

UCI EMERITI BYLAWS

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Article I - Name

This non-profit organization shall be known as the UCI Emeriti Association

Article II - Purposes

The purposes shall be:

1. to support its members and colleagues in continuation of their scholarly endeavors;
2. to assist its members to make the transition from an active academic schedule to one of teaching, research, writing, mentorship (of faculty as well as students), consultation, and other activities that enable them to continue their contributions to the University and to society;
3. to provide an opportunity for its members to maintain professional contact with their colleagues in their own and other disciplines locally and elsewhere;
4. to promote the general welfare and fair treatment of emeriti and of their spouses or surviving widowers or widows;
5. to sponsor social and educational events for the benefit of the membership, the University community and the Orange County community.
6. to promote the welfare of the University and support the University's goals for community enlightenment and societal advancement;
7. to advise the Academic Senate and/or the administration of UCI when advice is appropriate, even if unsolicited.
8. to participate with other UC emeriti associations in the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations and advocacy of emeriti interests and benefits.
9. to coordinate activities and collaborate with the UCI Retirees' Association.
10. to take such other actions as may be necessary or expedient for the administration of the organization's affairs and the attainment of its goals.

Article III - Membership

Section 1: Regular members include individuals who, at retirement, were:

- a. members of the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate at Retirement;
- b. members of the Senate from other UC campuses at retirement;
- c. former UCI Senate members who retire from another institution;
- d. spouses and widows/widowers of regular members;
- e. non-Senate UCI recipients of the Emerita/us titles and

- f. non-Senate UCI academics with educational and professional qualifications comparable to those of emeritus faculty and who are nominated by two or more regular members and approved by the Membership Committee and the Executive Committee of the UCIEA.

Section 2: Associate membership is offered to emeriti from other institutions who have not been affiliated with the University of California but who have moved to the UCI area, and who are nominated by two or more regular members and approved by the Membership Committee and the Executive Committee of the UCIEA. Associate members pay dues, but are non-voting members.

Section 3. A member or former member shall not lose eligibility because of a change of marital status.

Article IV - Dues and Contributions

Section 1: The academic year (July 1 through the following June 30) shall constitute the fiscal year.

Section 2: Dues are assessed annually and contributions in support of the organization and its activities shall be voluntary.

Section 3: All regular and associate members pay dues, but dues are optional when a member reaches 80 years of age.

Article V - Officers

Section 1: The officers of the organization shall be President, Vice-President (President-Elect), Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the association. The election shall be by secret ballot if there is more than one nominee for a specific office; otherwise a voice vote shall be sufficient.

Section 3: The officers shall be elected for one-year terms, shall be eligible for re-election, but shall not serve more than two terms consecutively. An officer may subsequently be re-elected after one or more years out of office. The Vice-President is expected to be elected to the position of President when that office is vacated.

Article VI - Duties of Officers

Section 1: The President shall preside at meetings, shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the organization, shall act as Chair of the Executive Committee, and may serve as ex-officio member of all standing committees. The President or a designated representative may be recommended to the Senate to serve as the UCI Emerita/us of any Academic Senate committee to which one or more emeriti are invited to participate. The President shall serve as the UCI representative to the Council of the University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA).

Section 2: The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the latter and shall serve as ex-officio member of the standing committees in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall be a member of the Membership and Nominating Committees.

Section 3: The Secretary shall have responsibility with the Director of the Emeriti and Retirees Center for the preparation and distribution of notices sent to the membership, of communications sent to surviving

spouses upon the death of members, and of official communication with members. The Secretary shall prepare the minutes of all meetings of the organization and its Executive Committee, update and make available copies of these Bylaws, and with the Director of the Emeriti and Retirees Center be custodian of all records of the organization. The Secretary shall be a member of the Membership and Nominating Committees.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of dues, contributions and other payments to the organization and shall be the custodian and oversee the disbursement of organization funds. This officer shall present to the members at each annual business meeting a complete statement of the financial affairs and standing of the organization. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget in collaboration with other officers of the organization and the Director of the Emeriti and Retirees Center. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Membership and Nominating Committees.

Article VII - Executive Committee

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, the past Presidents, ten elected members at large, others invited by the President with the concurrence of the Executive Committee and the chairpersons of standing committees, the Emeriti and Retirees Center Director, the Chair of the UCI Retirees' Association, and a liaison from the UCI Academic Senate. In addition, the Chancellor is an ex-officio voting member of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: Five of the ten elected members at large shall be elected for a two-year term at each annual business meeting.

Section 3: Vacancies occurring within the Executive Committee shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and those so selected shall serve until the next annual business meeting.

Section 4: A member of the Executive Committee who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without explanation may automatically be considered to have resigned from the Committee.

Article VIII - Committees

Section 1: Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President and the Vice-President with the advice of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: The standing committees shall include but not be limited to: (1) Membership; (2) Nominating; (3) Program; (4) Newsletter; (5) Website and Brochure; (6) Awards; and (7) Ethics and Welfare of Emeriti, the University and the public; (8) History and Archives; (9) Biobibliographic Survey.

Section 3: Ad-hoc committees shall be appointed by the President and Vice-President as need arises. The Nominating committee shall be named well in advance of the annual business meeting in order to invite nominations from the membership and to nominate officers and members of the Executive Committee.

Article IX - Nomination Procedures

The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of proposed officers and other Executive Committee members. Suggestions for these positions shall have been solicited from the membership at large. Names may be added to the list of nominees from the floor at the regular annual business meeting. At least two weeks written notice shall be given of the time and place of this meeting.

Article X - Meetings

Section 1: One meeting each year shall be designated the annual business meeting. It shall be called to receive reports of officers, committees, and the Director of the Emeriti and Retirees Center, to conduct elections, consider amendments to the Bylaws and other business.

Section 2: The organization shall meet at other times and places designated by the Executive Committee, or upon petition of at least ten of the membership.

Article XI - Quorum

Section 1: A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of the members present at the regularly called meetings with a minimum of eight members. A quorum shall consist of the members present at the annual business meeting with a minimum of 20 members.

Section 2: So long as a quorum is present, elections and decisions shall be made by vote of a majority of members present except amendments to the Bylaws will require a vote of 60% of the members present.

Article XII - Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for this organization, excepting that the Chair may overrule a "call for the question" if it appears to her or him that there has been insufficient opportunity for members' participation on a particular question.

Article XIII - Dissolution of the Organization

If this Association should dissolve or elect to cease recognition as an official support group of the University, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, any remaining assets shall be transferred within three months to the Regents or to the UCI Foundation as designated by the Chancellor.

Article XIV - Amendments

Section 1: Any proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be presented to the members either by majority vote of the Executive Committee or by a petition presented to the Secretary for presentation to the members, such petition to be signed by no fewer than five members.

Section 2: Copies of such proposed amendments shall be sent to each member not less than two weeks before the annual business meeting.

Section 3: A proposed amendment shall be considered adopted if it receives a vote of 60% of the members present at the annual meeting of the Association, provided that at least 20 members are in attendance. If fewer than 20 members attend, the amendment shall be voted on at the next scheduled meeting, social or business, at which there are at least 20 members present or by mail or e-mail ballot.