California State University, Los Angeles Emeriti Association

Meeting Minutes October 13, 2016

Emeriti Center, Administration 815

California State University, Los Angeles

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Date: October 13, 2016

Place: SA 110

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

Present: J. Adenika, S. Burstein, J. Casanova, M. Cates, J. Cleman, D. Dewey, N. Fabris, S. Felszeghy, J. Galvan, A. Gonzalez, D. Klein, D. Margaziotis, K. Reilly, B. Sinclair B. Taylor.

Absent: J. Beer, P. Brier, L. Mathy, F. Stahl. J. Fisher-Hoult, D. Keane, R. Marshall-Holt

Guests: W. Blischke, P. Ivory

1.0 Announcements:

1.1 J. Cleman announced:

1.1.1 The date for the Academic Senate’s meeting in which Emeritus Faculty will be honored is Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2017. He hoped for better Emeritus attendance because the recent visit was anemic.

1.1.2 He will resubmit his Senate report because several have not received their copies.

1.1.3 The annual President’s Distinguished Professor Lecture will be at the Senate meeting of October 25, 2016. The speaker will be Theater Arts Professor Jose Cruz Gonzalez.

1.1.4 D. Keane has had surgery, and K. Reilly and J Johnson are ill. D. Dewey will serve as Acting Secretary because of Kathy Reilly’s illness. Don Dewey will be acting Secretary for this meeting

1.2 B. Sinclair introduced her successor as President of CSUERFA, Bill Blischke from Dominguez Hills, who described their program *Soles for Souls*, a plan to collect a million shoes for shoeless people throughout the world. It will be implemented in Spring 2017. He had met on campus with Vice President Nancy Wada-McKee who was quite interested in the program.

1.3 Webmaster D. Margaziotis reported on an administration plan to standardize websites and stations. He urges us to monitor its developments to assure that we maintain the flexibility that we have had and need.

2.0       Approval of Agenda

M/S/P

3.0       Approval of the Minutes of September 16, 2016

M/S/P

4.0       Officer and Committee Reports and Recommendations

4.1 President: John Cleman

4.1.1 President Covino’s lunch for members of the fundraising team was a very pleasant and interesting event which represented the President’s appreciation of the success of our recent campaign to raise fellowship money. There was also discussion of the Mind Matters project and the opportunity for Emeriti to participate as mentors for students having difficulty coping with academic life.

4.1.2 He attended two recent celebrations for alumni, a 50th anniversary for the class of 1966 and a smaller event for the Classes of 1990-92. Former Student Body President Felix Guttierez was the speaker for the first event. Insofar as they represent opportunities to reconnect with former students, such events would be worthwhile for emeriti to attend in the future.

4.1.3 Guest Prep: discussion of questions to pose to time-certain guest, Peter Ivory. Topics included the need for easier and better exposure of the Association through its website, the possibility of developing a brochure for the Association, the need for better data keeping of emeriti (phone numbers and email addresses), why this data keeping was not better kept in both Human resources and in the President’s Office, the question why emeritus/a status was not recognized as another appointment like promotion and tenure, and why the resources for faculty to work at home (i.e., the availability of inexpensive software) was not afforded to emeriti.

4.2 Vice President – Programs: Jean Adenika

4.2.1 The Fall Luncheon was a major success, and she gave much credit to John Cleman for “solving all the little problems;” Dorothy Keane for producing “a very professional looking program agenda and hostimg President Covino;” Janet Fisher-Holt “who designed the very colorful table decorations;” Rosemarie Marshall-Holt who “worked the registration table and helped decorate tables;” Diane Klein who “helped with registration and decorations;” Ted Crovello “who assisted the photographer, served as “sound man” during Q&A sound, and helped with mailings;” Marilyn Friedman who “welcomed students and seated one at each table”; Marshall Cates who “worked pay-at-door registration after processing RSVP guests;” and John Kirchner who “honored us again by taking photos.”

4.2.2 She also noted the stress and confusion for the photographer, the guests, and the featured speaker created by the time break in the program to take photos. After some discussion, the body agreed by consensus that in the future all photographic needs are to be arranged through the Emeriti President before the day of the luncheon.

4.2.3 The spring luncheon will be on May 12, 2017 in Ballroom 3. The speaker, Dr. Alan Bloom, was arranged by Dorothy Keane. There will be a guided tour of the Film and TV facilities after lunch. The 9:30 Executive Committee meeting will be in the Soriano Boardroom.

A motion praising Jean’s leadership of the luncheons was approved unanimously.

4.3 Fellowship Chair: Alfredo Gonzalez

4.3.1 Amalia Castaneda, who received the Mary Gormly Memorial Fellowship, was also named a CSU Trustee scholarship recipient ($6,000).

4.3.2 An ad-hoc committee consisting of Jose Galvan, John Cleman and himself met on 9/28 to discuss changes that we could make to the Emeriti Association fellowship application review process as well as recommendations to the process at the University level, both short and longer term.

Short Term Fixes

Some of the short term fixes include correcting 15/20 point discrepancy for reference letter between description and scoring rubric, correcting the points allowed for scoring the reference latter so it is a range of points of 0-20. Prior to the next review process there will be an “Emeriti” definition for financial need, extracurricular activities, and service. None of which exist on the application. There will also be a “socialization” for fellowship review members.

Long(er) Term Fixes Discussed

The following recommendations will be forwarded to the financial aid office for consideration: Revise the essay prompt and align scoring rubric to it, revise instructions given for reference letters and align scoring rubric to it, and provide a definition in the application for extracurricular activities and service.

Further consideration will be given to developing criteria for determining recipients of “emeriti named fellowships,” ways of enhancing the prestige of emeriti fellowships, and ways of enhancing the perception of the “general” emeriti fellowships so they do not seem less prestigious than the “named” fellowships.

4.3.3 To his knowledge the dates for the 2017-18 scholarship application cycle have not been officially announced.

4.4 Treasurer: Marshall Cates

Our balance in the CSULA Credit Union declined from $1,6245.23 to $14,267.13. Expenses were $1,036 for Emeritimes and $1.822.03 for the luncheon. The total for our fundraising campaign was $37,585.

4.5 Fiscal Affairs Chair: Marshall Cates

The Fiscal Policy committee met that morning to adopt procedures to supplement funding of Endowed Scholarships and forward the following two motions:

1. m/s Endowed scholarships that are predicted to have available at least 60% of the funds needed to provide at least one fellowship are eligible for supplementation from the general Emeriti Fellowship account in order to offer a full scholarship.

Passed unanimously.

2. m/s The funds from the recent fundraising event that were not donated to a specific named account be deposited in the general emeriti fellowship account.

Passed unanimously.

4.6 Database Coordinator: Jose Galvan

The database has been brought up to date and converted to an Excel file that will make the information more available. There are 956 total emeriti, including those who have never joined, 408 deceased members, and 61 addresses not known. In his written report he asked several questions how this data can best be used in improving the mail system.

4.7 Life Long Learning Liaison: Peter Brier

As time for meeting had elapsed, P. Brier requested that rather than extend the time for his report, he requested that he be scheduled with a time certain at the next meeting, to which President Cleman agreed.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Emeriti Fellowships/Scholarships

5.2.1 The Scholarship/Fellowship Review Process and Rubric: No discussion

5.2.2 Number and amount of awards per annum: No discussion

5.2.3 Augmenting visibility and prestige of awards: No discussion

6.0 New Business

6.1 Meeting and luncheon scheduling: No discussion

6.2 Meeting with President Covino: Questions/Issues? No discussion

6.3 Role of the Association and the Executive Committee in supporting LLL: No discussion

6.4 Measures to stimulate interest in the Emeriti Biographies Project: Although not directly on this topic, the Committee invited Director of Faculty Affairs Peter Ivory for a time certain at 2:00 p.m. to discuss issues related to archiving of retired faculty files.

As Executive Secretary for the Faculty Policy Committee, Dr. Ivory has become concerned about the preservation of faculty files at a time when college offices are pressed for space and seeking to dispose of files. The Executive Committee insisted how crucial it is to preserve emeriti files because they are essential to our preparation of obituaries of our colleagues. There was also frequent reference to the need to recognize the significance of the Emeriti Association through its files. Dimitri Margaziotis argued that it is an obligation of the administration to maintain files, including those of emeriti, because appointment to emeriti status is an essential process of the entire administrative appointment structure. Dr. Ivory surely left with knowledge that the Emeriti regard all faculty files, including emeriti files, as an essential part of the University. He agreed to involve emeriti in the Faculty Policy discussions of policies governing the files of retired or separated faculty.

6.5 Emeriti Involvement in Campus Address to Student Homelessness and Undernourishment: No discussion

7.0 Adjournment

m/s/p to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 9, 2016 at 12:45 p.m. in SA 110.