

# MINUTES

## UNCG ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY (ARF) Board Meeting

Thursday, 8/9/2018, Conference room 102, UTLC, 1100 West Market Street

### In Attendance

Sue Dennison, President; Betsy Lindsey, Vice President; Ken Caneva, Treasurer; Vicki McCready, Secretary; Rob Cannon, At-Large; Eileen Kohlenberg, At-Large; Diane Gill, At-Large; Tim Johnston, Chancellor's Designee; Spoma Jovanovic, Member of ARF Initial Planning Group

### Approval of Minutes

Not appropriate for this first Board Meeting

### Introduction of Board and Initial Planning Group Members

We introduced ourselves, telling our respective UNCG departments as well as our retirement status at this time. We also shared how we had spent this summer.

### ARF By-Laws (501-c-3) and Operating Agreement with UNCG

- Yearly audit required by UNCG: Because we have put our money in the "agency fund" within UNCG, we do not have to submit an audit.
- Composition of three ARF committees:
  1. Membership: Betsy, Chair plus Steve Yarbrough
  2. Audit: Diane, Chair plus Ken and Vicki
  3. Elections: Rob, Chair plus Sue

- Operations manual needed (include an expansion of conflict of interest policy from ARF by-laws): Sue has been told that our conflict of interest policy is not sufficient and doesn't meet requirements. Sue will consult with Lisa Goble and Alan Boyette re this matter.

A draft of an operations manual will be compiled by the four ARF officers by the end of this academic year. We will consult the manuals of other UNC retirement associations.

### Report on Current Membership (Betsy)

- **Total members** = 46
- **Membership Type**
  - Life = 20
  - Annual = 15
  - Associate Annual = 5
  - Associate Life = 5
  - Unknown = 1

- **Retirement status**

Retired = 27

NA (partners) = 9

Not retired = 9

Phased Retirement = 1

Our overall goal is to increase membership. Members made suggestions for recruitment such as: putting articles in the Campus Weekly and asking if Campus Weekly has compiled an overall list of retired faculty; giving brochures to HR to give to all retiring faculty and asking HR to include a link to ARF on their website; starting a Facebook group; asking all academic units for lists of retired faculty and those in phased retirement; having information sessions re ARF at retirement communities such as Wellspring and Friends Homes; and lastly, writing letters to the editor of the Greensboro News and Record re issues in higher education and including a mention of ARF.

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### **Report of Current Finances (Ken)**

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Ken reported that thus far he has made one payment and one deposit. Our balance as of July 31 is \$7,022.92. We may be missing a donation from one of the UNCG deans.

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### **Proposed Programs for 2018/2019 Academic Year and Use of Drafted Survey**

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- “Meet and Eat” TED talks (Vicki and Ken): We have been screening many Ted talks and have chosen several to show this fall at our three monthly gatherings (Sept. 19, Oct. 17 and Nov. 14) to be held in the 102 conference room from noon to 2:00. In September we will show “The Secret to Living Longer May Be Your Social Life” by Susan Pinker and “What Makes a Good Life? Lessons from the Longest Study on Happiness” by Robert Waldinger; in October, “We Need to Talk About an Injustice” by Bryan Stevenson and “A Rite of Passage for Late Life” by Bob Stein; and in November, “My Stroke of Insight” by Jill B. Taylor and “Where Joy Hides and How to Find It” by Ingrid Fetell Lee. We will be sending out an invitation to these events including an RSVP and information re parking. We agreed to provide drinks and a snack for each event.
- ARF series on civic engagement (Sue): Sue gave us a handout on her ideas for local organizations that could identify possible speakers and for presentation guidelines for spring, 2019. We agreed that these presentations should last no longer than 45 minutes and be followed by an extra 30 minutes for discussions and questions. Presentations should include suggestions for action (“What can we do?”) by ARF members.
- Survey of ARF members re their interest for programs or activities in this coming academic year: We approved Sue’s draft of this survey with one edit. Sue will send the survey to members

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### **Request from AAUP for co-sponsor Nancy MacLean’s presentation, “Democracy in Chains,” on 2/25/19**

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We agreed to serve as a sponsor for this free event and to contribute \$250 if needed, possibly for a reception after the talk. We also discussed having an ARF membership table at the reception. Sue will find out more information and let us know.

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## Updates

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- ARF UNCG ID cards: Sue reported on the complications around this item. After some discussion we agreed that if ID cards are not really necessary, then we don't need them. Sue will find out how departments would honor our discount.
- Presentation at Faculty Senate this fall: Sue has contacted Andrea Hunter, Chair of the Faculty Senate re our doing a presentation about our association. More to come about this.
- Schedule of ARF Board Meetings: We will meet at the beginning and end of each semester. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 6, 10:00-noon in the UTLC conference room where we met today.

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## Other Items

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- Colette Edwards has resigned her position as an At-Large board member. We discussed possible replacements that will be explored as soon as possible.
- Steve Yarbrough will maintain our web page!

Draft submitted by Vicki McCready, 8/9/2018  
Corrections submitted 3/19/2019