# UCLA

# EMERITI

#### ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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DATE: May 1, 2019 LOCATION: Murphy Hall 2121 TIME 1:30PM

1. Introductory remarks -

Mellor

- a. Meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm by President Ron Mellor.
- b. Ron welcomed Ayesha Dixon for her first board meeting as ERRC Director.
- c. Ron asked for a volunteer to take minutes. There were two volunteers.
- d. Dan, Ron, and Ayesha had scintillating days at CUCEA. Dan sent memo on it which was quite extraordinary. UCOP personnel were there. More on this later in these minutes.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting of April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lippe

ACTION: Accepted as written. Steve moved, Jane or Anna seconded.

# 3. President's Report:

Mellor

- a. Edwin Cooper resigned as President-Elect due to personal medical reasons. Ron Mellor and Dick Weiss are willing to split the next year and each will serve 18 months. The Board voted unanimously in support of this recommendation.
- b. Nick Entrikin is a new member of the Board as a Member at Large. Board members were introduced to Nick.
- c. Ron wants original copies of the new Emeriti survey to show the new EVC. Ayesha will verify the amount of contributions to the UCLA Foundation by Emeriti. That data comes from the Foundation mapping membership to contributions. Campuses are now writing their own reports. We shouldn't start circulating to the campus until we have the contributions data. Steve commented that the last survey had been distributed to administrators. Jane suggested that the Executive team meet with the Chancellor about the survey data. Perhaps in October Ron will approach the new EVC; Ron will decide who else will attend. Diane included information in the cover note for the EA newsletter which went to all eligible Emeriti.

#### Old Business

a. Who brings the cookies?

**ACTION:** Diane will bring the cookies for the next meeting.

#### 5. New Business

a. Hospitality

Kwan

We will have about 80 people at the May 8 dinner. Dan will introduce Zev. Last time he did not want to be recorded and likely will not want to be recorded this time.

b. Website Radic

Website updated with Panunzio Award information. The winner is Lynn Hunt from History and Robert Alta from Berkeley. Ron and Nick were on the nominating committee for UCLA's Panunzio Award. [Lynn as never spoken at an EA dinner.]

c. ERRC 50th Anniversary Plans

Dixon

Hayley Roberts gave a presentation on Undergraduate Research Week. Research Poster Day will be May 21. Also on that day, there will be a research networking luncheon in Pauley Pavilion Club. Patricia Phelps, who has mentored many students, will be honored that day. There will be another lunch for humanities and social sciences on May 21 in Luskin, which will highlight new areas of study, digital humanities, and environmental humanities. A new feature this year will be the collection of stories from people who benefited from experience as undergraduates in research or someone who has mentored students. Our art show is that day and occurs at the same time as this event.

Ayesha announced a plan for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the ERRC. Mike Levine will pay for lunch if the date of December 5 is selected. The Board agreed to the date. Ayesha will see if we can have a champagne toast. There will be a couple of keynote speakers. Who would be invited? Ayesha said that community partners and all eligible members of EA and RA will be invited. There was a suggestion that, with that number of invitees, there will need RSVP list with maximum number before a wait list. There was some question regarding having the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration the same day as an After Lunch event. The Board agreed that the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration be the sole December 5 event. Ayesha thought the budget would be \$9K. Ron suggested to start with date, have the event at the Faculty Center, and then decide what type of event to have.

# d. CUCEA Meeting

Mitchell

Dan sent a detailed message about the CUCEA meeting. The most interesting issue was the diddling around about retiree health insurance. Despite the fact that the presentation slides say the changes are hypothetical, UCOP has already gotten RFPs for big carriers. This subtly undermined the previously established Emeriti/Retiree committee. Now it's expanded to all of health care. One place where we might have leverage is 2020, a peculiar year to revamp the medical system. Depending on how the election goes, Medicare might turn out to be a very different thing. A case could be made for carriers who would be taking a risk to perhaps start in 2021 and not 2020. Dick asked if Faculty Welfare aware of this. Dan thinks this needs to be on the May Regents meeting. Jane suggested to take on Dick's advice re Faculty Welfare. Dan suggested that Ron contact Faculty Welfare committee to see if they are aware of this. Steve said we should work through CUCEA since campuses should not be working independently. [Note: North Carolina has cancelled all health benefits to retirees.]

Diane – this is one of the most important issues that this Board deals with. Diane believes that more people need to know.

# 6. Committee Reports

a. Treasurer Permaul

Jane was not able to deposit checks because they were too old. Jane sent all the checks back and apologized; she has received some replacement checks, about a third. That's why membership amount in the budget she distributed is so low.

In the past we were able to pay for drinks at dinner by the bottle at 5 servings per bottle. Then the per glass charge \$8/each. This is no longer possible. Jane recommends price of wine to \$9, with soft drinks \$5 and \$8 for beer. Jane so moved, Steve seconded. Board approved.

b. Newsletter update

Childs

Regarding the production schedule for next year: The dinner will be on Wednesday, November 20. Thus the due date for submitting material for the newsletter will be Monday, September 16; the envelope stuffing date will be October 23, and the electronic mailing will be Friday, October 25.

c. Membership

Taylor

Nothing new. Anna needs to get records together. Doing well compared to last year.

e. Awards

Mellor

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The awards dinner will be November 20. Everyone will be able to attend except Lynn Hunt who will be out of the country.

f. Programs

Cederbaum

Our February 2020 speaker will be Bob Gurvald in conjunction with Centennial. We need to plan for March and beyond, but we have a rich list of possibilities.

Regarding Alumni Day, we have been disinvited to the May 18 Alumni Day event. Steve is expecting an email with suggestions. He doesn't want to be stuck in a corner where no one will be able to attend. What we have to offer is the Alumni survey.

g. Art Show

Belkin

No report as Sharon was not in attendance.

h. Archives

Carter

Janet with Ayesha, Sue, and Mary Miller from Retirees Association regarding UCLA Box accounts. Want to have parallel structures for the folders in the two organizations when possible.

i. Corresponding Secretary:

Childs

Diane had no particular names to mention. She will have the 2018/2019 In Memoriam list at the dinner next week.

Diane commented on the change in the way parking is being handled on campus. They are taking down gates to the parking structures and eliminating placards. People will go ahead and park anywhere even if they don't have a permit. In May, Parking will send out renewal applications. Ayesha met with parking this morning. Next year will do e-permits and register your license plates. Supposedly, parking staff will scan license plates to see if people are parking in appropriate places. There was general concern that parking could be a more difficult issue. Janet commented that she missed the last Board meeting because she could not find a parking space.

j. Faculty Women's Club

Betti

There was no report as Carol was not in attendance.

# 7. Consent Calendar

a. University and Public Relations

**Berst** 

No report.

Book exchange

Ashikaga

The last Wednesday in June, June 26, will have book culling. Toshi already has six volunteers. She needs two more. She is also concerned about having someone take over as Chair of the Book Exchange.

e. Joint Committee on Emeriti/Retiree Housing

Berst

No report.

### Other comments:

Bruce reported that the Faculty Center will hire controller.

 Dan observed at CUCEA that other campuses do not require their Presidents to be Academic Senate members. At UCSD, their president was a librarian, Phyllis Mirsky. Julie asked why non-Senate faculty were not eligible for Emeriti Association membership without going through conferral. Ron suggested that we need a bylaws committee to look into this.

Janet moved that the meeting be adjourned. Everyone seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Kwan