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UNCG ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY (ARF) Board Meeting

Wednesday, 10/30/2019, 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

Sue asked members to share what they especially liked about our plans for this 2019/2020 academic year. We agreed that there is a nice variety of activities and that we have a full and active year ahead. Barb suggested that the minutes be put in a PDF link on the ARF website. Tim noted that people he knows do not know about ARF.

Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2019

Vicki noted two changes to the minutes which were then approved as corrected.

Update on Membership (Betsy)

Annual Members	20
Life Members	29
Associate Members	5
Associate Life Members	5
Total	59

In mid-October renewal reminders were sent to all 16 Annual Members and five Annual Associate members who joined before January, 2019; to date only one Annual Member has renewed. We suggested that Betsy send out a third friendly reminder that will include a note saying that their names will be removed from our membership list if they do not renew by a certain date. Although notices were sent out to the retired faculty list from the Provost's Office, the effort was somewhat unsuccessful as many were returned as "undeliverable" or as requests to be taken off the list due to moves out of the area.

Betsy had 100 of our updated brochures printed at a cost of \$44.89.

Current ARF Balance (Ken)

\$7,544.71

Further Details and Discussion regarding Retired Faculty's Loss of Access to Microsoft 365 (Sue)

Sue gave us an update on this situation. Retired faculty at UNCG (unlike retired faculty at other UNC campuses) have been denied access to this updated version of Microsoft 365 due to the cost that the University would incur. UNCG negotiated a cheaper contract without inclusion of retired faculty. We all questioned this decision especially since retired faculty are important current and future donors to UNCG! We decided to draft a position statement on this issue and then share it with the Faculty Senate to see if they would be interested in co-sponsoring it.

Report on Free Speech Conference held on 10/24 and 10/25/19 (Tim)

Tim reported that according to Spoma, this event was very successful and drew a "packed" audience of primarily students. Tim delivered our brochures and membership forms so they were available for attendees to review.

Planning Details for Civic Engagement Matters event on Tuesday, 11/19/19, 11:30-2:30 pm, Virginia Dare Room (Sue, Diane, Ken)

Sue reported that ARF will have our brochures on a table near the door for this event. She has contacted Christina Gage about our helping to pay for the free pizza for attendees but has not yet heard back from her. Three non-partisan civic groups so far have confirmed their participation: The League of Women Voters, NC You Can Vote and Democracy NC. Common Cause cannot provide a representative for this event but has requested that their handouts be put on a table.

Plans for Co-Sponsored Concert for UNCG Student Emergency Fund on Sunday, 2/2/2020, 3:30-5:00 pm, Tew Recital Hall, School of Music (Nancy, Lyn)

Jim Douglas, who is over the Concert Series in the School of Music, will be the contact person for Nancy and Lyn. Bret Carter, the Dean of Students will speak at the event about food insecurity and homelessness among some of our students. All proceeds will

benefit the UNCG Student Emergency Fund. ARF will be collecting canned food and toiletries for the Spartan Food Pantry at College Place United Methodist Church.

Plans for TED Talks on 2/26, 3/25 and 4/22/2020 (Ken, Vicki)

These events will be held on the above Wednesdays from noon until 2 PM. Ken and Vicki have met twice already and have viewed over 50 TED talks that cover such topics as aging, near death experiences, memory, reincarnation and lucid dreaming. Sue suggested that the topic of sleep be added to our list and that we see if Mathew Walker, the author of *Why We Sleep*, has a TED talk.

Other Items

- Rebecca Adams from Gerontology has requested that ARF consider the possibility of collaborating with GROWTH, a network in the Department of Social Work, on completing the steps for UNCG to be designated as an age-friendly campus. Board members were supportive of this idea and would want to see the checklist of steps. Sue suggested that Rebecca come to our meeting in March to report on the status of this checklist for the campus if the working group completes it by that date.
- Barb presented questions and ideas for the ARF website. She suggested that all of our minutes be in PDF files with links to them on the website. She also asked if we should reorganize the entire webpage and requested that Board members take a look at the site and provide her and/or the Board with any suggestions. Sue noted that UNCG now has a full-time videographer who might produce an informative ARF video.
- UNCG's Department of Communication Studies has been selected to serve as the first university host of the National Communication Association Center for Communication, Community Collaboration and Change (CCCC). The CCCC is a two year project aimed at facilitating partnerships with community-based organizations that create sustainable change for underrepresented and/or vulnerable communities through the production and application of communication-related scholarship and practice.

Spoma Jovanovic, who will coordinate this grant funding project, would like two or three retired ARF members to be reviewers and rank proposals for her department's final determination. Board members were supportive of this request.

- Vicki brought up ideas for future ARF events that included: asking people from the Shepherd's Center and the UNCG Emeritus Society to speak to our members

about what they offer (perhaps at our May business meeting?) and checking with offices on campus about travel opportunities for ARF members.

Action Items

- Vicki will send all the ARF minutes (including the corrected minutes from 8/28/2019) to Barb who will convert them to PDFs and send them to Steve with a request to him to provide the links.
- Betsy will send a third friendly reminder to members who have not renewed. She will also send the list of these people to Board members who may or may not want to contact these people personally.
- Betsy will have another 100 of our updated brochures printed. She will send Emily Foust in HR some of these brochures to be distributed to faculty about to retire and will ask Emily for a list of retired faculty. Sue will check back with the Provost's Office to see if ARF can get a list of all upcoming retirements of faculty members.
- In order to increase awareness of ARF, Sue will contact Anthony Chow, Chair of the Faculty Senate, and ask him to email the entire faculty with information about ARF that will include a link to our website. Sue will also talk to Anthony about the possibility of the faculty Senate co-sponsoring a joint position statement that would request that retired faculty have access to Microsoft 365. With input from Board members, she will first draft our position on this issue.
- Sue will email the ARF membership about discounts for UNCG basketball games, which will start soon, and about the upcoming Civic Engagement event on November 19. In that email she will also encourage ARF members to go to our website for information about upcoming events.
- Sue will request that an article about the upcoming Civil Engagement Matters event be published in The Carolinian and the Greensboro News and Record.
- Lyn and Nancy will check with the Greensboro News and Record (see John Newsom) and The City Beat about publishing an article about the concert for the UNCG Student Emergency Fund on February 2, 2020. They will talk to Jim Douglas in the School of Music about the possibility of collecting any extra money from ticket sales that could then be added to this fund. They will also contact the Food Pantry at College Place United Methodist Church about what canned goods and toiletries they are in need of at the Pantry.

- Sue will ask if Rebecca Adams or someone else from GROWTH could come to our Board meeting on March 18, 2020, to report on the checklist of steps for UNCG to become an age-friendly campus.
- Sue will send an email to our membership as soon as possible about Spoma's request for ARF members to serve as reviewers for funding proposals from community organizations.
- Barb will send Board members a link to a video she likes as we consider a video for our website.
- Vicki will explore possible travel opportunities for ARF members with the various offices on campus such as the Development Office and The Office of International Affairs.

Date of Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 10-noon, UTCL large Conference Room

Draft submitted by Vicki McCready to Sue Dennison on November 4, 2019 for her edits before submission to the entire Board on November 5, 2019.