

UCSC Emeriti Group — A little historical background.

[The following letter by the late David W. Heron, University Librarian Emeritus, was written as a transition between himself and Stanley Williamson, the incoming Secretary-Treasurer for 1994-1995. It has been transcribed and annotated by Stanley D. Stevens. Nov. 1, 2009; published with permission.]

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Stanley, [Williamson]

I enclose copies of the 1993-4 roster of the UCSC Emeriti Group and the list, ..., of new UCSC emeriti.

There are a few members of the Group ... (Albert Hofstadter, the Founding Convenor, named it The UCSC **Emeritus** Group; some time since then it has become "**Emeriti**" as slightly more gender-neutral) ... who are not retired UCSC Senate members or (like [Hal] Hyde and [Gurden] Mooser) with special emeriti appointments.

Ruth Frary was nominated for emeritus status when Brewster Smith was chair, but [Chancellor Robert] Stevens didn't endorse it. She'd been invited to join the group the preceding year. Francis Clauser and Terrell Hill were invited by Dean [McHenry]; Sheila Hough by Joe [Bunnett] (with advice and consent of Dean [McHenry] and Brewster [Smith]), as were Errol Mauchlan and (I think) Bruce Moore. Dow Votaw is emeritus dean of the Business School in Berkeley, and was invited by Dean [McHenry] and Don Clark, as I recall.

"As I recall" is a key phrase here. Although Joe [Bunnett] may be passing on an archive of sorts to Jack [Michaelsen], the organization has been rather informal. Joe, during his first term, bestowed on me the mantle of Secretary-Treasurer, which you have graciously consented to inherit. Each campus emeriti group has an alternate to the presiding officer when he/she is prevented by illness or pressing business from presiding or attending CUCEA meetings (April and October) and the Sec/Treas name added a little substance to the Alternate title. UCLA has a full complement of elected officials and at least two paid staff members. Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Riverside, SF, Santa Barbara and San Diego all have smaller hierarchies (See the front of the big UC phone directory). Don Clark inquired, when he was chair [of the Academic Senate's Committee on Emeriti Relations], if people here wanted an Organization, and the response was emphatically negative.

So far as I know, this is the definitive list of UCSC emeriti, though you might do well to view it with suspicion. The UCRS people in Oakland don't seem to have one. The UCSC academic personnel office accepted the one I sent them a year or so ago without comment, but seems not to maintain an emeritus file. ..., in Benefits, has been most helpful in supplying new names.

The treasury: Dazzled by the scale of VERIPs I & II, I started a separate bank account for a while, but it cost \$5.00 a month. It seemed better to spend that \$60/year on wine (Albert H. started the tradition of paying for the wine from the Group funds). So I've just kept the Treasury under the Heron family mattress (which used to be called County Bank, now bought by some new conglomerate every year or so). I sent you a copy of my most recent financial report to Joe. The only change in the year-end balance will be what we owe Joe for the red wine he brought to the 6/10 meeting. After I pay that I'll send you the balance, and copies of the past year's reports to Joe. With 51 new VERIPers at a possible \$10.00 per head (though several may not join) it might be worth starting another bank account.

Although the Chancellor's office (particularly Judi Hance) has been very helpful with mailing, there have been occasional postage and xeroxing costs, and CUCEA dues are \$1.00 per paid member. Henry Fagin, the CUCEA treasurer, starts complaining early every spring, at which time it is customary to pay up. The Chancellor has been good about covering travel costs to southern meetings.

When Albert Hofstadter started the group (which numbered 24 [I have in the files Hofstadter's letter in which he states that the number was 12 — sds]) **he ran it single-handed.** With over 130 potential members you may want additional help. Kenneth Thimann got a \$500 secretarial fund, since abandoned, and a room next to the International Studies office, which we never used, so I/S used it, ultimately for storage, and some young hacker ran up a three-figure phone bill in it last year by overriding the 9-block (Errol Mauchlan got us off the hook). The biggest challenges in the last couple of years have been finding a good place for luncheon meetings. If the attendance doesn't increase too dramatically the Cowell Provost's House (with Bill Parro catering) seems to be a good place to meet. We've also met at Hollins House (which quit serving lunch last year) at Peachwood's, once, picnic style, in the rustic student center, and a couple of times at El Palomar.

I've droned on at too-great length. Please let me know of anything I can do to help,

With best wishes,

David Heron