

# MINUTES

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

Tuesday, 3/19/2019, Conference room 102, UTLC, 1100 West Market Street

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### In Attendance

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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

Absent: Lyn Mankoff, At-Large and Rob Cannon, At-Large

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### Approval of Minutes

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Minutes from 8/9/2018 were approved as corrected, and minutes from 11/6/2018 were approved. We agreed that minutes will be posted on our website and sent to Board members by email.

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### Current Balance in ARF Account (Ken)

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Our current balance is \$6,785.75 not including a recent \$100 life membership. We owe \$85 for set up charges for the AARP event.

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### Report on Current Membership (Betsy)

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- **Total members** = 51 same as in November\*
- **Membership Type**
  - Life = 23
  - Annual = 18
  - Associate Annual = 5
  - Associate Life = 5
- **Retirement Status**
  - Retired = 26
  - NA (partners) = 10
  - Not retired = 15
  - Phased Retirement = 1

\* Dr. James Peterson passed away in November, 2018, so his name has been removed from the membership roll.

- Vicki suggested that EPA status needs to be included in membership data so that we will be able to track that part of our membership that we are not currently reaching. To date, we know of one EPA administrative staff member. Sue will contact SERVE about inclusion of this part of our membership on all our forms.

- We agreed that our membership applications need to be consistent across our brochures, our website and any other forms we distribute. We also need a list of those faculty 55 years of age and older who are still working at UNCG.
- Tim suggested that we could give a notice to all the Deans requesting information about names of recently retired faculty and EPA administrative staff. Advancement does share with us a list of retired faculty. Sue will speak with Alan Boyette about how we might access complete lists of retired faculty and EPA administrative staff.

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### **Update on Final Version of Conflict of Interest Policy and Chancellor Book Collection Committee and Other Updates (Sue)**

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- Alan Boyette has approved our Conflict of Interest policy; Sue will send him the correct version.
- Concerning the Chancellor Book Collection, we agreed to not pursue anything further unless Anne Wallace contacts us.
- An important issue for emeritus faculty is our lost access to Microsoft programs. According to Jeff Whitworth, responsible for UNCG IT issues, this issue is a “hot” item also on other UNC campuses. We agreed that this is an important and relevant issue for us to advocate for. Sue will keep us posted.
- On Thursday, March 28th from 3:00-4:30 is the UNCG annual Retirees’ Reception offered by Advancement in the Alumni House. Although this event typically attracts retired staff members, this year 15 ARF members have replied that they will be attending out of the 80 total who will be going. Given this number of our own members going, ARF will offer a library tour after the reception from 4:30-5:00 to enable our members to hear updates from the library staff.
- Sue informed us that the UNCG Wellness Center will not give any discounts to our members. Retired faculty are eligible to buy six sessions for \$30. We discussed the parking difficulty for the Center as well as a possible tour in the future for ARF members.

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### **Update and Discussion on Status of ARF Office Space (Sue)**

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- Faculty Senate will probably be moved from Mossman but will not be moving into our office space. The Senate leadership did ask if we wanted to share a space with them on the seventh floor in the library. As much as we appreciate this offer and want to work collaboratively with Faculty Senate, we agreed that we would rather remain in our present space. UTLC wants us to stay and will give us closet space and continued use of the large conference room. We acknowledged that space is a real problem for UNCG at present. Sue will be attending a meeting about this space issue this Thursday (3/21) in the Provost’s conference room and will let us know the results.

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### **Plan for Slate of Nominations and Election of Officers and Two At-Large Members for 2019-2020**

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- Five Board positions are up for election for 2019-2020 and are as follows:
  - Two At-Large (Eileen will not be running again and we didn’t know about Rob who was absent from this meeting)
  - Secretary (Vicki will run again)
  - Treasurer (Ken will run again)
  - Vice President (Betsy will run again)

- Names were suggested for these vacancies, and these people will be contacted by various Board members to see if they are interested.
- Sue will send an e-mail to all ARF members asking for any nominations.
- For this first year, the Board will serve as the Election Committee.
- Elections will take place at the end of the year ARF business meeting on May 6, 2019.

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### **ARF Events for 2019-2020 (see results of survey of needs assessment and summary of ARF events for 2018-2019)**

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- Sue distributed a yearly report about our activities for 2018-2019. We all agreed that this list was quite impressive given our short time as an association! We all liked the idea of a Yearly Report that could be posted on our website and distributed to our members as well as administrators at UNCG.
- We discussed several possibilities for events for 2019-2020 including:
  1. A monthly series on democracy and citizenship for three months this coming fall that might include The League of Women Voters and Democracy Greensboro; The Center for New North Carolinians and Reading Connections; and UNCG members of External Affairs/lobbyists Andrew Cagle and Nikki Baker. We are interested in how those who have had careers in academia might use their knowledge and skills in civic activities during retirement.
  2. Other ideas for future activities: medical issues and care for older adults that could include speakers from Hospice and others who might address the topics of caregiving and decision making about whether to move out or stay at home.
  3. Participation in the retired faculty and staff annual event with UNCG Advancement.
  4. A fundraiser for our 500 students who are homeless. We would first want to know the needs of this group. Clearly we need more information from people on campus to know what programs are already in place.
  5. Partnering with The Shepard Center in some way.
  6. Collaboration with the UNCG Emeritus Society in some way.
  7. Volunteer activities on campus.
  8. A continuation of viewing TED talks in spring of 2020.

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### **Membership Drive in Early Fall 2019**

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- We talked about a possible membership drive/social in coordination with the Faculty Senate.
- We also discussed the possibility of admitting retired faculty from other universities who are living in the Greensboro area. We will need to get further information about how we might open our membership in this way. Because the Board would need more time to put together a proposal to the larger membership, this issue will be discussed at the first fall meeting of our Board.

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### **ARF End of Year Business/Election Meeting on 5/6/2019, 4-6 pm, Virginia Dare Room**

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- We will offer appetizers and drinks.
  - We will present our slate of nominees and highlights of ARF sponsored or co-sponsored events for 2018-2019.
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## Other Items

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- Sue will talk with Steve Yarborough about maintaining our website at present. If he is unable to do so, Sue will talk with Spoma about a Graduate Assistant helping with this task. We agreed that in the future it would be ideal to have a Board member assume this task.
- Betsy expressed interest in having someone else take on the handling of our membership rolls, especially if she were to take on the task of website maintenance.
- Our next Board Meeting will be sometime in May, and lunch will be served.

Draft submitted by Vicki McCreedy to Sue Dennison on March 20 for her edits before submission to the entire Board on March 22, 2019

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