# **California State University, Los Angeles Emeriti Association**

**Emeriti Center, Administration 815**

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**Minutes for May 14 Executive Committee Meeting**

**Date:               May 14, 2009**

**Place:              Emeriti Center, Administration 815**

**Time:              12:45 – 2:45**

**Present:** P. Brier, D. Dewey, J. Fisher-Hoult, H. Goldwhite, K. Johnson, D. Margaziotis, R. Marshall-Holt, L. Mathy, L. Negrete, V. Potter, M. Roden, L. Schwartz, B. Sinclair, F. Stahl, W. Taylor, H. Villarreal, V. Zapata

**Absent:** T. Anagnoson, C. Brown, J. Casanova, S. Burstein, H. Cohen, M. Friedman, J. Johnson, D. Keane

1. **General Announcements**

Harold announced that Dorothy Keane and Joan Johnson would be absent. Don has volunteered to act as Secretary for this meeting.

Don announced that there will be a memorial service for Marian Wagstaff on campus on June 27. (N.B. the date he announced was June 6 but the event has since been rescheduled.) Don also announced that there will be receptions, both at 3:15 on May 19, for Jerry Beer as President’s Distinguished Professor and also for recipients

of the Distinguished Women’s Awards. Jerry’s lecture will dominate the Senate meeting that day. Don also announced that emeriti have doubled their membership in the Academic Senate with the election of John Cleman as an at-large member.

Leon and Lou announced that Jeanine Gaucher-Morales will be honored at the 2009 Conference on MesoAmerica Friday and Saturday on campus. Internationally known scholars are speaking at varied locations on campus. Major funding is provided by the Gigi Gaucher-Morales Memorial Fund and Program Organizer Roberto Cantu provides a full page of dedication to Gigi..

Peter announced that there will be a memorial service for Jim Sullivan at 1 p.m. Friday at the English department.

Vicente circulated a report on the “Doctor of Public Health Competency Development Project Model” that has been prepared by a committee on which he participated. It will be discussed at the meeting of the American Public Health Association this year.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

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1. **Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2008**

m/s/p

**4.0 Officer and Committee Reports and Recommendations**

**4.1 President: Harold Goldwhite**

He has written grateful thanks to Carl Selkin for hosting the highly successful annual meeting last week. Another outstanding event soon will be the annual luncheon for fellowship donors, which several of our members will attend.

**4.2 Past President: Louis Negrete**

No report.

**4.3 Vice President – Administration: Martin Roden**

No report.

**4.4 Vice President – Programs: Hildebrando Villarreal**

He thanked members for their attendance at the successful annual meeting last Friday and was especially impressed by the large number of spouses who accompanied emeriti. Several venues for further meetings were suggested. (Nethercutt Museum, return to Los Angeles Times, Federal Reserve). The committee applauded Hildebrando for the meeting at the Museum of Natural History.

**4.5 Treasurer: Bill Taylor**

The principal change in the treasury results from new lifetime members. Bill was asked, and agreed, to provide dividing lines in future budget reports.

**4.6 Fellowship Fund Chair: Janet Fisher-Hoult**

She announced that some fellowships will be able to be granted despite the Development decision that endowed fellowships must be limited because of the decline in their portfolio. $1,701.69 is available in the Emeriti Fellowship fund. She announced that because no funds were available in the David Cameron Fisher Memorial Scholarship Fund, she has donated $500 to make one award possible. $1.145 in the John Houk Fund is available for two awards. Because there were no eligible applicants for The Mary Gormly Memorial Fellowship it will not be awarded this year, despite available fumds. Lou announced that this fellowship will be announced at the MesoAmerican conference Friday and Saturday for the information of possible applicants for 2010. Because only $442.12 was available in the William E. Lloyd Fellowship Fund, Barbara donated a check to allow a $500 award. Don reported that it was announced in the Senate meeting this week

that funds borrowed from a large grant for the Honors College will allow the awarding of endowed scholarships and fellowships next year.

* 1. **LLLP Representative: Peter Brier**

Peter introduced Marilyn Kromnal, Executive Director of the Lifelong Learning Program. She has been with the program two years previously as a

volunteer and loves the position. She teaches in the program as well. When the relationship with OLLI ended she brought in a $50,000 grant from the Jesse Simon Foundation. She urged emeriti to offer courses and said she hopes to be able to offer honoraria soon. She distributed a draft of the program brochure. Her phone number is 310-717-8643.

**4.8 Historian/Archivist: Stanley Burstein**

Not present. However Leon reported that he has nearly completed the third album of Emeriti Memories and urges that recent appointees to the Executive Committee and especially new President Marty Roden provide personal photographs

**4.9 Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn Friedman**

Not present; no report.

**4.10 Membership Secretary: Karen Johnson**

There are four new lifetime members: Delos Kelly, Sociology; Susan Cash, Art; Raj Ramchandani, Electrical Engineering; and Irving Kett, Civil Engineering.

**4.11 Webmaster: Demetrius Margaziotis**

No report.

**4.12 Database Coordinator: Harold Cohen**

Not present; no report

**4.13 Secretary: Dorothy Keane**

Not present; no report

**4.14 Emeritimes Editorial Chair: Ted Anagnoson**

Not present but he sent the attached report.

**4.15 CSULA Academic Senator: Don Dewey**

See the attached report.

**4.16 CSU Academic Senator: Harold Goldwhite**

The Senate met May 7-8 with intense budget concerns. The Legislative Analyst had reported that the state’s “cash cushion” was down to $7 billion and will be depleted by the end of June. There are dire predictions that the CSU budget could be down by $200 million, which would mean $10 million for this campus. Layoffs seem quite likely.

Legislation is proposed that would provide honorary degrees for students whose education was disrupted by World War II internment programs.

The CSU Academic Senate approved development of standards for the acceptance of International Baccalaureate courses for admission to the CSU.

An administration of public records act would open UAS records. A proposed severance tax on oil extraction would benefit higher education. The Senate opposed legislation that would require faculty to justify changing textbooks. They also opposed special fees for graduate programs.

Members of the ASCSU for 2009-2010 are Chair John Tarjan, Bakersfield; Vice Chair Bernadette Cheyne, Humboldt; Secretary Diana Guerin, Fullerton; and Members-at-large Barbara Swerkes, Northridge, and Catherine Nelson, Sonoma.

**4.17 CSU ERFA Council: Lou Negrete, Leon Schwartz, Barbara Sinclair**

See Lou’s attached report.

1. **New Business**

**5.1 Involvement of emeriti with the University (Sinclair)**

Barbara reported that Dean Yorker has welcomed the service of

Barbara, Joan and Karen. No other such links were reported.

* 1. **Executive Committee: appointments and membership**

Harold was appointed, at committee insistence, a Los Angeles representative to the CSU-ERFA Council. Barbara was elected an at large member of the CSULA Emeriti Association Executive Committee.

1. **Adjournment.**

Adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**Report on Academic Senate by Don Dewey**

After weeks of doing little if anything the Senate is now very busy.

First readings: Intellectual Property Rights, Class Syllabus, Integrated bachelor and master degree

Second readings: Resolutions on method of voting on quarters and semesters (rejected); Freedom of Expression and Outstanding Lecturer Award were both rejected by the President

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**Librarian’s Report on accreditation**

Also Williamson from CIETL (Innovation and Excellence in Teaching and Learning)

Praised for advances in information literacy

Criticized for website and especially under-funding

Provost pointed out fiscal support that has been given

**President‘s Report**

In fairly good shape –depending on what happens May 19 and 24

Maintained SFR at 22

Well positioned for present crisis

Hopes not to raise student fees

First Accreditation phase went well

Praised for faculty commitment

Planning linked to budget

**Recommendations:**

Relate research to learning outcomes

Great untold story per JR

Advisement

**Needs improvement**

Enrollment management

$100 enrollment confirmation deposit

Scholarships for entering students

Financial aid improved

Library under funded

Customer service

**BUDGET**

No penalties for us for over enrollment

Plan to push for early graduation to open spaces for others

$57 million shortfall in best of circumstances

NO PLAN B

Even if propositions pass, severe shortage for three to five years

Tried to be circumspect about political campaigning

**Semesters**

Probably no better time to confront the issue

Maybe by 2012 or 2013

He may not be here by then

More construction here than any other CSU campus

Space for Honors College

300 students

Getting LDS Center and closer to getting Diagnostic Center

Biotech Park

Break grounds for Arts facility

Expand Veterans Center

**Other**

Phi Kappa Phi winner again—nine years in a row

CSU has more Fulbright’s than UC

Complained about FRPS, focusing on me

Too many questions on semesters, which he fended off cleverly with Separation of Powers

But they kept coming

**Update on Auxiliary Services by VP George Pardon**

Trying to be more responsive

Golden Eagle debt burden is just that, reducing costs

Major changes at bookstore including management, improved service

Less focus on banquets and more on “no frills” events to cut costs

Mini-mart in student housing

Lower liability

Bob Land gave a tribute to his cooperation

**Scott Bowman on Foundation**

“Great news!!!” Portfolio down only 25%

Endowed scholarships are most in need

Will borrow from very large Honors College gift so all endowed scholarships can be given next year

Condo donated by Russ Abbott has been sold and will allow released time, presumably for Computer Science faculty

Another house recently donated to Foundation.

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**SUMMARY REPORT: CSU-ERFA STATE COUNCIL MEETING**

**LOS ANGELES, APRIL 25, 2009 by Lou Negrete**

CSULA REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Barbara Sinclair, Frieda Stahl, Len Mathy, Sid Albert, Lou Negrete, and Don Dewey who chaired the meeting.

ANNOUCEMENTS AND REPORTS: Treasurer Mike Shapiro reported that expenses were under control. We may end the year with a modest surplus. He recommended one State Council meeting in the north every two years to cut expenses. He announced that the Executive Committee had recommended a modest increase in staff salaries

Executive Director Don Cameron restated a need more members to sustain funding received from dues. Dave Elliott announced that new tenure-track faculty can now join the Emeriti Association on some campuses, and that ERFA members are not required to be members of a local campus organization to join the state organization.

A search is underway for a replacement of Ted Anagnoson as editor of the ERFA Reporter. Webmaster Mark Shapiro said that there are 32 visits per day to the ERFA website and he considers that worthwhile. John Tarjan, CSU Academic Senate Retiree Senator (substitute for Harold Goldwhite) said that by June, we will know how much the CSU is under funded, after the May 19 vote on the budget propositions.

A special 95th birthday resolution was presented to Life Member Sid Albert with commendation and appreciation as the founder of CSU-ERFA.

GUEST SPEAKER: The guest speaker was Priya Mather, CalPERS Board Member. Mather serves as Chair of the Health Benefits Committee and Vice-Chair of the Investments Committee. CalPERS will include a 2 percent adjustment to retiree income in May. She said the cost of health benefits had increased so that out of pocket costs would increase for CalPERS retirees. She said CalPERS was the largest care purchaser in the state. CalPERS covers approximately 120,000 CSU members, out of which 34% are retirees. She said CalPERS seeks the best health care for the dollar. Charges for preventive care have been eliminated with a new emphasis on wellness instead of “cures.” There will be an increase in the cost of long-term care possibly by next year. Electronic medical information process works excellently at Kaiser. In response to a question, she said CalPERS executive bonuses will be carefully reviewed for merit in June. She said in conclusion that she would distribute copies of her prepared notes and statistical data.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS: Presidential Appointments were confirmed, including Barbara Sinclair to the Health Benefits Committee, Ted Anagnoson to the Legislative Affairs Committee, Rosemarie Marshall to the Membership Committee, and Frieda Stahl to the Publications Committee. Barbara Sinclair was elected Vice President.

A spirited discussion was held on Proposition 1A to be on the ballot on May 19 Special Election. Good arguments were presented in favor and against the proposition. The majority vote was to vote no on adoption of Prop. 1A.

OTHER REPORTS: The CSU Academic Senate Liaison reported that 60 percent of current faculty are lecturers. The 2009-2010 budget was adopted. The meeting concluded with a unanimous commendation for outstanding service to outgoing President Don Dewey.

**Report from Chair of Editorial Committee by Ted Anagnoson**

Fall 09 issue will publish 2.5 weeks before the Fall luncheon/program.

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> Stories:

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> 1. Fall meeting/luncheon

> 2. Fall faculty day OPA winners

> 3. Emeriti assn awards fellowships/scholarships

> 4. Photo collage from the Spring luncheon, with captions.

> 5. President's message - Marty Roden

> 6. New members

> 7. Personal and Professional

> 8. Remember when - if room. We have that one from the Pat Brown

dinner.

> 9. New Emeriti

> 10. Health brief - Marilyn Friedman

> 11. Leon Pape lecture

> 12. Campus news, if any.

> 13. any retirements?

> 14. Feature - Probably Hildebrando's Oaxaca story.

> 15. if space permits, could do another feature.

> 16. In Memoriam

17. could have something from President’s speech to the faculty > on fall faculty day if there are notable and new items in it..>

> Deadline for your reports is August 15, 2009. That's 3.0 months from

> now, which in theory should be enough -- hahahaha.

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A huge thank you to Frieda Stahl for all her help this year, and to

> our only columnist who got his reports in on time - Harold! - who now

> has the job of urging the rest of you to get YOUR reports in on time.

> And to Ellen Stein, an outstanding editor - and great help.

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> I now (happily) turn this over to Harold as our next chair of the

> publications committee.

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> Ted