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

**Emeriti Center, Administration 815**

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**Minutes for June 2012 Meeting**

**Date:               June 14, 2012**

**Place:              Administration 815**

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

**Present:** S. Burstein, J. Cleman, H. Cohen, D. Dewey, J. Fisher-Hoult, M. Friedman, H. Goldwhite, K. Johnson, D. Keane, D. Margaziotis, R. Marshall-Holt, L. Mathy, B. Sinclair, F. Stahl, W. Taylor, D. Vernon, V. Zapata

**Absent:** J. Adenika, W. Belan, P. Brier, J. Casanova, H. Goldwhite, J. Johnson, V. Potter, M. Roden,

**Guests:** Ted Crovello, Renee James

**1.0 Announcements**

President Bill Taylor made the following announcements:

1. Several of us attended the memorial service for Barbara Sinclair’s husband, John, last Thursday. It was a celebration of his life. Barbara’s new grandson was there.
2. Last Thursday Don Dewey was recognized by the unveiling of his picture which is now hanging in the College of Natural and Social Sciences Deans’ Conference Room. Don’s is the only picture there and a plaque will recognize him as the founding Dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences. The event was well attended. Dean James Henderson welcomed everyone and thanked Don for his leadership and innumerable contributions to the College. Don responded with warm remembrances and gratitude.
3. We have a time certain today at 1:30 p.m. with Associate University Librarian Marla Peppers and Special Collections Librarian Renee James. They will answer our questions about transferring ownership of our archive to the University Library.
4. Marshall Cates and Ted Crovello are attending their first Executive Committee meeting Their terms as new Members-at-Large start officially with our July meeting.(Marshall did not attend.))

Acting Secretary Don Dewey made the following announcements:

1. I have sad news regarding the likelihood of posthumous emerita status for Beverly Krilowicz. I received this message from Biology Chair Nancy McQueen last week: “When I sent the memory book to Beverly’s family, I asked them about requesting emerita status for Bev.  She was very bitter when she left and I did not want to do anything that the family would feel would be something that she would not want or was against their wishes.  I told them that the department would like to start the paper work to submit a request to get her the emerita status posthumously, but I specifically indicated that I would not do so unless I had their permission to do so.   There has been no response, and I am uncomfortable moving forward on it under these conditions.” I praised her handling of the issue while urging her to ask Bev’s two best friends to seek the views of her sister.
2. Roberto Cantu has demonstrated that “our” annual conference under the Gigi Morales Lecture funds is in good hands. The week after the outstanding Carlos Fuentes conference he sent me a carefully planned proposal for a May 2013 conference on Global Modernities, including featured speakers and topics. If you want to view his plans at this stage I will send it by email. I persuaded Roberto to send a letter to the LA Times editor about the scholarly conference that had concluded just hours before Carlos Fuentes’s death. Roberto complied but LAT did not.
3. Jan Seaman called me to learn emeriti rights regarding use of a university facility, the sound stage in King Hall. I directed her to emeritus Dave McNutt with the following results: “Thanks, Don, for your guidance in finding the beleaguered sound studio in the basement of King Hall.  Dave McNutt led me to Bill Stellmacher (whom I knew) who says he's had to fight to keep it, so welcomed the opportunity to have it used.  All is good!  I'll contact you when we set the date for me to come down.”
4. Dean Mary Falvey sent an April obituary on Chuck Leyba, which I forwarded to Harold Goldwhite and Ellen Stein. Fortunately she also provided the name of a staff member who can provide additional information regarding his activities on campus.
5. I just cut through the Geography-Geology department and met Rick Hurst on the final day of his FERP appointment. Rather than drive from Thousand Oaks to teach here he will now walk across the street to teach at Cal Lutheran.

Dorothy Keane announced that she had attended a retirement lunch for Dean Mary Falvey that was very well attended.

Barbara. Sinclair reported on a celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Nursing department at Cal State LA.

The death of Malcolm (Mac) McLean was announced by Dianne Vernon..

1. **A**p**proval of Agenda**

m/s/p.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

m/s/p as amended.

**4.0 Officer and Committee Reports and Recommendations**

**4.1 President: Bill Taylor**

He welcomed Ted Crovello and briefed him on the role of At Large members, including possible participation on other committees.

**4.2 Past President: Marty Roden**

Not present, no report.

**4.3 Vice President – Administration: Dorothy Keane**

No report.

* 1. **Vice President – Programs: J. Fisher-Hoult**  
     Raphael Sonenshein, new director of the Pat Brown Institute will be the speaker on California politics during the fall luncheon on October 12. He is delighted at the opportunity to bring his expertise on this subject to the emeriti. She distributed a menu from the Golden Eagle and asked members to respond with advice.
  2. **Fiscal Affairs Chair: Joe Casanova**

In Joe Casanova’s absence Demetrius Margaziotis presented the proposed budget and requested its approval. It was m/s/p following deletion of the words “since in this cycle she will be chair and will be otherwise very busy” from a footnote Dorothy Keane’s “Oral/”Video project.”

* 1. **Treasurer: Joe Casanova**

Dimitri also presented the Treasurer’s written report that was formally received.

**4.7 Fellowship Fund Chair: Vicente Zapata**He announced that he will soon be requesting volunteers to help determine the strongest candidates

**5.2 Transfer of Emeriti Archives to the University Library (time certain 1:30)**

Special Collections Librarian Renee James met with us to discuss a proposal to transfer ownership of emeriti archives to the CSULA Library.  She reported that the only change would be in the formal relationship to the Library, although the records would still not become an official University Archive.  Transfer of our archives would make them more accessible to researchers because permission of the Emeriti Association would not be required.  Records would be linked to the website and be better organized.  Access to sensitive materials can be closed at the initiative of the Emeriti Association.  There will be no digitizing of the materials at present.  Only the Emeriti Association can add materials.  Dorothy Keane asked if University photographs of emeriti can be included.  Renee responded that these are the property of Public Affairs, but if the Emeriti Association requests it she will initiate discussions with Public Affairs regarding the handling of such photographs.

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

He invited members to a special celebration on June 21 at the Hollenbeck-Palms retirement home to thank emeriti who had made presentations there. It will include a lecture by Connie Corley on Creative Time in Aging Performance, an art display by one of the retirees, musical performances and a free lunch. It is not limited to those who had made presentations. Hollenbeck-Palms is one of the original retirement homes in Los Angeles and the building itself is considered worth an extended visit. Frieda Stahl reported that LLLP programs are planned and highly welcomed at a new venue, Villa Gardens in Pasadena..

**4.9 Historian/Archivist: Stanley Burstein**

No report.

**4.10 Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn Friedman**

She is writing a letter to Dale Carter to express our sorrow regarding his strokes. She expressed our concern personally at the John Sinclair memorial to Eleni Pitsiou-Darrough regarding her continuing physical ailments.

**4.11 Membership Secretary: Karen Johnson**

No report

**4.12 Webmaster: Demetrius Margaziotis**

He has completed the project to digitize those copies of ***The Emeritimes***that preceded his appointment as webmaster. All copies since the first issue in 1980 are now on the website, but the file is so large that he will be downsizing it to make it more manageable. He reported that he and Bill Taylor have negotiated with Nancy Miron to make the link to the Emeriti Association on the University website more prominent and easier to access. Reference to the Emeriti Association will have an asterisk to link it to the website.

**4.13 Database Coordinator: Harold Cohen**

He announced that he and Joe Casanova have revised membership envelopes to simplify the mailing process. Those to annual members and life members will be different colors. There will no longer be need for a separate information sheet. He hopes that the new envelopes will be approved at our July meeting.

**4.14 Secretary: Jean Adenika-Morrow**

Not present, no report.

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

While he regrets the retirement of Ellen Stein from the University, he is delighted to report that she plans to continue as editor from her home.

**4.16** **CSULA Academic Senator: Don Dewey**

On June 4 the new Senate elected Kevin Baaske (Communication Studies) as Chair; Gretchen Peterson (Sociology) as Vice-Chair, Tim Bell (Psychology) as Secretary, and Steve Classen (TV, Film & Media Studies), Sharon Ulanoff (Curriculum & Instruction); Mike Soldatenko (Chicano Studies) and Laura Whitcomb (Management) as At Large members.

Proposed policy modification for Associate and Assistant College Deans was approved at the June 4 meeting, with this key addition. “Normally only tenured full professors serve as Associate and Assistant Deans.” Proposed policy modification of Undeclared Majors: and of Second Baccalaureate Degrees were approved. Policy recommendations on Early Promotion; on Evaluation of Permanent Library Faculty; on Evaluation of Temporary Faculty; and on Second Baccalaureate Degrees were returned to committee.

On May 8 the Senate approved the following proposed policies or proposed policy modifications: Criteria for General Education Breadth Requirements, Evaluation of Permanent Counselor Faculty and Evaluation of Temporary Counselor Faculty, and Personnel Policies, Faculty Handbook.

On May 22 Cheryl Koos presented a report as chair of the General Education Revision Task Force. There have been general delays because of the uncertain status of a change to a semester system. They are attempting to align GE Learning Objectives with Institutional learning Objectives. In June they will attend an AAC&U meeting at Portland State on Impact Practices and a CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning conference on GE Assessment. After a brief presentation the Senate gave first readings to several personnel procedures that received second readings on June 5.

On May 29, President Rosser presented his State of the University address. Since I missed that meeting I asked the new Emeriti Senator, John Cleman, to report:.

First John reported that in the June 4 meeting Don Dewey received a standing ovation after his farewell statement to the Senate.

Then he described the President's lengthy state of the university address as more upbeat than might be expected.  He had been able to provide relief from the budget shortfall through unspecified non-allocated funds, despite CFA demands for transparency.  There is a modest return to state-supported summer quarter, with limited released time possible.  Still the growth of FTES is gloomy.  He is planning for a worst-case budget scenario with a loss of $4.9 million and the possibility of an additional $11.9 million, about a fourth of our campus budget.  He reported on semester conversion and is confident that students should be able to graduate in six years.  While speaking of General Education he questioned why our students are required to take two American history courses.

We have a dramatically younger student body because of the increase of freshmen relative to transfers.  The thriving Honors College contributed to this with the recruitment of 40 first year students and 17 transfers, all of them excellent and hard-working.

He praised the Golden Eagle Apartments that have been remodeled to house graduate students.  The hydrogen facility is an important asset to Los Angeles transportation.  The new corporate yards are now fully operative.  Development of the Television and Film building (on the hill west of the Student Union) and the new County High School for the Arts (north of the Music Building) are now proceeding.  He reported that the bottom three floors and basement of the Physical Sciences tower will be retrofitted to allow limited access

Afshin Matin, a Professor of History and Cal State alumnus, boldly asked why faulty are not involved in budget decisions.  The President tartly replied that when faculty can be fired for the decisions they make he will give them that authority. .

**4.17 CSU Academic Senator: Harold Goldwhite**

He reported that procedures for appointing a new Chancellor following the retirement of Charlie Reed have begun. A committee of eight Trustees expects to have the new Chancellor on duty in the fall quarter. There will be an open meeting on qualifications on June 28. There are said to be a half dozen qualified candidates. There will be no open forums for faculty to meet candidates. The decision will be made entirely behind closed doors.

* 1. **CSU ERFA Council: Don Dewey Frieda Stahl, Bill Taylor**

No report.

**5.0 Old Business**

**5.1 Emeriti Volunteers**

Bill Taylor urged the committee to adopt policy and procedures early in fall quarter.

**Adjournment at 2:45 p.m.**