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

Minutes of Meeting  
April 25, 2003

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

Absence: R. Withers; S. Cochran

Staff: M. Avila; D. Dang

Guests: E. Murphy; Dr. Michael Karpf

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

1. CONSULTATION WITH UCLA HEALTHCARE—Dr. Michael Karpf, Vice Provost of the Hospital System and Director of the Medical Center

Chair introduced Dr. Karpf to the committee, gave a general description of UEPRRC’s role and summarized the committee’s concerns regarding changes in the UCLA Healthcare system. Dr. Karpf provided an update on the redevelopment plans for UCLA Westwood and Santa Monica hospitals. He also informed the committee of the services available at each facility. The new Westwood campus will consist of 525 hospital beds, including high-acuity, complex tertiary and quaternary care while the Santa Monica campus will provide primary and secondary care.

Discussion

• How much choice do Emeriti have for continuing their primary or secondary care at Westwood? Emeriti have several choices, Medicare and the High Option plan. Plus, Blue Cross point-of-service patients can also choose to see a Westwood specialist if they select Tier 2 care.
• Patients receiving care from a Westwood specialist for current active illnesses will likely be approved for continuing care with a Westwood specialist.
• Patients who have seen a Westwood specialist in the past, but who have not recently received continuing care for a current illness from that doctor, will likely be directed to a UCLA specialist in Santa Monica.
• What arrangements have been made for emeriti parking in Santa Monica? UCLA Healthcare is currently investigating providing some parking for those with UCLA blue permits when the parking structure opens up at the Santa Monica campus. A shuttle is now available to take patients from UCLA to Santa Monica.
• A major concern of Emeriti is that UCLA Healthcare’s billing system fails to record all services provided to patients on one single bill. Dr. Karpf indicated that UCLA Healthcare is currently trying to standardize it billing process by consolidating two billing systems into one structure.
• In response to questions, Dr. Karpf indicated that he and the FLASH Committee meet regularly to discuss UCLA Healthcare issues. The Health Care Facilitator also consults with FLASH and Healthcare administrators on medical plan issues.
• There was some discussion about the Hunter Group (HG) report and people’s fear that primary care physicians will end up leaving UCLA if HG’s hospital system and faculty practice recommendations are implemented. Dr. Karpf assured the members that UCLA healthcare is working with primary care physicians on productivity issues in trying to become more efficient while letting primary care providers know that they are important to prevent low morale.
• The Biomedical library will remain in its current location when the Westwood replacement hospital is finished.
• The NPI building will be demolished and the NPI group placed in the new hospital. However, it is not yet clear where the relocation site within the hospital will be.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Minutes of the February 7, 2003 meeting were approved as distributed.

Chair gave a general report of the items discussed at the last two FWC meetings.

• On March 3rd:
  ❖ A status report from the FWC/CPB subcommittee on transportation Issues was presented suggesting that BruinGo should be funded through either an increase in monthly/daily parking fees, an increase in student fees, and increase in the share of parking spaces provided for daily parking permit, and/or a per ride co-payment.
  ❖ The FWC, while investigating what remedial action can be taken to prohibit the voluntary faculty from using UCLA's name in advertisements that mislead the public, learned that UCLA cannot prohibit tenants of the 100 UCLA Medical Plaza from using the business address of their office in advertising because the 100 building was built for rental use to be managed by the developer. The committee will further investigate the ownership of the building and conditions and terms of rental.

• On April 7th:
  ❖ The FWC discussed implications of the Hunter Group recommendations. FWC members felt it would be useful to have a copy of the Hunter Group Report. Before making an inquiry of the Chancellor as to the process by which these decisions will be made, the Committee will hear from different sources on the matter to try and get a better understanding of the issues.
  ❖ Dr. Breslow consulted with the FWC on a proposal by the UC Task Force on Health Care Plans for an on-line wellness program. Everyone agreed that the program would benefit certain individuals on all nine UC campuses and suggested that Dr. Breslow bring the matter before the UCFW.
  ❖ The members also discussed the pros and cons of changing the existing academic calendar.

  **Action:** Dr. Breslow will be invited to meet with the UEPRRC in June to chat about the wellness program.

3. EMERITI CONFERRALS

The Academic Personnel Office was not able to send the cases in time for discussion at the meeting. This item was postponed.

4. FINAL REPORT ON THE 2002-2003 MEMORIAL STATEMENTS

• Last year there was a backlog of 65 outstanding memorials.
• It was reported that 54 had been completed in time to submit for publication in the *2002 In Memoriam* book.
• There are 10 remaining memorials in excess of 4 years that need to be written. The committee decided to obtain a list of emeriti from the Emeriti Center in hopes of using the list to identify potential preparers of these statements.

  **Action:** The Emeriti Center will provide the list of Emeriti names and their departments.

5. EMERITI HOUSING

Ms. Murphy provided an update on the progress of the Joint Committee on Emeriti/Retiree Housing charged to explore ways to establish a retirement housing community near UCLA. There are three companies that have expressed an interest in putting up the building, Hyatt, Belmont Village and Greystone. The Committee will be meeting with representatives from these companies to review the
committee's objectives and the requirements of the developer. One goal is that the site would look like what came out of last year's survey in terms of the number of residential units and range of services provided. The Housing Committee would like to have a broad spectrum of housing plans to consider because there are emeriti that are independent and those that need assistant living. Another objective is that the developer would put up the money to construct the site. There was a brief discussion on possible locations for the site.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.