

**UNIVERSITY EMERITI RELATIONS COMMITTEE
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2007-2008
APPROVED**

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Over the 2007-8 academic year the University Emeriti Relations Committee (UER) held six meetings.

Emeriti Parking Issues

The campus announced in 2006 the intention to raise the rates for emeriti parking permits (until that time they priced at about 30% of the regular annual C permit rate) up to the rate for regular C permits. Vigorous protests in the spring and summer of 2006 from many emeriti and emeritae as well as emeriti groups including UER and University of California Berkeley Emeriti Association (UCBEA) resulted in the deferral of the planned increase and a pledge to do for a survey of emeriti concerning parking needs and usage. Results of this survey were not available until the beginning of the Fall semester 2007, and were not very helpful. Chair Moore who serves on the Chancellor's Oversight Committee on Parking and Transportation reported to the UER Committee that he argued that a detailed usage survey should be done to determine the actual load that emeriti place on the parking system,

and that this metric should be used to determine the relative rates. A survey of counting cars and permits in ten large C lots during a one week period was then performed and the data indicated that emeriti use their permits at a rate of 36% of the rate that regular C permit holders use their permits. As a result, the Chancellor's Oversight Committee modified their original recommendation to raise the emeriti rate and recommended instead that the historical ratio of emeriti rates the regular C permit rates continue. This action resolved a difficult and thorny issue.

Richard Malkin reported to the Committee that the Parking Office in response to his inquiry has now made available to emeriti the option of renewing parking either by telephone, or by mail, and is working on an online option. Thus emeriti no longer have to physically go the Parking Office to renew their permits. Chair Moore, at the request of the Committee, sent a letter of thanks to Director Pinto-Correia.

Pre-Retirement Website

Chair Moore met with Vice Provost Sheldon Zedeck and Yale Braunstein, Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee, to discuss the creation of a website for faculty considering retirement. UER compiled a list of important information items and links they felt should be included on the website, which is currently in progress.

Computer Accounts

In response to several complaints the committee investigated the issue of whether surviving spouses of emeriti can continue have to computer and email account privileges, and recommended that a way be found to achieve that goal. The problem is complicated by the decision of IST to discontinue the modem dialup service that has been used by this community. At this time a solution to the problem has been proposed by a committee made up of people from the Retirement Center, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Information Services and Technology, and the Office of University Relations.

Book Donations

The Committee requested that the Retirement Center develop and maintain a database of institutions that are interested in receiving donations of scholarly books and journals, and also of organizations who can facilitate such gifts. The Retirement Center can thus provide invaluable assistance and serve as a clearinghouse to emeritus faculty who wish to donate books and journals from their personal libraries to needy and deserving institutions.

Emeriti Reception

The committee, through Chair of the Academic Senate William Drummond and Vice-Chair Mary Firestone, requested that the Chancellor host a reception in University House acknowledging emeriti and their contributions to the campus. The Chancellor indicated that he would make University House available for such a reception, and that he would speak at the reception, but that he would not be willing to pay the costs of such a reception. Chair Drummond, Vice-Chair Firestone, and Chair Moore will explore other options for funding such a reception and report back to the committee. This issue will continue to be pursued by the committee next year.

Informational Presentations

- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)- Susan Hoffman, director of OLLI, spoke to the committee about the current state of OLLI and future plans.
- Retirement Center- Louise Taylor, former director of the Retirement Center and current member of the Board of the Retirement Center, spoke to the committee about the budget, future plans, and challenges of the center.