University Emeriti Pre-Retirement Relations Committee
Academic Senate, Los Angeles Division

Minutes of Meeting
February 7, 2003

Present: R. O’ Neill, Chair; D. Atkinson; C. Berst; R. Blattner; S. Cochran; J. Giovannoni; S. Roberts

Absence: R. Withers; L. Walts; E. Murphy

Staff: M. Avila; D. Dang

Guests: None

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm

1. CHAIR’S REPORT

The Minutes of the December 6, 2002 meeting were approved as written.

Announcements:
- Vice Provost Michael Karpf was unable to attend the meeting. He plans to attend UEPRRC’s April 25, 2003 meeting.
- FWC Chair M. Alkin was also unable to attend the meeting. He hopes to attend future UEPRRC meetings.

Report on FWC’s January 13, 2003 meeting:
- Ground rents at UCLA were discussed. The FWC will continue investigating whether the multi-year settlement called for those to be phased out by 2003-04.
- It was reported that the UCLA Faculty Association called a meeting to discuss faculty concerns about open access to evaluations posted on Bruinwalk.com.
- The Committee learned that identification cards and new member packets for Blue Cross were mailed late causing many problems for employees/annuitants who needed immediate care or prescriptions filed.
- The Committee met with Michael Deluca, Director of UCLA Recreation to discuss general concerns that faculty had about access to recreational services on campus.

Report on FWC’s February 3, 2003 meeting:
- Sean Banks, Director of the Office of Ombuds Services presented the number and nature of cases that have been brought by faculty to the Ombuds Office. Last year the Ombuds office dealt with approximately 700 cases. 10% of those cases were initiated by faculty and 0% by emeriti.
- Three administrators from Transportation and Parking Services presented their explanations on why Parking Services is proposing to increase parking fees on July 1, 2003.
  - The department will consult with staff, Student Government, and union on the proposed fee increase.
  - The BruinGo program will be modified to include a $0.25 per ride fare box co-payment and the elimination of weekend/holiday fares.
  - A fee comparison showed that UCLA is not assessing the highest price for parking among UC campuses.

2. EMERITUS CONFERAL

After careful review of four cases in which a request for conferral of Emeritus status was made, the
UEPRRC will recommend to Vice Chancellor Donna Vredevoe that each individual be granted the Emeritus title.

3. **FACULTY GRANTS PROGRAM**

The Council on Research (COR) brought an important matter to the attention of the UEPRRC. The issue involves departments not informing emeriti of research funding opportunities available to them such as the Faculty Grants Program (FGP). While COR has made stronger efforts in the past to ensure that all faculty members are made aware of the Faculty Grants Program, the misconception among some departments is that if a faculty member is retired, has moved to a different city, or simply does not come to campus often, he/she must not be interested in applying. COR is asking the UEPRRC to assist them in making sure all Emeriti are informed of the program. In response to this request, the following action will be taken:

- In the Chancellor’s annual letter to Deans, Director’s and Department Chairs reaffirming UCLA’s long-standing policy regarding Emeriti, the UEPRRC will request that the Chancellor emphasize that Emeriti are eligible to apply for research funding opportunities and that departments should facilitate informing the Emeriti of the Faculty Grants Program.
- An announcement about the Faculty Grants Program will be published in the fall 2003 issue of the UCLA Emeriti Newsletter.

4. **IN MEMORIAM**

Ms. Avila reported that in June 2002, there were 67 memorials outstanding, 18 in excess of 4 years and 49 in the last three years since the faculty colleague died. In an attempt to create a greater awareness of this obligation and to try and reduce the backlog, several procedural changes were made.

- The letter to department chairs in solicitation of a memorial statement for deceased faculty is signed by the Senate Chair. It includes a request that departments cooperate in appointing a small subcommittee to prepare the memorial statements for their departed colleagues. To assist them in these presentations, information on the deceased is collected and then communicated to the department chairs via electronic mail.
- A three-month deadline is assigned for the statement to be completed.
- Style guidelines and sample statements are published on the Senate website to assist the writers in preparing the statements.

As a result of these changes, on February 6, 50 memorial statements had been completed.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Emeriti Association representative asked for advice on whether there should be some connection between the Executive Board, Emeriti Committee, Faculty Welfare, and the Emeriti Board. There was a brief discussion. One idea would be to propose having the UEPRRC chair serve as ex-officio on the Emeriti Board. Another idea would be to send copies of the Faculty Welfare Committee minutes to UEPRRC members.

**Action:** Because the Committee did not reach a consensus on this matter, this item will return on the UEPRRC Agenda for April.

**Future Agenda Item:** Current rules permit emeriti that were active in the last 4 years to submit letters in support of the Dean being reviewed. Committee prefers that all emeriti be consulted on Dean reviews.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm