to serve as Vice President.

Meeting adjourned 11:34am