Minutes of Meeting
April 2, 2004

Present: S. Cochran (Chair); D. Atkinson; C. Berst; J. Giovannoi; V. Go; N. Henley; S. Roberts; H. Withers

Absence: H. Lewis

Staff: M. Avila; D. Dang

Guests: E. Murphy; Senate Chair Clifford Brunk; Workgroup Chair John Edmond

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm

1. CHAIR’S REPORT

The February 6, 2004 minutes were approved as distributed. Chair gave an overview of topics discussed by FWC in their March 1, 2004 meeting.

- Parking Services is proposing an increase in parking permit fees. However, the daily parking rate will remain at $7.00. The Bruin Go program will continue in the 2004-05 fiscal year.
- Steve Garcia, Administrative Director of Patient Business Services, discussed UCLA Medical Center’s billing issues. FWC expressed its displeasure with the customer service operators for not being responsive in correcting billing mistakes.
- Professor Daniel Mitchell reported that UCFW discussed the 457 plan in the February 13, 2004 meeting. The 457 plan would allow UC employees to set aside additional money for retirement once they have met the 403(b) contribution cap.

2. IN MEMORIAM UPDATE

Ms. Avila provided an update on the status of the In Memoriam. Although much progress has been made in completing a backlog of overdue memorials, twenty memorials remain on the long overdue list. Several committee members volunteered to write statements for the deceased faculty members on this list with the assistance of Ms. Avila who will provide background information.

3. SENATE REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL

The UEPRRC met with Senate Chair Clifford Brunk and Workgroup Chair John Edmond to discuss the proposal to combine UEPRRC and the Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC) activities into one Council. Since the UEPRRC seemed opposed to the idea of merging with the FWC, the discussion focused on the advantages to Emeriti of the proposed Council

Discussion

- Much was said about the idea that emeriti issues might be more visible than is now the case since the FWC has statewide influence.
- It was also noted that Emeriti may gain by having the FWC taking care of faculty welfare issues at different stages of a faculty member’s career, so as to have this continuum process from recruitment, to active faculty and finally to emeriti status.

These additional concerns were raised and discussed:
• the status and revised details of the proposal in view of the fact that the Committees on Academic Freedom and Diversity and Equal Opportunity opted out of the original arrangement?
• the reduced Emeriti representation on the new Council;
• the nature of this representation and the attention and significance given to Emeriti matters by the overall Council;
• the role of the Emeriti Association on the Council

**Action:** Committee members agreed to convene before FWC’s May 3rd meeting to further discuss the proposed merger of UEPRRC and FWC, review a draft by-law of the combined committee and vote on whether to approve the proposed merger.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.