

Draft Minutes – January 12, 2022
UCI Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m., Zoom

- I. Call to Order - In attendance: G. Miller, J. Halvaks, E. Nguyen, C. Behrens, S. Lessick, M. Norris, K. Chew, B. Parker, R. Robertson, J. Frederick, J. Danziger, E. Stanbridge, S. Krassner, J. Yu, P. Lawrence
- II. Treasurer's Report: Stu Krassner
 - A. UCIEA account balance: ~\$19,000
- III. Review and approval of December 2021 Meeting Minutes: Approved with change from CIA to VIA
- IV. President's Notes: G. Miller
 - A. CUCEA Survey
 - B. CFW Meeting
 1. Eligibility of emeriti for perquisites
 2. Guidelines for discussion/publication fo political issues
 3. Academic Senate desires opportunity to "weigh in" on proposed policy changes before decisions and implementation
- V. Retiree benefits update: B. Parker
 - A. No major changes/update currently planned for benefits programs
 - B. United Health Care's Medicare Choice is in its final year, but, so far, no updates about renewal
 - C. Navitus transition
 1. New provider that supplanted Anthem Blue Cross as Medicare Part D Supplement carrier
 2. Transition has not been completely smooth because of file transfer errors regarding MBIDN and spouses
 3. New drug formulary moved a non-trivial number of pharmaceuticals to a different co-pay tier and/or required request for exceptional approval for prescriptions and refills.
 4. Requirement of requesting exceptional approvals was not well circulated to health care providers (e.g., UCI Health) concurrent with transition to Navitus.
- VI. Old Business
- VII. UCIRA Update: J. Halvaks
 - A. UCIRA dues notices have been mailed and renewals are being received by CER.
 - B. Future survey of UC retirees who live outside California to discover motivations for moving outside the state, and whether the current benefits contribution meets their needs.
- VIII. Center for Emeriti and Retirees Update: Jeri Frederick
 - A. CUCRA/EA April meeting at UCI
 1. Was suggested that either Chancellor or Provost should be asked to speak.
 - B. Status of emeriti/ae in UCPath
 1. Important to be coded in UCPath as "active"
 2. After a recall appointment ends, is very important that coding as "terminated" is reset/overlaid as "active" without-salary appointee.

- C. UCI Emeriti Association
 - 1. Total emeriti = 618
 - 2. Association memberships (including spouses) - 216
 - 3. Lifetime memberships = 47
 - 4. Dues notices mailing/email
- D. Issues with UCI's change to Google Suite sign-on process for some members

IX. New Business

- A. COVID Testing available to emeriti? Kits available from <https://ihealthlabs.com>
- B. Emeriti Association Lecture Series possible speakers/topics discussion included:
 - 1. Andrew Noymer, public health epidemiologist and demographer, expert on 1916 Flue Pandemic, frequently quoted in mainstream media
 - 2. Michael Méndez from Urban Planning on (1) climate change and vulnerable communities or (2) uneven effects of pandemic across different communities. Was a convener at COP26 Conference.
 - 3. Susanne Jaeggi's research on brain training to counteract effects of aging.
- C. J. Danziger is only in support of specific topics/series that are relevant to the emeriti and retiree community

X. Other Input from Attendees