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

**Emeriti Center, Administration 815**

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**Minutes for Executive Committee, Sept. 10, 2015**

**Date:               September 15, 2015**

**Place:              Student Affairs 110**

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

**Present:** J. Adenika, P. Brier, S. Burstein, M. Cates, D. Dewey, H. Goldwhite, A. Gonzalez, J. Johnson, D. Keane, D. Klein, L. Mathy, B. Sinclair, F. Stahl, W. Taylor

**Absent:** J. Casanova, R. Cantu, N. Fabris, J. Fisher-Hoult, M. Jefferson, D. Margaziotis, R. Marshall-Holt, V. Potter, H. Villarreal, M. Zepeda.

**Announcements:**

**President Cleman** announced that emeriti are individually invited to attend the University convocation beginning at 7:30 a.m. on September 21. He urged large emeriti attendance as a means of underlining our significance in the minds of recently arrived administrators. P. Brier hoped that President Covino will be inclined to recognize the emeriti at the event.

D. Dewey announced the recent death of Robert Cathcart, a distinguished Professor of Communication Studies who departed from LA State for Queens College shortly after nomination as CSLA’s CSU Outstanding Professor.

J. Johnson reminded members that the 18th annual Billie Jean King gala on October 24 with Mary Carrillo as featured speaker. She hopes that our tennis legend will commit to a 20th event. She reminded members that D. Keane won the lottery for Wimbledon tickets at the 2014 event and that she sat there in Billie Jean’s box.

**Approval of Agenda;** m/s/p

**Approval of Minutes:** m/s/p with corrections.

**Officer and Committee Reports and Recommendations:**

**President John Cleman** announced that he has invited Professor Rafael Sonenshein, Director of the Pat Brown Center, to speak again at our Fall 2016 Luncheon but does not yet have an answer. He has consulted with Dorothy Keane regarding those to be invited to attend our upcoming Fall Luncheon as guests.

**Vice President for Programs Jean Adenika** reported that our decision to schedule events earlier than in the past has resulted in our being scheduled on the dates that we prefer and in favorable Golden Eagle facilities. Major lunch meetings will be on September 16, 2016 and May 12, 2017, our preferred dates. She recommended that Amanda Tapia from University Auxiliary Services and Yolanda Aguiar and Darlene Aguilar from the President’s office be invited to the October 16, 2015 luncheon because of their support for our activities.

J. Adenika also reported that Janet S. Dial, Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the CSULA Foundation, will be honored guest and speaker at the October 16, 2015, meeting in Golden Eagle Ballroom I. Her topic will be “Cal State LA’s Deepening Focus on University Development and Growth.” Checks for $34 should be mailed to Treasurer Marshall Cates by October 9, with choice between Hanger Steak with wild mushroom sauce, Grilled Salmon with lemon thyme chardonnay sauce, or Stuffed Chicken with spinach and ricotta in Lemon herb sauce. M. Cates’ address is 1036 Armada Driver, Pasadena, and his telephone is 626-792-9118.

**Past President Dorothy Keane congratulated** J. Cleman for his 50 years of married life. L. Mathy added that he had been married for 70 years.

**Vice President for Administration Stanley Burstein:** no report.

**Treasurer Marshall Cates** distributed a proposed annual budget and moved its approval. It was approved unanimously. Expected expenditures are $298 more than anticipated revenues, but there is a balance of $10,035 in FCU Savings.

**Fiscal Affairs Chair Marshall Cates** distributed information on fellowship funds and recommended that the Fellowship Fund Committee select up to sixteen $1,000 recipients requiring $1,410.99 contribution from the emeriti Fellowship to bring some of the low earning funds to the desired amount. .

**Fellowship Fund Chairman Alfredo Gonzalez**continued to express deep concerns that the administrative process for qualifying candidates may be so delayed that his committee may be unable to invite recipients to the luncheon where they are supposed to be honored.  W. Taylor moved that the Fiscal Affairs Committee consider how scholarship donors might be approached for continued donations and make recommendations to the Executive Committee. The motion was approved.

For the program, W. Taylor also moved that three former recipients of our fellowships be invited by A. Gonzalez to speak on their progress in the past year, that lunch be provided for these speakers and one guest, and that each speaker receive a $100 honorarium.  After a motion to rescind the honorarium was defeated, the motion was approved.

**Lifelong Learning Liaison Peter Brier** reported an active lecture series at Griffith Park Adult Community Center, South Pasadena Senior Center, Hollenbeck Palms Retirement Community and Villa Gardens. Stanley Burstein will speak on “The Location of the Tomb of Phillip II.” Harold Goldwhite will speak on “The Evolution Controversies: 1840 to the Present” and twice on “Alchemy.” Vilma Potter will have five sessions of “Poetry with Potter” at South Pasadena. Martin Epstein will present two lectures on “The Scientific Mind: How it Works.” Walter Askin will speak on “Visual Humor: Woomsters and Foozlers.” Ted Crovello will lecture on Xinjiang: China’s Northwest Treasure.”

P. Brier is scheduling meetings with department chairs and personnel committees to show them, and hopefully their junior colleagues, the service value of such presentations. Our shared knowledge should not come only from emeritus faculty.

**Historian-Archivist Don Dewey:** no report

**Membership Secretary Marlene Zepeda:** not present, no report.

**Membership Secretary Rosemarie Marshall-Holt:** not present, no report.

**Webmaster Demetrius Margaziotis:** not present, no report./

**Database Coordinator Margret Jefferson:** not present, no report.

**Secretary Hildebrando Villarreal:** not present, no report.

**CSULA Academic Senator John Cleman:** no meetings, no report.

**ERFA Liaison to CSU Academic Senate Harold Goldwhite** reported major changes in administrative leadership: All new Executive Vice Chancellors. Administrators are quite eager to address the Senate in its plenary sessions. There are four presidential searches ongoing at the same time as four Trustee vacancies. Some Trustees even serve on two search committees. The Chancellor declared that, while in principle searches can be open or closed (no campus visits) he believes that closed searches provide a stronger pool of candidates. The Trustee Chair has visited the Senate and said that he will not seek another term on the Board. In a discussion of fiscal sustainability there was a brief reference to a possible return to Year Round Operations.

**Former CSU ERFA President Barbara Sinclair** reported that Bill Blischke from Dominguez Hills is the new President. Vice Chancellor Garrett Ashley is liaison from the Chancellor’s Office and there have been fruitful meetings. ERFA goals include support for campuses and the CSU, outreach and public relations, appropriate lobbying including support of RPEA. The next state Council meeting will be at CSU Fullerton on October 17; Chancellor White will address the Council. The search for an Executive Director to replace the retiring Don Cameron continues. The Executive Committee resolved unanimously to urge members not to sign the current Chuck Reed initiative constitutional amendment: “Public Employees. Pension and Retiree Health benefits.”

**2016 Gigi-Gaucher-Morales Memorial Conference:** no report.

**New Business: Publications Chairman Harold Goldwhite** led a discussion of a proposal that *Emeritimes* no longer be mailed to non-paying members of the Emeriti Association. A discussion of plusses and minuses led to no conclusion. Ideas included a warning letter in a future issue and making *Emeritimes* available to non-paying members only on line rather than on paper. H. Goldwhite also announced that the likely mailing date for the next issue is September 28. An interview with departing Dean Beatrice Yorker will appear in a future issue.

M/s/p to adjourn at 2:44 p.m.