

**Draft Minutes** – September 14, 2022  
UCI Emeriti Association Executive Committee Meeting  
10:00 a.m., Zoom

- I. Call to Order - In attendance: C. Behrens, J. Frederick, J. Lavorin, G. Miller, S. Krassner, J. Horn, S. Lessick, R. Robertson, K. Chew, M. Norris, J. Danziger, J. Yu
- II. Treasurer's Report: S. Krassner  
Current total balance \$23,500  
Dissertation fellowships \$6000.00, \$3000.00 for each fellowship award.
- III. Review and approval of June 2022 Meeting Minutes: Approved unanimously @ 10:10a.m.
- IV. President's Notes: G. Miller
  - A. Behind in sending out Calls for Nominations for Outstanding Emeritus and Dickson Awards.
  - B. CER will help with this and Dickson should go out next week.
  - C. Attempts have been made to get a response from the previous recipient, Ellen Olshansky as to her progress.
  - D. UCI's CFW Chair will become the system wide CFW Chair
- V. Retiree Health and Benefits Update: B.Parker (out of town)
  - A. No updates on Health and Benefits side.
    - i. Jeri: Hasn't received any updates about the prescription drug plan or any changes expected during Open Enrollment for 2023.
    - ii. RASC is overwhelmed with a backlog of phone calls with high staff turnover rate.
    - iii. In Sept RASC posted 60 open positions, the understaffing situation is impacting almost all the retirees. There is consensus among Center directors/staff that on-site benefit and retirement counselors would greatly help this problem.
  - B. Robertson: Will health plans be the same?  
Response by Jeri: Things won't change much
    - i. Jeri: Note that the lump sum option in place of taking a pension, results in not being part of the University plans including prescription coverage and the need to purchase one's own plans.
    - ii. If someone has a serious illness their prescription cost can be very impactful and so the prescription plan one chooses is very important if not in the UC plans. Once the decision is made for the lump sum option, it cannot be changed.
- VI. UCIRA Update: J. Halvaks (out of town)
- VII. Center for Emeriti and Retirees Update: J. Frederick
  - A. Upcoming Events:
    - i. **Oct. 8th** - UCI Retirees & Friends Anti-Cancer Team has Emeriti, Retirees and two current staff as well as a couple of friends. Almost meeting their goal for participants and fundraising- [JOIN US!](#)  
UCI logo Shirts/Jerseys for those who raise at least \$50  
**Oct. 15 & 16th** - Multiple Sclerosis Ride for a Cure [Team UCI And Friends!](#)  
HAS met its fundraising goal of 10K!!
  - B. CER Reception Update: October 20th at The Beckman Center (for in-person attendance)
    - i. An **outdoor area** is reserved for this event and Chancellor Gillman will be the guest speaker. Please submit your RSVP.
    - ii. Miller: next month's UCIEA meeting- will be collecting questions to ask the Chancellor. Need a person to fill the role of asking questions to the Chancellor.

VIII. New Business

A. Friends of Aldrich Park fundraising

- i. 1<sup>st</sup> phase Reconstructing central park and incorporates the components of the Arboretum
- ii. Miller: will keep group up-to-date and send out a flyer for the Friends of Alrich Park  
The association agrees in support of “keeping the park a park”  
A bench in the park with UCIEA on it will cost \$10,000.

IX. Other Input from Attendees

A. Eric: asked if the association can schedule in-person meetings.

B. The mask mandate is no longer effective at UCI

- i. The group discussed the pros and cons of virtual vs in-person for the Oct meeting  
Group decides on hybrid option for the next meeting in Oct
- ii. Miller: schedule Oct meeting as1 in-person at Newkirk Alumni Center in Board room  
Jeri will prepare the board room for a hybrid zoom meeting with necessary equipment