

## MINUTES

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

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Thursday, 8/13/2020, 10:00-11:30 AM  
Via Zoom, Administrated by Betsy Lindsey

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#### In Attendance

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A total of 8 people were present including Board members: Sue Dennison, President; Betsy Lindsey, Vice President; Ken Caneva, Treasurer; Barbara Levin, Secretary; Lyn Mankoff, At-Large; Diane Gill, At-Large, Nancy Ryckman; At-Large; Tim Johnston, Chancellor's Designee. At-Large, Vicki McCready, was absent.

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#### Welcome and Approval of Minutes (Sue Dennison)

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- Sue welcomed us and invited everyone to share a quick update about the best part of our summer.
  - Minutes of our last Board Meeting via Zoom on 5/20/20 were reviewed and approved. Barb will add these to the ARF website.
  - Sue thanked Vicki for handling the minutes during the last several years.
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#### ARF Membership Update (Betsy)

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- We have 49 members total: With the addition of two new members, Nell Pynes, Vice Provost of International Programs, and Nancy Doll, Director of UNCG's Weatherspoon Art Gallery, (paid for by the Provost's Office) and the death of John Jellicorse, we are currently at 49 members.
    - Life members=34
    - Annual members=6
    - Associate annual members= 2
    - Associate life members=7
  - Discussion followed about whether we should say and/or do something regarding faculty when they die. The consensus was to add a new tab to the ARF Website titled In Memoriam so we can add names, perhaps a brief comment, and links to obituaries, if available.
  - Sue will email the membership to let us know when a UNCG faculty member passes (ARF member or not) and Barb will see that this information is added to the ARF website. Betsy will send Barb information for Tom Scullion and Art Tollefson, and Sue will send information about CP Gause.
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#### ARF Current Finances (Ken Caneva)

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- Current balance in ARF account as of 8/11/2020 is \$6723.85.
  - Our contract with SERVE to handle membership application fees has been renewed for 3 years.
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#### ARF Website Update (Barbara Levin)

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- Simone Parker has done a great job updating our ARF website.
- Barb asked for and received the following suggestions for updates to the ARF website:
  - Add In Memoriam link to top level
  - Remove the designation (phased retirement) for Betsy because she is now fully retired.
  - Add the following emails for the Board Members: [klcaneva@uncg.edu](mailto:klcaneva@uncg.edu) [lbmankof@uncg.edu](mailto:lbmankof@uncg.edu), [nbryckma@uncg.edu](mailto:nbryckma@uncg.edu), [dlgill@uncg.edu](mailto:dlgill@uncg.edu), [johnston@uncg.edu](mailto:johnston@uncg.edu)

- Need Lynn's picture again
- Add a date when we post Updates
- Add links to programs at The Shepard Center, UNCG Emeritus Program, and OLLI Duke University

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## Announcements and Discussion of ARF's Plans for 2020-2021 (Sue)

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### Announcements:

- Sue announced that online programs offered by The Shepard Center, UNCG's Emeritus Programs, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Duke begin soon. Sue will send this information via email to the membership and Barb will put links to the websites of these programs on the ARF website.
- Sue also announced that Don Stedman from NC State wants to get all the retired faculty groups from North Carolina universities together to discuss common issues. There will be a Zoom meeting in September, and all are invited to join the discussion.
- Sue updated us on our request to the Deans to purchase lifetime ARF membership as a gift for their retiring faculty:
  - The Deans like the idea, but finances are an issue this year. They asked if we would cut our price.
  - After a brief discussion, the consensus was to do this for one year and let the Deans know the cost of an ARF lifetime membership for their faculty retiring in the 2020-2021 academic year will be \$50.
  - We will revisit this offer in one year.

### Discussion:

- **Discussion about ARF programs for next year in view of COVID-19 restrictions:**
  - Sue suggested we plan our Fall 2020 programming and then do a survey about possibilities for Spring 2021.
  - Everyone agreed that all ARF programming for 2020-2021 will have to be online.
  - Sue will create a survey and send it to the Board before sending it to the membership. This survey will query membership interest in (1) more TED Talks, (2) Mental Health and Well-Being Café, including possible speakers about this topic, (3) Book Clubs, and (4) AARP presentations.
    - Sue will also include in the survey: (a) an invitation for members to lead a Book Club discussion, (b) a request for books to read and/or TED Talks to view, and (c) other suggestions for online sessions members might like to offer/lead
    - Sue will also include that we can provide technical support (more below on this topic).
  - Ken announced that Fall 2020 TED Talks (already planned by Ken and Vicki) will be scheduled for October 1 and November 5 from 11:00-12:30 PM on Zoom.
    - Relatedly, Betsy suggested we need a technical person to run the Zoom meetings separate from the people who lead the discussion. Sue agreed and said there may be some students from the Digital Media Commons help us for a small fee. Ken wants to know how much we would pay. Sue will look into this and report back.
    - Ken mentioned 6 titles of TED Talks that Ken/Vicki have in reserve: "Sleep is Your Super Power," "How to Live Passionately No Matter Your Age," and "Four Questions You Should Always Ask Your Doctor," and "The Power of Vulnerability," and "How Out-of-Body Experiences Could Transform Yourself and Society."
  - Board members also offered the following suggestions:
    - Betsy suggested we choose TED Talks or YouTube videos related to Black Lives Matter, and other racial and social justice issues.
    - Nancy announced that UNCG already has a Book Club going around Ibram X. Kendi's book, *How to be an Antiracist*. Sue will send this announcement to our members, and Barb will put it on the ARF website under News and Events.

- Diane suggested a 2019 TED Talk by Camara Jones titled *Allegories on Race and Racism*.
  - Ken said he and Vicki will look for TED Talk titles around race and social justice issues
- Sue asked if we should offer the AARP session on Getting Safely Involved in Elections in September. Board members want more information on the content before deciding. Sue will check on its content and send us details.
- **Discussion about meeting with new Provost, Jim Coleman**
  - Everyone would like to have him attend the beginning of a future meeting, perhaps in November.
  - Sue will send Provost Coleman an introductory letter about ARF and include invitation to a future board meeting at a time of his choosing
- **Next Board meeting**
  - Sue will set this meeting when Provost Coleman can join us
  - Meeting on Mondays from 10-11:30 AM suited everyone in attendance
- Sue closed our Zoom meeting at 11:25 AM by thanking all who attended.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Levin for review and approved on 11/16/2020