

## **UC IRVINE EMERITI ASSOCIATION REPORT OCTOBER 2024**

### **New Officers for UCIEA**

New officers for the UCI Emeriti Association were approved at the annual meeting on Feb 14, 2024. The 2024-25 officers are:

*President:* Ken Chew

*Vice President:* Jessica Utts

*Treasurer:* Kenneth Kraemer

*Communications Officer:* Craig Behrens

### **UCI Emeriti Holding CUCEA Positions:**

The following UCI Emeriti serve in leadership roles for CUCEA:

*Treasurer:* William Parker

*Information Officer:* George Miller

*Survey Coordinator:* Jessica Utts

### **“Distinguished” Title Added to 47 UCI Emeriti Faculty in May 2024**

In May 2024, the UCI Emeriti Association alerted the Provost and Vice Provost for Academic Personnel to a discrepancy affecting the use of the “distinguished” title for emeriti who retired prior to July 2018. At that time, in consultation with the Academic Senate and CAP, campus policy was revised regarding the use of the title of Distinguished Professor. Senate faculty at Professor, Above Scale, were extended the title of Distinguished Professor and retained it after retirement and conferral of emeritus/a title. But the title was not retroactively applied to emeriti who retired prior to that time. The UCI Emeriti Association brought this to the attention of the Provost. Following the same consultative process, all Professors, Above Scale, who retired prior to the campus policy change were granted the use of the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus/a in May 2024. A new Distinguished Professor, Emeritus/a, webpage has been created to include these 47 Professor, Above Scale, emeritus/a, as well as those previously listed on the Distinguished Professor webpage.

### **Staff and Location Change for the UCI Center for Emeriti and Retirees (CER)**

This past summer saw multiple changes for the CER. The office moved from its location in the Campus Alumni Center to the UCI University Research Park adjoined to the campus. In July, CER Director (and Founder) Jeri Frederick officially retired. The new Director is Mary Garcia, but she is currently on maternity leave, so Jeri is working in the office (part time) on recall. Additionally, Emil Nguyen was recently promoted from Operations and Programs Analyst to Associate Director of the Center. Emil and Jeri are working together to ensure continuity and expertise during the transition to the new Director. We look forward to welcoming Mary when she returns from leave in November.

## Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee continues to hold two-hour hybrid meetings monthly, with a break over the summer months. To help the EC members get to know each other a little better, one member is designated at each meeting to share a fun photo with an accompanying story. Additionally, each member of the Committee has been assigned to interview another member for a brief “Changing Gears” profile in the campus Emeriti Newsletter.

## Annual Emeriti/Retiree Reception with the Chancellor

The Annual Reception for Retirees and Emeriti was held on October 15. UCI Chancellor Howard Gillman was the Keynote Speaker for the third year in a row. Over 250 people registered to attend the event.

## Ongoing Events and News

- **Graduate Student Dissertation Fellowships:** We have awarded two further UCIEA Graduate Student Fellowships which offers support for thesis completion.
- **Annual Giving Day:** On the annual campus-wide “giving day” (April 16 in 2024), one of the options is to donate to the Emeriti Association. This year a total of \$3,575 was donated to the EA, mostly ear-marked for the Graduate Student Dissertation Fellowship fund.
- **Faculty Retirement Liaison:** Bill Parker, Professor Emeritus of Physics, continues in a part-time position at UCI as Faculty Retirement Liaison. This role is very helpful with assisting new and future retirees to communicate with their departments and with the RASC.
- **Programs for Emeriti:** In collaboration with the UCI Retirees Association and support from the CER, we continue to offer monthly walks, hikes, bicycle rides, and sponsor periodic public lectures and presentations.
- **Parking on Campus:** Our parking service continues to offer complimentary parking to emeriti (and retiree) association dues-paying members who are not on paid- recall status. This privilege encourages continuing engagement with campus activities. We are hoping to renegotiate our parking MOU to better reflect new online permitting technology.
- **Data about Emeriti Philanthropy:** We are in discussions with University Development to acquire and help analyze electronic data on emeriti campus philanthropy.