

MINUTES, CSU-ERFA STATE COUNCIL MEETING
CROWN PLAZA HOTEL -- LOS ANGELES
23 APRIL 2011

Members present: Officers: Dieter Renning, president (Stanislaus); Barbara Sinclair, vice president (Los Angeles); Judith Stanley, secretary (East Bay); Harry Sharp, treasurer (San Luis Obispo); State Council Members: Sidney Albert (Los Angeles); William Blischke (Dominguez Hills); Leni Cook (Dominguez Hills); Jane Crosbie (Humboldt); Adnan Daoud (San Jose); George Demos (Long Beach); Don Dewey (Los Angeles); Milt Dobkin (Humboldt); Tom Donahue (San Diego); Dave DuFault (San Diego); Dave Elliott (San Jose); Janet Fischer-Hoult (Los Angeles); Don Gerth (Sacramento); Harold Goldwhite (Los Angeles); Judd Grenier (Dominguez Hills); Jackson Henry (Dominguez Hills); David Humphers (Sacramento); Judith Hunt (Sonoma); Ralph Huntsinger (Chico); Sally Hurtado de Lopez (Sonoma); Larry Ianni (San Francisco); Rita Jones (Long Beach); Don Keesey (San Jose); Jerry Koppman (San Diego); Pat Koppman (San Diego); Barbara Manrique (Stanislaus); Len Mathy (Los Angeles); Roberta Mauksch (Northridge); Bob Maurer (Chico); Joan McCauley (Long Beach); Lou Negrete (Los Angeles); Barry Pasternack (Fullerton); Beatrice Pressley (East Bay); Dave Quadro (Fresno); Steve Ross (Long Beach); Mark Shapiro (Fullerton); Barbara Swerkes (Northridge); Marshelle Thobaben (Humboldt); Alan Wade (Sacramento); Aubrey Wendling (San Diego); Lucille Wendling (San Diego); Sam Wiley (Dominguez Hills); Robert Wilson (San Jose).

Staff present: Don Cameron, executive director (Northridge), Linda Zimmerman, office manager.

Guests: Jim Postma, Chair, CSU Academic Senate; Donna Snodgrass, candidate for CalPERS Board, J.J. Jelincic, CalPERS Board of Administration

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM. Renning asked members to introduce themselves and announced that Sidney Albert, who recently celebrated his 97th birthday, would be attending today's meeting.
2. **General Announcements:** Cameron announced that lunch will be served at 12:30PM, and noted two upcoming meetings: the Executive Committee will meet on 20 July 2011; the next State Council meeting will be at San Jose State University on 15 October 2011.
3. **Approval of October 16, 2010 Minutes:** The Minutes were approved as presented.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was modified to allow Sharp, who must

leave early, to present agenda items 24 (Progress Report on the 2010-2011 Budget) and 26 (Proposed 2011-2012 Budget) along with item 7, Treasurer's Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

5. **President's Announcements:** No announcements.
6. **Vice President's Announcements:** No announcements.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Sharp directed members' attention to his written report and the Progress Report on the 2010-2011 budget and observed that we should be in good shape by year's end, even though our surplus is not as large as it was in 2009-2010. The budget proposed for 2011-2012 is changed only slightly from this year's; motion to adopt the proposed 2011-2012 budget was approved.
8. **Executive Director's Announcements:** Cameron referred members to his written report, which highlights the success of recent campus based State Council meetings at San Jose and Dominguez Hills. We shall meet on campus again in 2011-2012: the Fall State Council meeting will be at San Jose on 15 October 2011, and the Spring meeting at Long Beach on 21 April 2012. He has also begun planning for a Fall 2012 Council meeting at Dominguez Hills on either 20 or 27 October. Pressley pointed to the difficulties confronting a disabled council member such as herself when a meeting is on a campus: she argued that holding State Council meetings on campus is prejudicial to the disabled. Elliott and Jones noted that the San Jose and Long Beach meeting rooms are handicapped accessible and that CSU-ERFA members on each campus will be prepared to provide any assistance disabled council members require.
9. **Report from the Editor of the Reporter:** Anagnoson was not able to attend the meeting; Cameron reminded contributors of the 2 May deadline for the Reporter.
10. **Webmaster Report:** Shapiro reported that there had been a significant increase in interest in the website; thus far this month we are averaging 90 visits a day. Further, CSU-ERFA is now on Facebook, and we have already acquired 34 "friends."
11. **Archivist Report:** Grenier presented a written report noting the recent transition of CSU-ERFA records from the office to our collection at the CSU Archives; included among them were files from the administration of Executive Director Robert Kully. He has also added some e-mail correspondence to the collection.
12. **Comments by CSU Academic Senate Retiree Senator:** Goldwhite welcomed Senate Chair Postma who thanked CSU-ERFA for its advocacy on behalf of pensions and retiree health benefits. Goldwhite then reported the good news that the Faculty Trustee selection process is proceeding apace: the two Senate nominees, Bernadette Cheyne (Humboldt) and Steve Stepanik (Northridge), have been interviewed. The budget news is bad; additional cuts to the CSU budget, i.e., another \$500 million, would mean a

further increase in student fees. Campuses continue to work on the Early Start Program and the transfer curriculum prescribed by Senate Bill 1440.

TIME CERTAIN: Donna Snodgrass, candidate for CalPERS Board

Snodgrass, a CSEA Vice President, thanked CSU-ERFA for its endorsement of her candidacy and highlighted matters of importance to her, e.g., Long Term Care and effective public education about CalPERS. In regard to the former, she described CSEA's LTC program and her interest in merging it with CalPERS' program; for the latter, she advocated using educational money in the CalPERS budget for public information campaigns about CalPERS. Snodgrass also noted her support for recent legislation affecting placement agents and legislative initiatives re investment firms' employment of former CalPERS Board Members.

TIME CERTAIN: J.J. Jelincic, CalPERS Board Member

Jelincic began by addressing issues raised by council members in advance of today's meeting, viz.:

A) CalPERS financial status: Fund value is approximately \$240 billion; year-to-date investment return has been a little over 18%. Sixty-four cents of every "pension buck" paid to retirees comes from investment earnings.

B) CalPERS "scandals": The Steptoe Report, commissioned by CalPERS, reveals all and is posted on the PERS website. CalPERS has now negotiated lower rates for investment advisers.

C) Long Term Care: The Board believes that it has the program stabilized and will likely open enrollment again. LTC was priced too low at the outset; increasing longevity of LTC participants and growth in the use of nursing homes have compounded the program's fiscal problems.

In response to questions Jelincic observed that the Purchasing Power Protection Allowance for CalPERS retirees is calculated every year per statute and published in the quarterly report; CalPERS needs to do a better job of explaining itself to the public; staff is working on language to clarify the relationship between Medicare Part D and CalPERS' supplement to Medicare health plans.

13. Health Benefits Report and Recommendations: Humphers introduced Janet Fischer-Hoult who read her poem about CSU-ERFA's support in her struggle with Anthem Blue Cross over access to needed antibiotic therapy. Humphers' written report included a copy of the letter sent to the CalPERS Health Benefits Committee detailing the incident as well as an update on the CalPERS Long Term Care Program.

14. Legislative Report and Recommendations: Wade had no written report; the primary source of information on legislative activity, he observed, was the Sacramento Bee. He directed members' attention to the Legislative Affairs committee's letter to Governor Brown regarding the state's budget crisis; he added that Senator Darrell Steinberg may introduce a bill to allow counties to deal with their budget shortfalls by levying taxes on anything or everything they wish. The legislation requires only a majority for passage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. **Grant Awards Committee:** Hurtado de Lopez's written report listed the award recipients, their projects and award amounts; she observed that all the grant proposals were good and thanked committee members for their work in assessing them.

16. **Membership Committee:** No report.

17. **Personnel Committee:** Shapiro pointed to the committee's written report and moved that, in light of Cameron's continued strong performance, his salary as Executive Director be raised by \$440 to \$20,000 per year: the increase will be additional travel reimbursement. Motion approved unanimously.

18. **Publications:** No report. Cameron reiterated the 2 May deadline for the Reporter and reminded members of Anagnosan's interest in securing more news from campus affiliates.

19. **Pre and Post Retirement Concerns:** Donahue's written report noted the committee's continued interest in preparing a Q&A column for the Reporter; the Purchasing Power Protection Allowance is a likely subject for a future column.

20. **Liaison to CSU Academic Senate:** Blischke's written report will appear in the Reporter. At its March meeting the Senate passed 11 resolutions; it also welcomed Gary Rhoades, General Secretary of the AAUP, who offered interesting commentary on developments on campuses across the country. In May the Senate will hear a report on online learning.

21. **Liaison to CFA:** DuFault directed members to his written report, noting that the 13 April "Take Class Action" campaign on campuses was very successful, especially at Sacramento and Fullerton. CFA is very disturbed by the slowness of bargaining on the 2011-2012 successor contract and CSU "take back" demands, including rescission of assigned time for CFA representatives.

21A. Renning recognized Founding President Sidney Albert and asked for comments. Albert expressed delight at the growth of CSU-ERFA and advocated the development of an Emeriti movement nationwide. Members gave Albert a standing ovation.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

22. **Presidential Appointments:** Council members unanimously approved Renning's list of proposed appointments of two At-large members of the Executive

Committee; Editor of the Reporter; Webmaster; Association Archivist; Committee Chairs and membership; CSU Academic Senate Liaison, and California Faculty Association Liaison. Motion to add Daoud to the Membership Committee and Huntsinger to the Pre and Post Retirement Concerns Committee passed.

23. Report of the Nominating Committee: On behalf of the committee -- David Elliott, Larry Ianni, Rita Jones, and Judith Stanley -- Chair Dewey recommended the election of the following nominees as CSU-ERFA officers (2011-2013):

President	Barbara Sinclair (Los Angeles)
Vice President	Bill Blischke (Dominguez Hills)
Treasurer	Harry Sharp (San Luis Obispo)
Secretary	Rita Jones (Long Beach)

AND as At-Large Members of the CSU-ERFA State Council (2011-2014):

Joan McCauley	(Long Beach)
Maynard Moe	(Bakersfield)
Barry Pasternack	(Fullerton)

All nominees were elected by acclamation. Ianni proposed a unanimous vote of thanks to Renning for his service as President: motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

24. Progress Report on the 2010-2011 Budget: Agenda amended; see Treasurer's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

25. Selection of two State Council delegates to serve on Selection Committee for CSU Retiree member of the CSU Academic Senate: Elliott and Huntsinger were elected.

26. Proposed 2011-2012 Budget: Agenda amended; see Treasurer's Report.

27. Other New Business: Huntsinger introduced a resolution on the "State of California legal due process" to which CSU Emeritus Faculty are "entitled" and provided background on the situation at Chico which prompted him to prepare the resolution. Council members observed that the resolution was too broad and lacked a mechanism for enforcing due process; several opined that the problem was a campus one

and should be addressed at Chico. Motion to adopt the resolution failed; motion to refer it to the Executive Committee failed by a vote of 21 to 11.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Stanley
Secretary