Regular Meetings
The UCI Executive Committee holds monthly meetings to which all UCI Emeriti are invited at the Newkirk Alumni Center building where our UCI Center for Emeriti and Retirees (CER) is housed, on the UCI campus. A central topic at recent meetings has been our response to a section of the new UCI Strategic Plan that calls for ways to more fully engage our emeriti/ae in the activities of the campus.

Enhancing Emeriti Engagement
The UCIEA has proposed ten suggestions for enhancing the linkages between the emeriti and their departments, schools and the campus community. On behalf of the Association, I am in contact with the campus central top administrators and Deans. As President, I am a member of the campus Academic Planning Group (APG), which also has a subgroup exploring issues of “emeriti engagement.” And, I am an ex officio member of the Academic Senate Council on Faculty Welfare (CFW).

I am pleased to note that the APG and the CFW have provided unanimous support for these suggestions. I have been meeting with the Provost and the Deans to promote the meaningful implementation of these engagement ideas.

Retiree Health Benefits
UCIEA has also been active in providing information and mobilizing communications for all emeriti and retirees regarding the Regents’ recent proposal to rescind the agreement on a floor to the amount that retirees will pay to retain their university health care plans.

Annual Business Meeting/ Outstanding Emeritus/ae Award
Our 2017 Annual Business Meeting in June was highlighted by an engaging and slightly controversial talk by Emeritus Professor of Political Science Russ Dalton on the topic of Millennials Replacing Boomers. Please pick up a copy of our UCI EA Newsletter for some highlights.

At the Annual Meeting, we were pleased to announce that Professor Emerita Moyra Smith, Department of Pediatrics and Human Genetics, was been awarded the 2017 UCI Outstanding Emeritus/ae Award. This award recognizes an emeritus/ae at UCI who, since retirement, has continued to contribute to the university’s central missions of teaching, research and/or service in highly significant ways. Professor Emerita Smith was selected from among a group of nominees who are extremely impressive and reflect the exceptional ongoing activities of UCI emeriti/ae. Our selection committee was impressed by Professor Smith’s continuing research on genetics and genomics, her strong record of publications including numerous books, her active engagement in the programs within her Department of Pediatrics, her mentoring of graduate students, and her involvement with the Cart Autism Center.

Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti/ae Award
Margot Norris, Chancellor’s Professor Emerita of English and comparative literature, was honored with the 2016-17 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award, which recognizes scholarly work or educational service since retirement by University of California professors emeriti in the humanities or social sciences. A world-renowned expert on James Joyce and 20th-century modernist literature, she has won several prestigious national and international accolades. Since retiring in 2011, Norris has continued to be a vigorous and productive scholar, publishing three books and numerous chapters and articles. She also remains an active and acclaimed teacher and mentor.

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