

UCI EMERITI BYLAWS

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Article I - Name

This non-profit organization, an official support group of the University of California, Irvine, shall be known as the UCI Emeriti Association.

Article II - Purposes

The purposes of the organization shall be:

1. to assist emeriti in making the transition from their regular pre-retirement academic schedule to an active post-retirement program involving as appropriate, instruction, scholarly research, service, writing, consultation, and other pursuits, with continuing benefits to the University, their discipline, and society.
2. to promote the engagement of the emeriti in the functions of the Academic Senate and their Schools.
3. to provide an opportunity for members to maintain professional contact with their colleagues in their own and other disciplines locally and elsewhere;
4. to promote the general welfare and fair treatment of emeriti and of their spouses or surviving widows or widowers; to sponsor educational and social events for the benefit of the membership, the University community and the Orange County community.
5. to promote the welfare of the University and support the University's goals for student education, community enlightenment and societal advancement;
6. to advise the Academic Senate and/or the administration of UCI when advice is appropriate, even if unsolicited.
7. to participate with other UC emeriti associations in the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations as advocates for emeriti interests and benefits.
8. to coordinate activities and collaborate with the UCI Retirees Association and the UCI Center for Emeriti and Retirees.
9. to take such other actions as may be necessary or expedient for the administration of the organization's affairs and the attainment of its goals.

Article III - Membership

Section 1: Regular members may include individuals who were:

- a. members of the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate at retirement;
- b. members of the Senate from other UC campuses who, at retirement, have moved to the UCI area and want to be a member;
- c. former UCI Senate members who retire from another institution;
- d. spouses, significant others, and widows/widowers of regular members living or deceased, married, or divorced;
- e. non-Senate UCI recipients of the Emerita/us titles, including UCI Librarians, and
- f. non-Senate UCI academics with educational and professional qualifications comparable to those of emeritus faculty on election by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Article IV - Dues and Contributions

Section 1: The calendar year (January 1 through the following December 31) shall constitute the fiscal year.

Section 2: The dues of the organization and all assessments shall be set by the Executive Committee subject to a vote of approval by a majority of Executive Committee members.

Section 3: Dues shall be paid annually. Multiyear and lifetime membership is available. Additional contributions in support of the organization and its activities shall be voluntary.

Article V - Officers

Section 1: The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Communications Officer.

Section 2: The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the association. The election may be by confidential ballot (electronic or paper) if there is more than one nominee for a specific office; otherwise a voice vote shall be sufficient. Nominations may be made by any member of the UCIEA.

Section 3: The officers shall be elected for one-year terms, except for positions of President and Vice-President who shall serve two years in each position. Officers shall be eligible for re-election, but the President and Vice-President shall not serve more than two terms (4 years) consecutively.

Article VI - Duties of Officers

Section 1: The President shall preside at meetings, shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Association, shall act as Chair of the Executive Committee, and may serve as ex-officio member of all standing and ad hoc committees. The President or a designated representative may be recommended to the Senate to serve as the UCI Emeriti Association's representative on any Academic Senate Committee to which one or more Emeriti are invited to participate. The President shall recommend to the Academic Committee on Committees individuals to serve on the Emeriti Subcommittee and as a member of the Council on Faculty Welfare, Diversity, and Academic Freedom. The President shall serve as the UCI representative to the Council of the University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA). The Vice-President and/or other members of the Executive Committee designated by the President may serve as alternatives and may attend meetings of the CUCEA.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the latter and may serve as an ex-officio member of the standing and ad hoc committees. The Vice-President shall be responsible for preparing the slate of officers in consultation with the President.

Section 3: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of dues, contributions and other payments to the organization and shall be the custodian and oversee the disbursement of organization funds. This officer shall present to the members of the Executive Committee at each meeting and to members of the organization at each annual meeting a complete statement of the financial affairs and standing of the organization.

Section 4: The Communications Officer duties shall include preparation of the minutes of all meetings, and providing assistance to the staff of the UCI Center for Emeriti and Retirees to maintain the UCIEA website, maintain communications to the membership and to prepare the Newsletter.

Article VII - Executive Committee

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, members, others invited by the President with the concurrence of a majority of the Executive Committee, and the Director of the Center for Emeriti and Retirees. Also included as members of the Executive Committee are liaisons from the UCI Retirees Association and the UCI Academic Senate. In addition, the Provost and Executive-Vice Chancellor (or his/her designate) is an ex-officio voting member of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Members of the Executive Committee are Emeriti interested in participating in the work of the Organization. They are invited to join by the President, Vice-President or any member of the Executive Committee, and are subject to a vote of approval by the Executive Committee.

Section 3: If the membership of the Executive Committee drops below optimal levels (approximately 8 members), the President shall request from the Executive Committee the names of possible new members.

Section 4: It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to respond to issues involving emeriti. The Executive Committee may also request information or pass resolutions about issues involving the campus, University-wide or general issues not specifically related to emeriti.

Section 5. The term of regular members of the Executive Committee shall be six years, but membership is renewable upon vote of approval by the majority of the remaining committee members.

Article VIII - Committees

Section 1: Standing and ad hoc-committees and their chairs shall be appointed by the President and the Vice-President with the advice of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: The standing committees shall include but not be limited to: (1) Programs and (2) Awards.

Section 3: Ad-hoc committees shall be appointed by the President and Vice-President as need arises.

Section 4: It shall be the responsibility of President to periodically review the membership of each standing and ad hoc committee and notify the Executive Committee of needed membership changes.

Article IX - Duties of Standing Committees

Section 1: Program Committee: This committee will (1) plan and implement the educational and social program(s) for the year; (2) make arrangements for time and location of programs; (3) generate publicity for the programs; (4) provide for introductions, equipment, and any other services required by the speakers; (5) prepare summaries of educational meetings for the Newsletter.

Section 2: Awards: This committee shall (1) make recommendations to the Executive Committee for an annual Outstanding Emerita/us annual award. The Committee will also recommend UCIEA nominees for the following awards: a) the systemwide Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award for outstanding scholarly work or educational service by an Emerita/us in the humanities or social sciences; b) the UCI Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award.

Article X – Newsletter

Section 1: The UC Irvine Emeriti Association Newsletter shall be the official publication of the association.

Section 2: The Communications Officer shall be a member of the Executive Committee and assist with the Newsletter. In the absence of a Communications Officer, it will be the responsibility of the President and/or Vice President to prepare the Newsletter with advice from the Executive Committee.

Section 3: The Newsletter shall be prepared and circulated three times per year. It shall include announcements of meetings, committee actions, and any additional pertinent news of interest to emeriti and others concerned with emeriti affairs. All the information shall also be made available on the UCIEA web site.

Article XI - Meetings

Section 1: One meeting each year shall be designated the annual meeting. It shall be convened to receive reports of officers, committees, and the Director of the Emeriti and Retirees Center, to elect officers, to present awards, to consider amendments to the Bylaws, and other business. At least two weeks notice shall be given to the membership of this meeting via e-mail or regular mail.

Section 2: The organization shall meet at other times and places designated by the Executive Committee.

Section 3: Minutes of the annual meeting will be considered and approved by the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting and shall be posted on the UCIEA webpage.

Article XII - Quorum

Section 1: A quorum at a meeting of the Executive Committee shall consist of the members present.

Section 2: A quorum at the UCIEA annual meeting shall consist of the members present.

Article XIII - Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for this organization, excepting that the President may overrule a "call for the question" if it appears to her or him that there has been insufficient opportunity for members' participation on a particular question. This may be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Article XIV- Dissolution of the Organization

If this Association should dissolve, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, any remaining assets shall be transferred within three months to the Regents or to the UCI Foundation as designated by the Chancellor.

Article XV- Amendments

Section 1: Proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be presented to the members either by majority vote of the Executive Committee or by a petition presented to the Secretary for presentation to the members, such petition to be signed by no fewer than five members.

Section 2: Copies of such proposed amendments shall be sent to each member by mail or e-mail not less than two weeks before the next scheduled annual or specially called meeting.

Section 3: A proposed amendment shall be considered adopted if it receives a vote of 60% of the members present at the annual meeting or specially called meeting of the Association.