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

**Emeriti Center, Administration 815**

**California State University, Los Angeles**

#### 5151 State University Drive

## **Los Angeles, CA 90032**

**Minutes for March 8, 2012 Meeting**

**Date:               March 15, 1012**

**Place:              Administration 815**

**Time:              12:45 – 2:45 p.m.**

**Present:** P. Brier, S. Burstein, J. Casanova, J. Cleman, H. Cohen, D. Dewey, M. Friedman, H. Goldwhite, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, D. Keane, D. Margaziotis, L. Mathy, V. Potter, L. Schwartz, F. Stahl, D. Vernon, V. Zapata

**Absent:** Jean Adenika-Morrow, J. Fisher-Hoult, R . Marshall-Holt, M. Roden, B. Sinclair, W. Taylor

1. **Announcements**

Acting President Dorothy Keane expressed the Executive Committee’s sorrow and sympathy to Barbara Sinclair for the recent loss of her husband John.

She then read the following announcements from President William Taylor:

1. Vicente Zapata and Bill Taylor have been working on awarding William E. Lloyd Fellowships this academic year as a follow up to the Executive Committee discussion on this issue at the February 14 meeting. The chairs of History and Political Science have agreed to recommend students within the next week. These students will submit the normal applications which will be reviewed by our Fellowship Committee. The committee will make recommendations for action by the Executive Committee. It is our intention to complete this so that any recipients can be recognized at the Donor Recognition Luncheon on May 10, 2012.

2. Janet Fisher-Hoult and Bill Taylor have been emailing Emeritus Professor Noriko Saito regarding the Kimio Matsui Fellowship. Executive Committee concerns were expressed and we offered to continue the discussion with Dr. Saito if she wishes. She has not yet responded.

3. Thanks again to Janet Fisher-Hoult for the program she prepared for our February 14, reception. Mandy Hillstrom, Assistant Professor of Nutritional Science, gave a well received talk.

4. Our Spring Luncheon will be Friday, May 11, 2012. If the Committee agrees, we will have our May Executive Committee meeting from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on that day, followed by the Spring Luncheon.

Dr. Keane then introduced Leon Schwartz, announcing that this would be his last meeting before he and Jean move to Maryland. Asked if he would read a parting limerick, he gladly obliged with

Bye-Bye Emeriti

You have toiled for knowledge to dispense

And have tried of this world to make sense.

Now you toil to enhance

Every student's best chance

For a rewarding life to commence.

Hail all hail to you emeriti!

When it comes to good works you're not shy.

It's been a great pleasure!

Your memories I'll treasure!.

It's so damn hard to tell you "Goodbye.".

Don Dewey added several announcements:

1. Barbara Sinclair is unable to attend this meeting. She asked me to thank you for your generous and loving support and to announce that a memorial service for John Sinclair is scheduled for June 7 at the Episcopal Church in South Pasadena, by which time she hopes that her daughter and infant son will be able to attend.
2. Alfredo Morales has scheduled a meeting with the Development Office to transfer the administration of the Gigi Morales Memorial Lecture Fund to the Emeriti Association when Roberto Cantu retires from teaching.
3. He has learned from the Senate Chair that President Rosser favors a change in policy to end free parking for emeriti while they continue to teach in the FERP program.

Joe Casanova urged that members take more care in using our tazjr system so that personal messages are not sent to the total membership.

2.0 Ap**proval of Agenda**

m/s/p with the addition of “Sponsorship of History Lecture” as new business and time certain of 2:15 for 5.3 “Welcoming New Members” and for 5.4 “Description of Smallenburg fellowship.” See action regarding these issues below under “New Business” and “Old Business”.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

m/s/p

**4.0 Officer and Committee Reports and Recommendations**

**4.1 President: W. Taylor**

Not present, see announcements above

**4.2 Past President: M. Roden**

Not present, no report

t

**4.3 Vice President – Administration: D. Keane**

No report

**4.4 Vice President – Programs: J. Fisher-Hoult**

Not present but the Acting President read the following:

The reception held for the Academic Senate on February 14, 2012 was very well received by those who attended. Mandy Hillstrom gave an excellent presentation and I was told by some that they shared the information with others. The “door prizes” seemed to go over quite well. I had hoped that they would draw a larger crowd. Perhaps we need to look at other ways to market/advertise our programs in the future. Several Executive Committee members were not able to attend and there were very few senators. Although an article and announcement appeared in *The Emeritimes* and we sent postcards (thanks to Hildebrando and Harold), the turnout was smaller than expected. I did not do a headcount, but would estimate between 30 and 40 rather than the 40 to 50 we anticipated.

The spring luncheon will be held on May 11 at the usual time – 11:30 – 3:00. I have already begun arrangements with the Golden Eagle catering staff and expect to have Ballroom 3 available. Irving Kett, emeritus professor of Engineering called to volunteer to give a talk on “Ethics in Industry and Academe” based on his personal experiences. I don’t know Irving, other than through telephone conversations. Since we have a deadline of March 15 for *The Emeritimes*, I have invited Irving to be our speaker. I will be interviewing him for the article. He has an interesting background having been in the U.S. Army for 39 years during which he was in the invasion of Okinawa, became a civil engineer and was called on by the U.S. to assist Israel. I’ll find out more and incorporate it into an article. Hildebrando made another suggestion, Gary Best, who I think Marilyn had mentioned at one of our Exec Com meetings. I think Gary would be an excellent speaker for the Fall luncheon with the students and will talk with the Program Subcommittee about that as soon as we can find a time to meet!

Although my colonoscopy was postponed because of an asthma attack, I am still battling a fever and my respiratory problems are not yet under control. Once again, I can’t drive and Charley has been having health problems as well so I’ve lost my chauffeur for the moment. I haven’t completed the latest round of antibiotics and I don’t think any of you need to share my germs.

Objection to the September recommendation was raised because of all meetings this would be an important one to have a political discussion. There was general agreement.

**4.5 Fiscal Affairs Chair: Joe Casanova**

The next budget will be considered at the May meeting, so members should be considering added expenses or other possible changes. He added that our resources are decreasing slowly.

**4.6 Treasurer: Joe Casanova**

Letters of thanks have been sent to recent donors; fellowship donations were $60 and dues were $255. He advised that the committee give serious consideration to whether the February reception should continue, in light of a $1,200 expenditure for an event that was poorly attended.

**4.7 Fellowship Fund Chair: Vicente Zapata**

A list of “Fellowships for 2012-213 Offered by CSULA Emeriti Association” was distributed and praised by the committee. It has been posted on College bulletin boards. Letters and summary sheets listing our fellowships were mailed to the Deans and Associate Deans, requesting distribution to department chairs to assure qualified applicants. Dean James Henderson of Natural and Social Sciences wrote his appreciation for “this wonderful support for our students.” He promised to work with departments and programs to assure that “you again have top quality candidates to consider.” He concluded, “I am so grateful for the support provided to the faculty and students at CSULA by the Emeriti Association. Thank you so much for the great work that you do.”

Zapata reported that the Business Manager of the *University Times* is cooperating to assure wide knowledge of our fellowships. He suggested publication of the summary sheet before the quarter break and again in April. He will seek approval from the new UT Director and believes that it will be approved. The outreach plan also includes individual letters to Department Chairs and Advisors of graduate programs that are especially targeted by our fellowships. The Fellowship Committed consists of Joan Johnson, Rosemarie Marshall, Janet Fisher-Hoult and Vicente Zapata.

Dewey delivered the History portion of the Bill Lloyd candidates referred to in the first Taylor **a**nnouncement, above.

**4.8 LLLP Representative: Peter Brier**

Activities scheduled at senior centers include two lectures on China by Ted Crovello, Stan Burstein on Julius Caesar, Harold Goldwhite on Gilbert and Sullivan, and an unnamed poet. Vilma Potter’s poetry classes have been well received. The Hollenbeck and Griffith Park centers contribute $1,000 annually to the program, and South Pasadena contributes $500 with a goal of $1,000. Frieda Stahl reports that progress is being made to establish partnership with the Villa Gardens center, where a number of our members now reside, including Frieda.

**4.9 Historian/Archivist: Stanley Burstein**

No report

**4.10 Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn Friedman**

She has sent letters to John Thornbury for heart surgery, Barbara Sinclair for the loss of her husband, and Vicente Zapata for hip surgery.

**4.11 Membership Secretary: Karen Johnson**

Terry Kandal has recently become an annual member.

**4.12 Webmaster: Demetrius Margaziotis**

He described recent efforts to look into digitizing *The Emeritimes* from to the beginning of its publication, as a new project that would allow, when placed on our website, easy access by the university community and the general public to the entire collection of this first-rate publication.  In addition, such web access would showcase and highlight one of the Association's most important accomplishments and contributions to university life and university history.  Archivist Stan Burstein and Harold Goldwhite were alerted of his intent, and visits followed with librarians to assess the Library's technical capabilities for scanning and digitization.  The result is that the Library has no technical or other resources that would be suitable and available for this project, but voiced its support of principle and offered assistance to locate a commercial vendor.  Initial attempts to estimate costs for acquiring a high quality, searchable PDF archive from a commercial vendor indicate a relatively high one-time cost (in the order of $1,000-1,500). There would be no recurrent costs.  DM solicited comment from the committee.  He received an encouraging reaction, mixed with some concern about costs.  It was agreed for DM to pursue further information about costs and come back to the committee with a recommendation.

**4.13 Database Coordinator: Harold Cohen**

He requested information on some emeriti to whom *Emeritimes* was not

delivered. After discussion it was agreed that the form letter requesting

up-dated information on emeriti status should be mailed only in the fall issue.

**4.14 Secretary: Jean Adenika-Morrow**

Not present, no report

**4.15 The Emeritimes Editorial Chair: Harold Goldwhite**

March 22 is the deadline for articles for the next issue. Please also submit personal items because they are of great interest.

4.16 **CSULA Academic Senator: Don Dewey**

The President has approved the personnel procedures that were recently submitted. A “Resolution of Faculty Priorities” in times of severe budget cuts had a first reading. It recommends high priority to preserving faculty positions so that students graduate in timely manner. It also emphasized increased student retention and graduation rates. In the event of future cuts it argued that they be proportionally less for the Academic Affairs budget and that any cuts be made within the structure of shared governance and in an open and transparent manner.

Kevin Baaske was nominated for reelection as CSU Academic Senator but further nomination will be required at the next meeting because the only other nominee declined. [Ed Klein accepted nomination at the March 13 meeting.]

Lisa Chavez, Vice President for Administration, presented the report that had been scheduled for the February meeting at which the emeriti were guests. That presentation was postponed because of a death in her family. She described herself and husband as longtime members of the CSU who are committed to enhancement of the learning experience, because it is the “workhorse of higher education” in California.

She named the heads of each of her departments and I was impressed by the fact that I was acquainted with none of them, though I had heard a couple of their names. I was most intrigued by the following reports: CSLA is 13th in California higher education in public safety, behind only two other CSU campuses. It is second lowest in the CSU for illness and injuries, behind only the Chancellor’s Office that “doesn’t have laboratories.” It is unique in its success in meeting budget projections. The Corporation Yard is near completion and the mailroom will soon be moved there. The Golden Eagle Apartments north of campus will be completed soon and will include 50 units for graduate students. 85% of our students are eligible for Pell grants and $158 million is dispersed. We are one of the few campuses that meet procurement and contract goals. Elevators will soon be renovated. There was $200,000 damage from the November windstorm. Progress on the Arts high school building is behind schedule but progressing. (There was not time to question how they will handle Circle Drive traffic when it opens.) The vendor who picks up our trash sorts for all recyclables that have not made it to the proper receptacles. They are seeking approval for a seven year period for refurbishing the old Physical Science building. The heavy equipment in the basement will not be moved because it is too old, but will also not be accessible to faculty, staff or students. There is a “five year moving target” for improvements in King Hall, with emphasis on “moving.”

**4.17 CSU Academic Senator: Harold Goldwhite**

No report

**4.18 CSU/ ERFA Council: Don Dewey Frieda Stahl, Bill Taylor**

No time.

1. **Old Business**

**5.1 Emeriti Volunteers: Bill Taylor**

Postponed

**5.2 Education Scholarship Proposal: Bill Taylor**

Postponed

**5.3 Welcoming New Members: Demetrius Margaziotis**

The following was m/s/p

At the first meeting of the executive committee that a new member of the committee attends:

The president welcomes the new member and briefly describes highlights of member's background, e.g. years of university service, field of study, a few career highlights, etc.  
The president describes briefly how the committee functions, including the role of a member-at-large, and invites the new member to peruse the association’s website for background on the association’s activities at his/her convenience.  
Each member of the executive committee introduces him/herself and briefly describes his/her role on the committee.  
Following prior consultation with the committee, the president describes areas of committee work that may be of interest to the new member and he/she may wish to contribute.  
The president invites the new member to describe any issues he/she may wish to pursue either on his/her own, or by joining an existing subcommittee.   
The president invites the new member to write and submit his/her biography for inclusion in the association’s biography project.   
The president invites the new member to respond, if he/she wishes. The president, with the committee's assistance, actively monitors and follows up on the new member’s involvement to ensure the new member is assimilated productively in the work of the executive committee.

**5.4 Smallenburg Memorial Fellowship: Demetrius Margaziotis**

**m/s/postponed as a description to be added to the emeriti website.**

**Carol J. Smallenburg Memorial Fellowship**  
The Emeriti Association has named one of the Emeriti Fellowships described above as the Carol J. Smallenburg Memorial Fellowship, in recognition of her numerous and substantial contributions in support of faculty and students.

A professor emerita from the  Charter College of Education, she established the Carol Smallenburg Fellowship  for students studying global education or media in secondary social sciences,  the Harry Smallenburg Fellowship for students in counselor education, and the  Margaret A. Thornton Fellowship for students in elementary and secondary  education.  In the 1970's, together with Bill Lloyd, she initiated Emeriti Association Graduate Fellowships. While  chair of the Emeriti Association Fellowship Fund Committee, Dr. Smallenburg was  the moving force behind the establishment of other fellowships - the Jane Matson  Memorial Fellowship, the William Lloyd Memorial Fellowship and the John Houk Memorial Fellowship. She was also a major contributor to the Mary Gormly Fellowship. Her generosity went further through her contributions to the fellowships of many emeriti across disciplines. She also contributed funds for high school students who could not afford the college application fees. She didn't want any barriers to impede the goal of getting a college degree.  
**Eligibility:** See Emeriti Fellowship, above.

* 1. **Emeriti Volunteers**

Not considered because of lack of time.

**5.2 Education Scholarship**

Not considered because of lack of time.

1. **New Business**
   1. **Sponsorship of History Lecture: Don Dewey**

It was m/s/p to co-sponsor an oral history presentation, “Blowout: Sal Castro and the Chicano Struggle for Educational Justice” at 4:30 p.m. on April 18 in Salazar Hall.

**7.0 Adjournment**

Adjourned at 2:50

Respectfully submitted:

Donald O. Dewey, Acting Secretary