UCI Emeriti Association

UC Irvine Emeriti Association (UCIEA) Report CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting – October 2018

UCIEA has been active during the recent period. Among our accomplishments and initiatives:

- **Complimentary Parking**: After a year of negotiations, the campus now provides complimentary parking to all members of the UCIEA and all members of the UCI Retirees Association (UCIRA). We worked collaboratively with the UCIRA, our Center for Emeriti & Retirees (CER) and key decision-makers on campus to achieve agreement. UCIEA members on paid recall do not qualify, but all other current members have daily parking privileges in general parking slots across the campus.

- **Faculty Retirement Liaison (FRL)**: After helpful discussions with those holding this position on other UC campuses, we defined the role and persuaded the Provost to establish the position at UCI. Professor Emeritus of Physics Bill Parker is the first FRL, on a partial recall appointment. One aspect of his role is to work with pre-retirement faculty, providing advice and helping them transition into retirement through negotiations with their Deans, Department Chairs and the campus. He also serves as an advocate on campus for the emeriti/ae community on all issues of significance and will provide a human connection as more systems relevant to emeriti/ae are automated.

- **Engagement of Emeriti/ae with the campus**: In the second year of a broad initiative, we are further promoting the ten objectives which we identified to increase the engagement of emeriti/ae in achieving UCI’s core mission and goals. The previous two bullets indicate success on two of the ten objectives. UCIEA President Jim Danziger has met one-on-one with nearly every Dean to explore how the other eight objectives might be furthered in each Dean’s School. As he currently engages the Dean’s in follow-up meetings to assess progress, there have been significant advances in various Schools such as: conducting a yearly School-level survey of all emeriti/ae regarding their willingness to contribute to the teaching, mentoring and service missions if needed; facilitating emeriti/ae involvement at the department level; explicit highlighting, in media communications and gatherings, of the notable accomplishments of specific emeriti/ae; and providing functional office space for all active emeriti/ae.

- **Online Membership**: The CER has developed and now implemented through campus OIT an online payment webpage and system for emeriti to join and pay dues as well as join/renew their UCIEA membership.

- **Meetings/Annual Reception**: The UCI Executive Committee holds monthly meetings to which all UCI Emeriti/ae are invited at the Newkirk Alumni Center where the CER is housed on campus. We continue to recruit new members to our Executive Committee to insure fresh ideas and energy. We cohost the annual Emeriti/Retirees Reception coordinated by CER held Oct. 16th this year. This is a classy event and features an engaging Q&A with our Chancellor attracting about 300 emeriti/ae and retirees.

- **Mobilization on Systemwide Issues**: UCIEA continues to communicate our views on such issues as Retiree Health Benefits, new systems such as UCI Path and Redwood, and proposals associated with the Huron Report. Our emeriti/ae community has been relatively active in providing input to key decision-makers.

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