



**Campus Report for
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Listed below are a number of topics for my UCR Campus Report.

(1) Luncheon Sessions

A decade long standing tradition of having a joint luncheon of the *Emeriti* Association and the Retirees Association members was continued. These are held on Friday's from 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM in our relatively new Alumnae and Visitor's Center Center.

September 16 2011: Brian Wickstrom, UCR's new Athletics Director

December 9th 2011: Christmas Luncheon with many Christmas carols from jolly children from the UCR Child Development Center.

March 23rd, 2012: Professor Jonathan Green, History of Art Department, Director of the California Museum of Photography and Executive Director of the new UCRARTS Block in downtown Riverside in the remodeled Culver center, "An overview of the new Culver Art Center"

June 15th 2012: Professor Carlos E. Cortez, Professor *Emeritus* of History. He will give a reading from his newly published autobiography titled "Rose Hill".

(2) Dickson Award Issues

In 2003, each Chancellor of a UC campus received a letter from C. Judson King, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of California. The letter documented the reallocation of the Edward A Dickson *Emeriti* Professorship Endowment (established in 1993) into ten campus-specific endowment funds and provides a fund history for [each] campus.

"The endowment payout must continue to be used as specified by Regent Dickson, which may include support for an annual award for one or more *Emeritus/a* professor(s), and/or annual support for teaching research, public service, and/or a salary stipend of *Emeriti* professors on recall". Each *Emeritus/a* professor receiving

support from the Dickson Endowment shall be known as the Edward A. Dickson, *Emeritus/a Professor*".

At UCR the Dickson award was not initiated until 2008/09; it was \$10,000. Then the following three awards, each of only \$6,000, were awarded in 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011-12. No justification was made for why a smaller award of \$6,000 was made.

In a meeting with a UCR Development Office staff person this past December, I was given a glossy brochure entitled "Securing UCR's Future" with a subtitle of 'Endowment Activity Report for July 31, 2010 – March 31, 2011. The report stated that \$18,256 was distributed for this year's Dickson award.

Upon further inquiry I learned that in each of the three past years that the amount distributed for the annual award was of the order of \$18,000. Further, I learned, that there were annual distributions in 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08 before UCR began awarding the Dickson award. Thus we are now in the apparent pleasant situation of having an accumulated balance of \$90,000 which can only be spent on Dickson awards.

Given that the only use of the Dickson fund is to make awards to *Emeriti* UCR Faculty, it seems appropriate to have the Dickson account moved from the Chancellor's office to the Academic Senate office.

The process of selection of the Dickson recipient is complicated in that it involves both the Faculty Welfare Committee (who has the responsibility to determine the relevant merit of each application) and CAP who has responsibility of approving the award of all named Chairs. In this instance it would be the Edward A. Dickson, *Emeriti Professor*.

(3) A website for UCR's *Emeriti* Association

At UC-Riverside the UCR *Emeriti* Association is merged with the Staff Retiree Association for luncheon meetings, and several other activities including a quite modest shared web site. The web site is hosted by UCR's Alumni Association office. However there are no funds to allow modernization, upgrade or expansion.

Accordingly I am negotiating with the UCR Academic Senate to create an *Emeriti* faculty presence on the Senate website. I am optimistic that there will be success here.