

MINUTES

UNCG ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY (ARF) Board Meeting

Tuesday, 4/30/2019, 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; Rob Cannon, At-Large; Diane Gill, At-Large; Tim Johnston, Chancellor's Designee

The minutes from our meeting on March 19 were approved.

ARF Updates

- ARF to have non-voting position on Faculty Senate: We will need to have one of our Board members there for the eight meetings. Sue will attend the first one.
- Additional space on 7th floor of Library for ARF: We will be sharing a small space in the Library with the Faculty Senate, and we will be keeping our office in the UTLC. Our members can use that space in the Library.
- ARF request to be a part of planning at UNCG for 100th anniversary in 2020 of the 19th Amendment: we agreed to be a part of this planning for event(s) celebrating women's right to vote. Sue was at the first meeting; there will be more meetings this fall.
- AARP request to do another workshop and luncheon next year for ARF: We agreed to have AARP do another workshop for our members in spring, 2020.
- Request from Office of Leadership & Civic Engagement that we invite our members to become leadership coaches for students: We agreed to inform our members of this coaching opportunity for students offered through the UNCG Leadership Coaching Program. Volunteers receive a daylong training session after which they would facilitate at least six coaching sessions. If members are interested, they need to contact Kristina Gage, Assistant Director for Community Engagement at 336-256-1406.
- Tim informed us of another volunteer opportunity for our members to work with students. The UNCG Guarantee Program involves mentoring scholarship students and is more academically oriented than the Coaching Program.

Fundraising for Homeless & Hungry UNCG Students

- Information from Brett Carter on this population: Sue distributed a handout about student homelessness and food insecurity. Homelessness is a growing trend on college campuses including UNCG. Please see handout of detailed statistics on our students who have experienced housing and/or food insecurity in the past year. Many people do not know about these students in need.
- Recommendation to raise money for the student emergency fund: Students can plug in to this fund when they are in dire need. Sue will be meeting with Dennis Askew in the School of Music in two weeks to discuss a fundraising concert that we would co-sponsor to raise money for this fund. Betsy also informed us of the Spartan Open Pantry at College Place United Methodist Church that our students can utilize to obtain food and toiletries.

Planning Ideas for Fall of 2019 and Spring of 2020

- Civic Engagement Series: In **September** of 2019, we will participate on an intergenerational panel sponsored by the UNCG Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement to discuss various perspectives on voting and civic engagement. This presentation would be aimed primarily at students who would be encouraged to vote in the 2020 election.

We agreed to co-sponsor the *Voice, Activism and Democracy: Free Speech Conference* that will take place at UNCG on **October 24th** and **25th**. Betsy suggested that ARF have a table to market and recruit new members.

In early **November** we will present a panel of representatives from four non-partisan groups who will focus on volunteer opportunities within their organizations. After some discussion we agreed on inviting the following groups: The League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad, Common Cause, You Can Vote NC and Democracy North Carolina. This event will include a lunch that members will pay for. Kristina Gage from Community Engagement can help us organize this event.

- TED Talks: We agreed to offer one or two of these gatherings in spring of 2020. Ken and Vicki will continue to organize these.
- AARP workshop and luncheon in spring, 2020: We will invite AARP to do another hour long presentation focusing on *Living Longer, Living Smarter*. We

discussed issues that would be relevant to our members such as: the decision to “stay put” versus “move out” of one’s home; the loss of identity after retirement; loneliness; the experience of ageing; and how to maximize your retirement years.

- We also thought that another future event (fall, 2020) with a panel of representatives from a variety of Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) would be of great interest to our members.

Review of Plan for End of Year ARF Business Meeting and Election on May 6, 2019

We looked at the agenda that Sue had prepared and briefly discussed the election that would take place. If there are no nominations for these five Board positions from the floor, we will vote on the entire slate.

Other Items

- Our next annual business meeting will be held in May of 2020.
- In the upcoming academic year, the Faculty Senate will share a Graduate assistant with ARF.

Action Plans

- As a representative of ARF, Sue will attend the first Faculty Senate Meeting in the fall of 2019. We will need to add a description of this position to our by-laws.
- Sue will inform our members of volunteer opportunities to coach or mentor students through the UNCG Leadership Coaching Program and the UNCG Guarantee Program. She will also find out the deadline for applications to these programs.
- Sue and Diane (if she is available) will meet with Dennis Askew in two weeks to discuss co-sponsoring a student concert to raise money for UNCG students who are homeless.
- Sue will contact Spoma about ARF having a table at the Free Speech Conference in October, 2019.
- Sue will find out from the Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement how many ARF panel members are wanted for the intergenerational panel in September, 2019. Betsy will review our list of members for possible panel participants. Sue will ask Kristina Gage if ARF members can attend the panel presentation.
- Sue will set a date for our next annual business meeting in May of 2020.

- Sue will contact SERVE regarding an online revision to our membership form to include EPA status. Our printed forms will also need this addition.
- Sue will talk with Anthony Chow, Chair of Faculty Senate about a joint membership drive social in the future.
- Lyn will contact Kim Record regarding discounts for ARF members for basketball game tickets.

Minutes submitted to Board members on May 3 after edits by Sue Dennison