California State University Los Angeles

Emeriti Association Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 12,2017

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

Place: SA 110

Present: J. Adenika, S. Burstein, P. Brier, J. Casanova, J. Cleman, D. Dewey, N. Fabris, J. Galvan, A. Gonzalez, D. Keane, D. Klein, D. Margaziotis, K. Reilly, B. Taylor

Absent: J. Beer, M. Cates, S. Felszeghy, J. Fisher-Hoult, L. Mathy, B. Sinclair, F. Stahl

1. Announcements

1.1 John announced that there was no Senate report as they have not met. Nancy Warter-Perez has stepped down as Senate Chair to become Chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. She will be replaced by the Vice Chair, Veena Prabhu.

1.2 Thank-you letters were sent to those who contributed to the campaign.

1.3 Frieda has set the next Holiday luncheon at Villa Gardens on Thursday, December 14.

1.4 Don Dewey circulated a Christmas message from Sam and Sandy McSeveney (lead historian and lead secretary at CSULA in the early 1950s) and a prominent New

York Times obituary on Norman Fruman.

1. Approval of Agenda
   1. M/S/P with restoration of 4.7 Treasurer’s Report and 4.8 Fiscal Policy Report, addition of 4.9 Website Report and 6.4 Action Plan to provide a process for separation for faculty.
   2. The items will be renumbered as necessary.
2. Approval of Minutes of December 8, 2016
   1. M/S/P as presented.

4. Officer and Committee Reports and Recommendations

4.1 President

4.1.1 We need to determine which guests will attend future meetings. Currently we have a time certain for President Covino at 1:30 at February meeting. Others to be scheduled are Jennifer Davis, in charge of “Soles-for-Souls” (probably in February), AVP Pham (probably in March), Scholarship Director Veronica Popovic. John will arrange the schedule. We can extend times if necessary.

4.1.2 The Senate meeting with emeriti is February 21. John will give an overview of what emeriti have done in past year rather than have individual members report on their activities.

4.2 Vice President for Programs: Jean Adenika – The Spring luncheon will be on Friday, May 12 at 11:30 with the Board Meeting prior at 9:30. After lunch, a tour of the new Television Building will be available with shuttle buses up to the site. This is Jean’s last event as VP. It was discussed and then later M/S/P (see Treasurer’s Report) to raise the cost of the luncheon by one dollar to $39 per person as we still are not breaking even due to cost of guests. There is still a problem with the Deans’ not getting reimbursed by UAS.(see Fiscal Policy report)

4.3 Fellowship Chair: Alfredo Gonzalez

4.3.1. Alfredo reported that the new Scholarship Director Veronica Popovic has years of experience.

4.3.2 The report from the ad hoc Fellowship Procedures and Practices Committee (Cleman, Galvan, Gonzalez) was thoroughly discussed. It was MS/P to accept the proposal to have members of the Fellowship Committee propose a name, to be approved by the Executive Committee, for the Emeriti Fellowships so that they are perceived to be at the same level of prestige as those fellowships that bear a name. It was noted in the discussion that the proposed name should be generic, in order to describe adequately those emeriti fellowships that are supported by the general fellowship fund.

4.3.3 It was M/S/P to have the members of the Fellowship Committee develop selection criteria, to be approved by the Executive Committee, for each of the existing, and any subsequent, named emeriti fellowships. The criteria should be sufficiently broad to optimize the likelihood that the named fellowship will be awarded annually.

4.3.4 There was no time to discuss the third item in the report: Award named emeriti fellowships only when there is an identified fellowship recipient who meets the selection criteria for a given named emeriti fellowship.

4.4 Treasurer: Marshall Cates

4.4.1. Marshall submitted a report showing the balance in the CSULA Federal Credit Union general account is $15,279.80, in the Life Long Learning account is $1,000, and in the Savings account is $10,038.35. There were 6 additional donations since the last meeting.

4.4.2 The invitation to the Spring luncheon might have to be a larger card to include the phrase:” I am not able to come but would like to donate x amount instead:”

4.4.3 Discussion about cost of luncheon. It was M/S/P to raise the price by one dollar.

4.5 Fiscal Affairs Chair: Marshall Cates

4.5.1 Marshall submitted a report stating that the HHS Dean agreed to transfer the $5,000 he held for LLL to the CSULA credit union (which has a tax ID), in care of the Emeriti Association. He hopes to have deposited the check by the next meeting.

4.5.2 The issue of several Deans not having paid their luncheon costs continues. They want to use their UAS accounts, but UAS won’t give us the money because we do not have a vendor account on file (requires a tax ID). We could open a UAS account into which the Deans could transfer their money and an LLL customer could have a tax ID for their W9, but the President’s office would have to approve this. And the question is, would we then have to put all of our money in the UAS account (answer NO). Marshall asks if we need to bring this to the attention of the President.

4.5.3 Jose stated it is common for special accounts to be set up in UAS with the President’s waiver of the fee. A meeting should be set up with John, Marshall, and Jose and UAS to discuss this.

4.6 Database Coordinator: Jose Galvan

4.6.1 The directory is being prepared and will be sent to members.

4.7 Life Long Learning: Peter Brier.

4.7.1 The $5000 was released by the HHS Dean and a Life Long Learning account within our CSUFCU account was established. The check has yet to be deposited.

4. 8 Emeritimes Editorial Board Chair: Frieda Stahl

4.8.1 John reported for Frieda that the deadline for the Winter stuffing has been moved from January 31 to February 1. There will be no obituaries in the Winter edition. They will be in the Spring edition. There will also be an article on the meeting with the President.

4.9 Website Report: D. Margaziotis

4.9.1 The ITS conversion to a new platform has been completed. We have a new URL which was sent to members. There are still some holes in the site from the migration from the old platform (pictures not transferred). Only 20 folders are allowed in the account; there are limits on storage. We may have to increase the size of our storage. If anyone finds more holes, report them to Dimitri.

4.9.2 The website does not list personal information on members. The directory lists name, department, and mailing address. Other information is voluntary.

5.0 Old Business

* 1. Emeriti Fellowships/Scholarships

5.1.1 The scholarship/fellowship review process and rubric – no discussion

5.1.2 Number and amount of awards per annum – no discussion

5.1.3 Augmenting visibility and prestige of awards: Fellowship criteria and Naming Proposals: Time Certain 2:25. This was discussed under 4.3 above.

1. New Business
   1. Meeting with President Covino: Questions/Issue: Time certain 1:15 – there was

much discussion, with issues noted by John and Kathy, who will compile a list to be distributed to the Executive Committee for feedback. The list will be edited as necessary and prepared for the next meeting.

* 1. Programs Committee proposal – no discussion
  2. Meeting and luncheon schedule scheduling: Semester adjustments
     1. John distributed the academic schedule for the ‘17-18 academic year and asked committee members to review the month to take off from executive committee meetings, and earlier dates for luncheons – to be discussed at next meeting.

6.4. Action Plan to provide process for faculty separation – no discussion

6.5 Role of the Association and the Executive Committee in supporting LLL – no discussion

* 1. Measures to stimulate interest in the Emeriti Biographies Project – no discussion
  2. Emeriti involvement in campus to address student homelessness and under nourishment – no discussion

1. Adjournment at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2017, SA 110

Submitted by Kathy Reilly

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Secretary