Emeriti Center, Administration 815

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**Date: August 13, 2015**

**Place:**Student Affairs 110

**Minutes of the Executive Committee**

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

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

**Guests:**Janet Dial, Maria Magolske, Harold Cohen, Marilyn Friedman

**Announcements:**

President Cleman announced that he will sign emeritus invitations after the meeting to Kamran Karimlou (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Ethan Lipton and Virgil Seaman (both Technology) and Stephen Ma (Political Science).

He also announced that there is a planned participation for emeriti faculty in a fund-raising 50th anniversary event honoring “the Class of 1965.”  Guest Vice President Janet Dial later personally urged the emeriti to attend the event scheduled for October 23-34.

J. Cleman introduced the new members of the Executive Committee: Roberto Cantu, Diane Klein, Marlene Zepeda and Margaret Jefferson.  He then asked senior members to identify themselves to the newcomers.

B. Sinclair and D. Keane reported their extreme pleasure with the film on Mayor Tom Bradley that was presented by the Pat Brown Center to a large attendance on campus.  It will be viewed on PBS Channel 50 August 18 at 8 p.m.  The producer was interviewed on Channel 50 on August 14.  Those who saw it on campus consider it excellent public relations for Cal State LA.  There is already a groundswell to invite Raef Sonenshein again as guest speaker for one of our major meetings.

Joan Johnson distributed announcements to the Billie Jean King Gala on October 24 and urged emeriti to attend, as several did this year.

Guest Maria Magolski from University Development invited emeriti to participate in the special University Convocation on September 21.  It was established by President Covino to announce recent developments and articulate his plans for the coming year. There will be an art exhibit by Emeritus Professor Walter Askin at the Luckman Art Gallery on September 12.

**Agenda**approvedwith the addition of a resolution to honor the service of Dorothy Keane as President, with a time-certain to be immediately after the approval of the minutes.

**Minutes**approved as corrected.

W. Taylor read the following resolution:

Whereas Dorothy Keane enthusiastically accepted every invitation to represent the emeriti at major occasions such as the investiture of President William Covino, the annual Billie Jean King fundraiser, the Honors Convocation, and our many graduation ceremonies; and

Whereas those around her were always educated regarding the crucial importance of the emeriti faculty to the well-being of our University; and

Whereas she introduced the Emeriti Association to the 21st century by leading it to update the constitution and bylaws, clarify the status of associate members, and establish procedures for appointing lifetime members of the Executive Committee; and

Whereas because of these efforts the Emeriti Association of California State University, Los Angeles, is a better place because of the two years that Dorothy Keane served as its President; and

Whereas the thousands of dollars that Dorothy gambled to win the raffle for travel and prime tickets to the Wimbledon tennis tournament that were arranged by Billie Jean King benefited University Development rather than the emeriti, but we in turn can safely gamble that the international tennis fans near her at the Center Courts became admirers of Cal State LA, its emeritus faculty, and its fabulous spokesperson; and

Whereas Dorothy arrived entirely prepared for prompt and professional activity at every meeting she has presided; and

Whereas she even manages to inspire her colleagues to shun idle chatter as she does; and

Whereas those colleagues welcome the high praise that she accords them; therefore be it

Resolved that her friends and colleagues on the Executive Committee of the Emeriti Association of California State University, Los Angeles commend her for her effective and gracious leadership and thanks her for her service; and be it further

Resolved that the Executive Committee acknowledges that Dorothy’s retirement from her role as President is only a transition to her role as Past President in which she will continue to serve the Emeriti Association and its Executive Committee with the same wisdom, energy, and grace as before.

The resolution was then approved unanimously,

**Officer and Committee reports and recommendations:**

**President John Cleman**had no further reports.

**Past President Dorothy Keane**reported that her trip to the Wimbledon tennis tournament, which she won through competitive bidding at the Billie Jean King Fund Raiser, was a great personal pleasure and that she will consider bidding again in following years.

**Administrative Vice President Stan Burstein** had no report.

**Programs Vice President Jean Adenika**reported that our major membership meetings will be on October 16 and May 20.  She added her concern that the timing of our requests for future meetings should be established now so we are not disappointed by times or rooms that cannot be accommodated by the University.  After extended discussion of several proposed dates for  future meetings the committee agreed upon the second Friday of May as first choice, with the third Friday as second choice for Spring Semester 2017; and the third Friday of September as first choice, with fourth Friday as backup for Fall semester 2016.    J. Cleman will talk with previous presidents regarding free lunch for certain groups.

**Fellowship Fund Chair Alfredo Gonzalez**is dismayed that the administrative reviews of applicants may be too late to be helpful for committee decisions for the Fall 2015 awards.  It is possible that our decisions may be a “first case test of administrative procedures.”  He forecast dismally that “maybe today we will learn how to proceed.”  We didn’t.

There was wide agreement that despite difficulties we must have an *Emeritimes*article on the successful recipients.   He cannot conceive that we won’t know the recipients before the fall meeting. J. Cleman observed that we may have to set aside all deadlines, perhaps having an oral announcement at the luncheon.  W. Taylor added that we may have to seek committee volunteers to increase the pace of reading the applications.

**Life-Long Learning Chair Peter Brier** announced that the program is nearly completed and will be firm by the September meeting.  He plans a public relations meeting on October 20 to invite department chairs and chairs of personnel committees to discuss the relevance of this program to service requirements for junior faculty.  He will alert senior faculty to alert their aspiring juniors to the value of the program after the Executive Committee meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary Marlene Zepeda**looks forward to working with the Executive Committee and thanked Marilyn Friedman for her briefing.  The recent death of Ben Smith from Political Science served as an avenue for discussing the importance of this function to survivors.

**Historian/Archivist Don Dewey**had no report, other than that he and S. Burstein will deliver materials to the President’s office after the current meeting.

**Membership Secretary Rosemarie Marshall-Holt**not present

**Webmaster Demetrius Margaziotis**looks forward to receiving full details on the fall meeting.

**Data-Base Coordinator Margaret Jefferson n**ot present, but J. Cleman reported that she had sent an email saying that she had worked with Marshall Cates to transfer the system to Exel, that she had added a column to record when changes were made for each individual, and that the data base was up to date.

**Secretary Hildebrando Villarreal** not present

***Emeritimes* Editorial Chair Harold Goldwhite**reported that the copy deadline is August 15.

He reported on the recommendations requested at the last Executive Committee meeting with regard to a) whether to continue to publish three times a year and b) whether we should continue mailing hard copies to all emeriti rather than to dues-paying members of the Association only. Having fielded views by email from many members of the Executive Committee prior to the meeting, he reported that the census was that we should continue with the three publications per year. He then led a discussion regarding copies for non-dues-paying members.  Positions ranged from nothing for those who have never joined the association to hard copy for all emeriti.  There were suggestions that those who had not officially joined the organization should receive only online copies, and that a strong letter on the subject be sent. A discussion was also held on the appropriateness of including an interview with Dean Yorker who is retiring. It had been suggested that publishing such an interview would be setting an undesirable precedent. Others pointed out that the rationale for such an interview was not to recognize outgoing administrators in general, but to pay respect to someone who had been a strong supporter of the Association. It was suggested that the Editorial Board should meet to consider this and other content issues.

**CSULA Academic Senator John Cleman**reported that the Senate will change from its traditional weekly meeting to every second week.  The use of the first-reading item procedure is also under serious consideration.

**SCU ERFA Council:  Don Dewey**reported that the spring meeting was at Long Beach and the Fall meeting will be at Fullerton, and that the Chancellor has guaranteed to be there.  He added that the committee should be aware of the importance of CSLA emeriti at CSU-ERFA.  Sidney Albert founded ERFA just as he did our own organization.  Two of the past three presidents have been from this campus and Ted Anagnoson edits the CSU Reporter which is surely one of the best publications in our system.  Harold Goldwhite is the recent statewide emeritus senator and continues on the Executive Committee as a liaison and at-large member.  Bob Kully was the founding Executive Director.  Past President Barbara Sinclair reported that a new staff member has been appointed but that the new Executive Director position is not yet filled.

**Gigi Morales Conference Chair Roberto Cantu**reports that the 2016 conference on border folklorist Alfonso Reyes is well organized and abstracts will be available in February.  The conference is co-sponsored by the University of Mexico (UNAM), the Alfonsino Reyes Instituto in Mexico City, the University of California, Santa Barbara, and University of Texas at Austin.  It will again be a source of pride to the University and to the Emeriti Association as co-sponsor.

**Adjournment:** 2:44