# California State University, Los Angeles Emeriti Association

**Emeriti Center, Administration 815**

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**Minutes of the September Meeting**

**Date: September 8, 2005**

**Place: Administration 815**

**Time: 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.**

**Present:** P. Brier, D. Burrill, J. Casanova, H. Cohen, D. Dewey, H. Goldwhite, J. Fisher-Hoult, J. Hoyt, J. Johnson, D. Margaziotis, B. Miller, L. Negrete, C. Padick, V. Potter, L. Schwartz, B. Sinclair, F. Stahl

**Absent:** W. Darrough, M. Friedman, Karen Johnson, V. Potter

**Guest:** Lillian Taiz and two staff members from CFA

1. **Announcements**

Lillian Taiz, president of the Cal State LA California Faculty Association and Vice President of state CFA, presented a PowerPointadvocacy for negative votes on Propositions 75 and 76 in the November state election. CFA and California State University Employees Union also oppose Props.74, 77 and 78 but focus efforts on those most threatening to the CSU. Colleagues have been trained to exercise maximum effect in the election and CFA encourages emeriti participation and support through donations, informing our friends and colleagues, precinct working and phone-banking.

Prop. 75 is regarded as unfair because of its attempt to prevent unions (including CFA) from participating financially in elections while providing no limit on corporate donations. A major donor to The Small Business Action Committee that provides most of the funding for the governor’s propositions is, for instance, Walmart! Unions already provide procedures allowing members to opt out of donations. CSU pensions will again be in jeopardy if public employee unions are muzzled.

Prop. 76 threatens traditional checks and balances by allowing the governor to disregard legislative proposals, overturn bargaining agreements, cut salaries, overturn decisions of “the people” in previous initiative propositions. Despite these grotesque changes of governmental tradition, Prop. 76 does not even solve the budget problem.

Lou announced that he had appointed Harold Goldwhite as our third representative to CSU/ERFA. He announced that Ken Phillips has invited us to Villa Gardens for our December meeting, but that it cannot be on the second Thursday. It was m/s/p to accept the invitation and change our meeting to whatever date Ken proposes.

Harold Cohen announced that he will participate in a guest professor program in China and urged colleagues who are interested to let him know so that he can relay that information to the Chinese university.

Leon circularized an extensive interview with him in the August issue of *Atlantic Flyer* regarding his World War II experiences flying “Fever Beaver.”

Joan urged members to participate in the eighth annual Billie Jean King fund raiser on September 24. Chris Evert will be present and will be honored.

Don Dewey alerted the committee that funding to campus affiliates from CSU-ERFA may be limited because of financial shortfall at the state level.

He also circularized *PERS Journal*, and announced that Al Muchlinski has been appointed Acting Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, that anecdotal information on Don Lowrie is solicited for a book on University of Chicago PhDs in science, and that he had attended Bert Somers’ memorial service.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

M/s/p

1. **Approval of Minutes of July 14, 2005**

M/s/p with the correction of 4.6 to read “Leon reported that he had been successful in negotiating access to our emeriti archive files, after he assured the new Public Affairs director that they are not personnel files. He will be required to examine any emeriti personnel files that are stored in Public Affairs in her presence, if access is needed; and with the correction of the spelling of “hominem” in 4.16.

**4.0 Officer and Committee Reports and Recommendations**

**4.1** **President: Louis Negrete**

No report.

**4.2 Past President: Barbara Sinclair**

Barbara announced that she is proceeding with negotiations for a visit to the *Los Angeles Times*. She wants to know if we want sessions on the editorial functions and the technical functions with lunch in between, or just one session. She also needs to know if we prefer Thursday or Friday. Most seemed to lean toward the full day on either day. The very few who expressed a preference leaned toward Thursday. .

**4.3** **Vice President – Administration: Harold Goldwhite**

No report.

**4.4 Vice President – Programs: Clem Padick**

All arrangements for the October 14 lunch meeting are set. One emeritus has complained extensively about previous menus. His complaints were discussed and Clem was encouraged to investigate possibilities for some modest changes, such as a vegetarian option, a second salad dressing and an option of fruit in addition to cheese cake for dessert.

**4.5** **Fiscal Affairs Chair: Joe Casanova**

No report.

* 1. **Treasurer: Bob Miller**

Share certificate 6415 matures September 27 and a decision should be made today. It was m/s/p to roll over the certificate while transferring the interest to the checking account. The financial report is attached. Bob was asked to update Carol Smallenburg on the Carol Fund and the Jane Fund

* 1. **Fellowship Fund Chair: Janet Fisher-Hoult**

Janet will try to get all of the fellowship recipients to the October lunch.

Many of the procedural changes suggested by the committee have already been adopted at the university level, including application forms. She had hoped to distribute a final document but instead circulated a draft. The final document will be reviewed at the next meeting. She and Joe are pleased by the increased visibility and recognition that our fellowship program will receive.

Further efforts to augment funding will be introduced. Lou said that he will focus on this in his presidential column. Sending a separate funding envelope in the winter *Emeritimes* was discussed. .

* 1. **OLLI: Peter Brier**

There will be a Fall Preview of course offerings at 10 a.m. on Sept. 30 at the Roybal Institute. Emeriti Ken Wagner and Don Dewey will preview a campus course on the U.S. Constitution; Peter Brier will preview a course on Interpreting Poems to be presented at the South Pasadena Senior enter; and Sidney Soclof will preview a course on Computers and Internet to be given at the Pasadena Training Center. Other courses will be offered by other faculty and by visitors. Frieda Stahl will present a course on Einstein in winter.

The David Kubal lecturer on Jan. 26 will be Tony Arthur, emeritus professor at Northridge whose book on Upton Sinclair is said to be a blockbuster.

* 1. **Historian/Archivist: Leon Schwartz**

Leon is still seeking pictures of faculty who have been active in the early years of the association. He has finally received a picture of Jim Stansell from his wife, who wishes to become an associate member and receive information on the emeriti.

* 1. **Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn Friedman**

Not present; no report. Don D. requested that a sympathy card by sent to Ken Phillips for the loss of his daughter in Atlanta.

**4.11 Membership Secretary: Karen Johnson**

Not present; no report

**4.12 Webmaster: Demetrius Margaziotis**

Materials submitted by OLLI have been edited and added. Too little information is received from others. If there is not current information on activities, then it is questionable whether such information should be included. Our pictures are quite dated. It was suggested that Stan Carstensen be asked to take some candid shots since he will be at the meeting for the formal picture of the fellowship recipients. Lou will discuss it with him.

**4.13 Database Coordinator: Harold Cohen**

A user’s manual for the data base has been prepared.

**4.14 Secretary: Bill Darrough**

Not present. The acting secretary raised two issues to guide Bill on his return: (1) While we are delighted when life executive committee Members attend and want to demonstrate that in the minutes, is it fair to continue listing them as absent from the other meetings? (2) We have experimented for six months now with the agendas placing Old Business and New Business after Officer and Committee Reports. Shall we continue this practice? It was m/s/p that life executive committee members be listed as present at meetings that they attend but otherwise not be listed. The committee agreed by consensus that they prefer the present agenda format.

**4.15 *Emeritimes* Editorial Chair: Frieda Stahl**

The fall issue is in press and stuffing and mailing is scheduled for 10 a.m. next Tuesday. Several members volunteered for that duty.

**4.16 CSULA Academic Senate: Don Dewey**

“Direction of Graduate Theses and Project,” which provides unspecified reward and recognition for the committee chair, was m/s/p, the only action before adjournment at 1:40 (approximately eight minutes).

**4.17 CSU Academic Senate: Harold Goldwhite**

The Senate meets next Wednesday through Friday. Our Ted Anagnoson was elected Vice Chair. Harold has been appointed to the Fiscal and Government Affairs Committee and Senate representative on the Board for Teaching and Learning.

* 1. **CSU/ERFA Council Reps.: L. Schwartz, B. Sinclair**

The next meeting will be October 15 in Los Angeles. Barbara has been appointed to the nominations committee. Valdez and Shimada are endorsed by the ERFA executive committee for reelection to the PERB

**5.0 Unfinished Business**

**5.1 Role of Liaison to Alumni Association: Joan Johnson and Bob Miller**

Postponed

**5.2 Currency of Membership: Harold Cohen**

There should be a decision at what point a member’s payment is for the current year or the following year. After discussion of various possibilities it was proposed that the membership chair should present a recommendation at the next meeting.

**5.3 Volunteer Willingness: Barbara Sinclair**

Barbara met with Alfredo Gonzalez, who will be our administrative contact, to discuss needs that emeriti might meet. Roles in advisement at different levels, outreach and mentoring of students and young faculty seem most promising. Action postponed

**5.4 Business Cards for Members: Don Dewey**

Don was not successful in learning more about what San Diego State is doing but hopefully he will be able to do so at the ERFA meeting. He reported a discussion with Ken Phillips who is convinced that we can obtain cards in smaller lots than we believed, and that this service would be a great asset in our member recruitment efforts. Action postponed

1. **New Business**

Joe Casanova questioned whether emeritus designation can be provided for faculty who are deceased before retirement. This will be considered at the October meeting.

Frieda pointed out that since Len Mathy’s graduation to life executive committee member we have only two at large members, Jackie Hoyt and Don Burrill. Lou was asked to establish procedures to present nominees for a third at large member at the October meeting. At that time we probably also will establish a means to determine which at large member continues with a two year term and which with one year.

It was m/s/p to insert a CFA flyer on Propositions 75 and 76 in the *Emeritimes* to be mailed on Tuesday.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.