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UNCG ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY (ARF) Board Meeting

Wednesday, 8/28/2019, Conference Room 102, UTLC, 1100 West Market Street

In Attendance

Sue Dennison, President; Betsy Lindsey, Vice President; Ken Caneva, Treasurer; Vicki McCready, Secretary; Lyn Mankoff, At-Large; Barbara Levin, At-Large; Nancy Ryckman, At-Large; Diane Gill, At-Large; Tim Johnston, University Representative

Welcome to new Board members and summer updates

Sue welcomed Barbara and Nancy, and we each shared highlights from our summer. Sue began our meeting by emphasizing the amount of work ARF has done and will be doing with other groups on and off-campus. We have been especially supportive of our UNCG campus.

Minutes from May 6 Annual Business Meeting with the membership

Betsy had one correction to the minutes after which they were approved as corrected.

Updates on Membership (Betsy)

We currently have 54 members, three of whom joined over the summer. We will need to ask our annual members to renew their memberships. Betsy will send out renewal notices and will encourage people to become life members in place of annual members. We decided not to ask members who joined in 2019 to renew their memberships until 2020.

Sue noted that The School of Education is starting their own association for retired staff and faculty and we might want to coordinate with them to find email addresses for more retired faculty. Betsy noted that we need to upgrade our membership materials through University Printing. Tim suggested that we consider automatic renewals; Sue will check with SERVE about this possibility.

Current ARF Balance (Ken)

\$7,744.71

Plans for 2019/2020 Academic Year

Sue recommended that we pair Board Members to head up the following projects and we agreed.

- Office of Civic Engagement Session on small group discussions between students and ARF members-why become involved in civic matters like elections- **September 18 from 5 pm – 6:30 pm**(this office will provide dinner and parking passes). More details will be sent out by Kristina Gage. This group will need 8 ARF members to participate in the group discussions. Betsy, Barbara and Sue volunteered. *Betsy* will head this project for ARF and will send out an email to our members about it.
- **October 24 (evening) & 25th** (9am till 3 pm) in Virginia Dare Room -ARF is co-sponsoring this Free Speech conference coordinated by Spoma Jovanovic. ARF will have a table of materials and encourage our members to attend-flyer will be out soon with agenda/speakers. *Tim* will head this project and will send out an email to our members.
- **November 19**-ARF is co-sponsoring with Office of Leadership & Civic Engagement a “Civic Engagement Matters” day in Virginia Dare Room from 11:30 am till 2:30 pm. All members of the UNCG community will be invited to learn how to become civically engaged in the upcoming 2020 election. Six potential non-partisan groups will share ways to volunteer. ARF will have a table of information about our organization. *Sue and Ken* will head this project with *Diane* as a backup.
- **February 2 (Sunday)-3:30 pm till 5 pm**-ARF is co-sponsoring with the School of Music the spring Collage Chamber series with all proceeds to benefit the UNCG Student Emergency Fund (homeless and hungry students). The concert will take place in Tew Recital Hall which seats about 350. We will also be collecting can food and toiletries for the Spartan Food Pantry which is housed at College Place Methodist Church. *Lyn and Nancy* will head this project.
- We discussed the idea of working with AARP on how to create a happy and satisfying retirement for retired academics. The Board decided that we will make

this our major theme for the 2020/2021 academic year and possibly ask AARP to do one of the sessions at that time. For the present academic year we will have one of our TED talks focus on this theme in the spring of 2020 and then see about having a session next academic year on general volunteer opportunities for ARF members. Sue will also check on ways we can work on this theme with the Shepherd Center and possibly the UNCG Emeritus Society.

- **One date in late February, in March and in April of 2020-TED Talks series “Meet and Eat”**-We agreed to continue these offerings with a focus on retirement issues (such as loss, identity after retirement). We discussed the possibility of moving the location from the UTLC conference room to the Faculty Center. *Vicki and Ken* will head up these events.

Other Ideas for Programs/Projects for ARF This Academic Year and Beyond

Next year 2020 is the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote. ARF has been asked to be a part of this anniversary event at UNCG. Steve Haines, Provost Fellow, will be leading the committee for this event titled “She Can, We Can: Beyond the Women’s Suffrage Centennial.”

We spent some time discussing the importance of future offerings to do with retirement and aging. We agreed to discuss in the future ideas for possible events for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Discussion on How to Maintain our ARF Web Page

We are grateful to Steve Yarborough for maintaining our ARF website now and for another year. After that we plan to make this the responsibility of a Board member who has the required expertise. For now Barbara will attend to the website content and let us know what needs updating. We did agree that someone needs to be taking pictures at every single ARF event!

Other Items

- We agreed to meet four times a year-twice in the spring and twice in the fall.
- We also decided to take our pictures whenever we can instead of paying for them through UNCG.

Action Items

- Sue will check with SERVE re the possibility of automatic membership renewals.
- Betsy will send out a draft of renewal notices to the Board as well as upgraded membership materials before they go out to members.
- Sue will get an updated list of retired faculty from the Provost's office and will also find out if the list includes retired EPA staff and administrative staff. After these lists are obtained, we will send out an email to these people re ARF.
- Sue will ask Steve Yarborough about ARF putting announcements on social media and/or creating our own group on FaceBook.
- Vicki and Ken will reserve space for our spring TED Talks and will start planning them this fall.
- Sue will contact AARP re a presentation in 2020-2021.
- Vicki will collect ideas from the Board re the topic of retirement and aging for 2020-2021.
- Sue will cc Board members working on our various projects when she has any relevant information.

Dates of Future Board Meetings

- Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 10 am-noon
- Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 10am-noon
- Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 10am-noon

Dates of Future Business Meeting

- Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 4-6pm, Virginia Dare Room

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