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

**Emeriti Center, Administration 815**

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**Minutes for March 13 Meeting**

**Date:               March 13, 2008**

**Place:              President’s Conference Room, Adm. 815**

**Time:              12:45 – 2:45**

**Present: T. Anagnoson, D. Dewey, J. Fisher-Hoult, H. Goldwhite, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, D. Margaziotis, R. Marshall-Holt, L. Mathy, L. Negrete, V. Potter B. Sinclair, F. Stahl, W. Taylor, V. Zapata, H. Villarreal**

**Absent: P. Brier, H. Cohen, M. Friedman, D. Keane, M. Roden, L. Schwartz**

1. **General Announcements**

Harold announced that Leon Schwartz is home from the hospital but is still very weak. He added that Leon is more than ever convinced that he must be replaced as Archivist/Historian. Others reported that Leon welcomes messages and responds to them rapidly.

Harold announced notice of the absence of Brier, Cohen, Keane, Roden, and Schwartz.

Janet announced that the Phi Kappa Phi initiation on Sunday, May 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. will be a reception rather than a banquet and that faculty members will be encouraged to attend in academic regalia.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

m/s/p

1. **Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2008**

m/s/p with this revision of the fourth announcement:

David Soltz, emeritus member and former Dean of NSS, is now president of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Donald Zingale, former Dean of HHS, is now president of State University of New York at Cobleskill.

In addition it was agreed that any technical corrections will be sent promptly to the Secretary.

**4.0 Officer and Committee Reports and Recommendations**

**4.1 President: Harold Goldwhite**

He and Marty Roden have been serving as a nominations committee and after many efforts are still unsuccessful in finding a replacement for Fiscal Affairs

Chair and Historian/Archivist. He requests help from others, particularly the suggestion of still more names.

Demetrius has volunteered to represent the Emeriti as Marshal at the Honors Convocation.

Hildebrando was praised for his contributions to the successful emeriti events of February.

Three colleges have accepted the request that an emeriti representative be invited to a meeting of department chairs to provide information on emeriti scholarships.

* + 1. **Resolution of commendation**

The attached resolution on the major contributions of Joe Casanova as Chair of the Fiscal Affairs Committee was approved unanimously followed by applause.

**4.2 Past President: Louis Negrete**

Roberto Cantu of Chicano Studies and English will speak Saturday on the novel *Bless Me Ultima* at the East Los Angeles Public Library as part of the “Big Read” initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts.

**4.3 Vice President – Administration: Martin Roden**

Not present, no report.

**4.4 Vice President – Programs: Hildebrando Villarreal**

The guest speaker at the emeriti meeting at noon on May 16 in the Golden Eagle Ballroom will be Chemistry Professor Carlos Gutierrez. His topic is “Do Scientists Need Arts More than Artists Need Science?” While his topic is uniquely timely for a colleague who is currently a candidate for appointment as Dean of Natural and Social Sciences, Harold reminded members that it is especially justified by the fact that Carlos is a recipient of an Academy Award while wearing his “other hat.” Election of officers will also highlight the meeting. The cost is $28 and payment and reservation should be sent to Hildebrando.

Six members and some spouses attended the Gilbert and Sullivan program on campus following dinner in South Pasadena. They profited from President Goldwhite’s intricate and intimate knowledge of G & S.

* + - 1. **Fiscal Affairs Chair & Treasurer: Bill Taylor**

The treasury is changed from the previous report primarily by the quarterly reimbursement from CSU-ERFA of $385.80, $200 down payment to UAS for the May luncheon, and a lower interest rate for share certificates.

**4.7 Fellowship Fund Chair: Janet Fisher-Hoult**

Balances in scholarship funds on Feb. 29 were

Emeriti Fellowship Fund, $60695/61 endowment; $2636.77 available

Jane Matson Memorial Scholarship, $20,653 endowment, $0 available

William E. Lloyd Fellowship Fund, $24,485.17, $103.47 available

David Cameron Fisher Memorial Scholarship Fund, $10,000 endowment

$0 available

John Houk, $7,645.12 endowment; $816.74 available

Mary Gormly Memorial Fellowship, $4,726.55 endowment; $104.53

available

PE Emeriti Faculty Scholarship, $6,760 endowment; $6255.10 available

Janet adds that funds will be available in the two accounts listed as $0.

She plans to publish a book of poems, *Body Parts: A Collection of Poems about Aging,* and will donate the profits to the David Cameron Fisher Memorial Scholarship. She read “Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow” to considerable laughter and applause.

She distributed a flyer on “Emeriti Association Fellowships” and a “Rating Sheet: CSULA Scholarships” form that has been adopted by the University due to the efforts of Janet and her committee. She received thanks and suggestions for further revisions. When the Treasurer is no longer on the FERP program we will have to provide signature documentation for Institutional Advancement, presumably similar to that which applied to all the previous Treasurers.

It was m/s/p to authorize Janet to discuss with former Treasurer Bob Miller the transfer of additional funds into endowment for the PE Emeriti Faculty Fellowship to make possible more funding for scholarships. A question followed on additional funding for undergraduate students. While this is definitely in our plans it is dependent on completion of arrangements for the additional funds from the Smallenburg Trust.

**4.8 OLLI Representative: Peter Brier**

Not present, no report.

**4.9 Historian/Archivist: Leon Schwartz**

Not present, no report.

**4.10 Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn Friedman**

Not present, no report.

**4.11 Membership Secretary: Karen Johnson**

No report.

**4.12 Webmaster: Demetrius Margaziotis**

Recommendations by Harold Cohen to replace the paper version of the "Contact Information" form on the "Current Membership" page of the website by an online interactive form have been implemented.

**4.13 Database Coordinator: Harold Cohen**

Not present, no report.

**4.14 Secretary: Dorothy Keane**

Not present, no report.

* 1. **Emeritimes Editorial Chair: Frieda Stahl**

There will be five obituaries in the next issue, a ballot for officers, and a very interesting article by Marilyn on shingles.

* 1. **CSULA Academic Senator: Don Dewey**

The Senate approved revisions of Emeriti procedures recommended by the Faculty Policy Committee. “Prior to Resignation/Retirement” was added to clarify that the required ten years of service can not include time in the Faculty Early Retirement Program. “Preferably two quarters before the effective date of retirement/resignation” was inserted to encourage a decision in time to avoid the present hiatus in which sometimes faculty members are neither "employed" nor emeriti and are thus excluded from faculty rights such as computer access and parking. The only addition from the floor was from the emeriti senator, who inserted “on a timely basis” in the sentence describing the Dean’s role.

A proposal for an “Outstanding Teaching Award” was amended to an “Outstanding Lecturer Award” with the new word inserted throughout. It was determined that this would make librarians eligible to nominate a candidate, though most of the qualifications described in the document would still relate to teaching. Each college and “Library and Student Services” could submit one nominee per year. In a fashion as close as possible to the Outstanding Professor process, and with similar timing, one “Lecturer” would be honored by the University for quality of instruction each year.

The nominees for CSU Academic Senate are Robert Land (Curriculum and Instruction) and Marshall Cates (Mathematics). It is hoped that additional names will be added by written nomination because Marshall is eligible to serve only for 2008-2009 when his FERP appointment ends. He urged that someone else be nominated by the Senate but no one was.

**4.17 CSU Academic Senator: Harold Goldwhite**

Support for doctoral degrees in Nursing was approved at the plenary meeting. Bylaws were approved assigning duties. There were extensive discussions on the budget, including the significance of the Senate. It was argued that

talk of a 10% cut in CSU funding is inappropriate because at most the CSU would be cut by 5%. Limited funding for equity adjustments at the assistant professor rank was approved. “Affinity groups were established to consider General Education reforms.

**4.18 CSU ERFA Council: Leon Schwartz, Barbara Sinclair,**

**Harold Goldwhite**

The next meeting of the state council will be on April 19 at LAX.

1. **New Business**

**5.1 Membership status in the Directory**

Discussion to determine just what the issue is led to quite disparate views once it was resolved that the issue is whether spouses of non-lifetime members can become associate members and, if so, how they are to be notified; and, more heatedly, whether spouses of emeriti who had never been a paid member of the Association can upon the death of the emeriti spouse become an Associate Member. The President volunteered to write a proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

**6.0 Adjournment at 2:20 p.m.**