# California State University, Los Angeles Emeriti Association

**Emeriti Center, Administration 815**

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# Minutes of the July 2006 Meeting

**Date:               September 14th, 2006**

**Place:              Administration 815**

**Time:** Meeting called to order: 12:45 p.m.

**Present:** H. Cohen, W. Darrough, D. Dewey, M. Friedman, K. Johnson, D. Margaziotis, L. Mathy, V. Potter, L. Schwartz, B. Sinclair, F. Stahl, Bill Taylor, H. Villarreal

**Absent:** P. Brier,H. Cadenas, J. Casanova, H. Goldwhite, J. Fisher-Hoult, J. Hoyt, J. Johnson, R. Marshall, L. Negrete,

**1.0                Announcements**

Don Dewey announced that Lou Negrete would not be at the meeting because he was attending his mother’s funeral. Harold Goldwhite, the Vice President: Administration was attending the plenary session of the CSU Academic Senate. Barbara Sinclair, Past President, was home recuperating from double hip replacements. As junior surviving ex-president, Don explained that he had been asked to chair the meeting.

Don circulated a copy of *THE QUARTERLY*, a magazine published in Pasadena, so that members who did not receive it could see an article about Harold Goldwhite. He then announced and circulated a flier about Rosie McNutt’s retirement party.

Harold Cohen said that he planned to propose as a motion that the Association buy Alicia Carnahan a gift. She was still on leave after a difficult childbirth and Harold thought that the Association should demonstrate our appreciation for her service.

Bill announced that Nancy Miranda, Secretary for the Dean of NSS is retiring and that there will be a reception for her on September 28th in the Dean’s conference room.

Frieda passed around some photographs that she had received from Yuri. She asked any members of the committee who could identify persons in the photographs to pass the information on to Leon.

**2.0                Approval of Agenda**

Don moved that Harold’s motion be inserted into the agenda between approval of the minutes and Officer and Committee Reports. Don also asked to have another matter; “Emeritimes to Senate Members” inserted as item 6.3 and said that he would be moving for action on a first reading of that New Business today. The amended agenda was approved.

**3.0          Approval of Minutes of June 8th, 2006.**

A few corrections were offered. Bill agreed to make them. The minutes were m/s/p as corrected.

**3.1** Harold Cohen again discussed the matter of Alicia Carnahan. He said that she is one of the people in the President’s office who has been extremely helpful to the Association. She had an extremely difficult childbirth. Her daughter is doing well and she is still recuperating. Harold suggested that it would be appropriate for the Emeriti Association to give her a $100 gift or a gift certificate in appreciation of the assistance she has provided. The motion was passed unanimously. Don thanked Harold for bringing the matter forward. There was then a discussion of whether to give Alicia a cashier’s check or a store gift certificate. It was decided that a gift card was more personal than a cashier’s check. It was m/s/p that associates of Alicia be asked about her shopping preferences and that a $100 gift certificate from one of her favorite stores be sent to her along with a get-well card.

1. **Officer and Committee Reports and Recommendations**

**4.1      Acting President:  Don Dewey**

Don announced Rosemarie Marshall has agreed to serve as the CSU ERFA membership contact person for CSULA. He also announced that Terry L. Allison, from CSU San Marcos has been appointed Dean of Arts and Letters.

Don said that he had had some correspondence with Lillian Taiz, local CFA President and statewide Vice President. He just received a letter from her in which she wrote:

Don,

You may have heard that CFA has asked some of our retired faculty colleagues to make a presentation to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday September 20th. We believe that since they are not affected personally by contract negotiations they could be a disinterested voice to speak about the deterioration of the CSU. These are the topics that our speakers will address: 1) Comparing the CSU then and now on things like the ability to attract new faculty with current salaries and workload; 2) From someone who has lived through “Muppets:; PISSIs and FMes the divisiveness of merit pay schemes; 3) drawing attention to the golden parachute programs for executives vs FERP program for faculty; and 4) the moral bankruptcy of the executive pay and tenure scandals.

I believe that Dieter Renning has mentioned this to ERFA but I was hoping that you and others at CSULA might be interested in attending the meeting. CFA will reimburse you for mileage and parking. It would also be wonderful if any of you could write letters on these topics from your perspective on the deterioration of the CSU—obviously, if you agree that it has deteriorated.

Let me know if you think there would be any interest from CSULA retired faculty,

Regards,

Lil Taiz

Don said that he had informed Lillian that he had a schedule conflict that day as had some other of the committee members. He suggested that Len Mathy would be ideally suited to make the presentation.

Don then mentioned that the San Francisco Chronicle has published a major two-part study of the scandals surrounding the CSU golden parachutes. He said that the next issue of the CSU *Reporter* would publish the link to those articles.

**4.2       Past President:  Barbara Sinclair**

Not present/no report

**4.3       Vice President - Administration:  Harold Goldwhite**

Not present/no report.

**4.4**     **Vice President - Programs:  Herminia Cadenas**

Not present/no report.

**4.5 and 4.6 Fiscal Affairs Chair: Bill Taylor for Joe Casanova**

Bill reported that there is no change from the previous treasurer’s report. He is receiving dues. Insofar as the maturity date for the certificate is coming up, Don suggested that the committee pass a blanket motion to follow the Fiscal Affairs Committee’s recommendations. It was m/s/p that those recommendations be followed.

**4.7      Fellowship Fund Chair: Joe Casanova for Janet Fisher-Hoult**

Not present/no report.

**4.8       OLLI:  Peter Brier**

Peter was not present, but Marilyn said that she had just met with Connie and she distributed a calendar of OLLI lectures for the fall. She is now preparing the calendar for the winter.

**4.9       Historian/Archivist: Leon Schwartz**

Rosie informed Leon that the archived materials on the 8th floor of the administration building are going to be moved to a secure place in the basement. They will be in a locked room and will be accessed upon request. Leon also reported that he has submitted the first of his photo albums to David Sigler. It will be on display at the Gormly Exhibit. He then circulated the second volume, which is now about half full of photos. He envisions a third volume, given the number of photographs he is receiving. He also reported that the archives are almost up to date and that he is working out access problems with Sigler.

Demetrius reported that consulting the archives is not the only means of accessing information. He reminded that committee that three years of Executive Committee minutes and *Emeritimes* are available on the Emeriti Association website.

**4.10     Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn Friedman**

Marilyn reported that she sent condolences to Robert De Armond, the son of Louis C. De Armond and to the wife of Gerald Rasmussen. She will send cards to Barbara and Lou.

**4.11     Membership Secretary: Karen Johnson**

Karen said that she had been dealing with people who have been inquiring about membership through the website. She will be following up with a mailing in November and will report the results at that time.

**4.12     Webmaster: Demetrius Margaziotis**

Demetrius reported that the website is up to date. He has posted the application form for those who wish to join. The membership list is up to date as are the *Emeritimes.*  He has posted a notice about the Gormly exhibit and reception and the fellowship recipients. He suggested that it would be important to develop an article about the scholarship recipients and a picture of them for the website. Bill Darrough agreed to contact Stan Carstensen to cover the event. Don asked that the record show that Demetrius has done an outstanding job with the website.

Demetrius then mentioned that we had a meeting scheduled for October 12th and the only event of the quarter scheduled for October 10th and asked if there had been any discussion of rescheduling the meeting on the 10th.

A discussion ensued about whether to hold an Executive Committee meeting on the Tuesday the 12th of October before the Gormly Exhibit/reception so that members could avoid making two trips to campus in one week. It was m/s/p to hold the October Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, the 10th.

Leon then suggested that the meeting be held at 12:30 rather than 12:45 to enable Don Dewey to participate before attending the meeting of the Academic Senate. It was m/s/p to hold the meeting at 12:30. Don suggested that Bill send out a notice to all committee members about the rescheduled meeting. Bill agreed to notify them by email.

**4.13     Database Coordinator: Harold Cohen**

Harold reported that all was well with the database.

**4.14     Secretary: William Darrough**

Bill said that Harold Cohen had notified him that he was unable to open some of email attachments he received. He asked if any other members were encountering difficulty. None reported problems.

**4.15     Emeritimes Editorial Chair: Frieda Stahl**

Frieda reported that another issue has been mailed and that, for the coming issue there is, at present, only one obituary planned, that of Gerald Rasmussen (Education). The next issue will be published in early January in advance of the February celebration at the Senate. The celebration will be held on either the firsts or second Tuesday of that month, whichever falls closest to February 9th, our nominal anniversary date. She told Don that she would need to have the date set soon, so that she could get it into the issue. The issue will carry Janet’s write-up of the fellowship winners and photographs taken at the Mary Gormly event. She is still looking for other materials to include in the issue.

**4.16     CSULA Academic Senate: Don Dewey**

No report, the Senate has not met since July.

**4.17     CSU Academic Senate: Harold Goldwhite**

Not present-attending the CSU Academic Senate.

**4.18     CSU ERFA Council Reps.: Harold Goldwhite, Leon Schwartz and Barbara P. Sinclair**

Leon reported that there has been no meeting since April. Don said that the next meeting would be on Saturday, October 14th in Los Angeles.

1. **Unfinished Business**

None.

**6.0       New Business**

**6.1 Relations between Emeriti Association and Financial Aid and Development Offices: Janet Fisher-Hoult**

Janet was not present, carried over.

**6.2 Consideration of Emeriti Association Dues Increase: Joe Casanova**

Joe was not present, carried over.

* 1. ***Emeritimes* to Senate Members- Don Dewey**

Don reported that he sent an email to Kevin Baaske, Chair of the Academic Senate and Eileen Roberts. In the message, Don expressed frustration with the present means of distributing copies of *Emeritimes* on campus. He noted that many copies routinely sent to Department Chairs were thrown out unread and asked if Kevin and Eileen would be willing to distribute copies of *Emeritimes* and information packets about the Emeriti Association to members of the Senate three times a year. Eileen replied that she and Baaske would be happy to support the Emeriti Association by distributing the materials. They asked to be notified if and when the Emeriti Executive Committee approves the procedure. Don suggested a quick vote so that copies of the current issue could be sent for distribution at the next meeting of the Senate.

Demetrius suggested an additional method of increasing the readership of *Emeritimes*: He wondered if there was a way for an email to be sent to the entire faculty list each time an issue comes out with a link to the electronic copy on the Association website. He suggested that some people who would not usually see an issue might choose to read it and become interested in joining the Emeriti Association when they retire. This method would achieve the maximum distribution possible, but it requires the cooperation of someone who has access to the entire faculty list.

Don suggested that the committee take up the proposal after voting on his motion. It was m/s/p to send copies of *Emeritimes* to the Chair of the Academic Senate for distribution to the Senators.

Demetrius then agreed that Don would ask Rosie McNutt about the possibility of sending an email to the entire faculty with a link to the electronic copy of *Emeritimes* each time it is published.

**7.0       Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.