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UNCG ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY (ARF) Annual Business Meeting

Wednesday, 5/12/2021, 4:00-5:30 pm

Via Zoom, Administrated by Betsy Lindsey

In Attendance

A total of 17 people were present including current Board members: Sue Dennison, President; Betsy Lindsey, Vice President; Ken Caneva, Treasurer; Barbara Levin, Secretary; Vicki McCready, At-Large; Lyn Mankoff, At-Large; Diane Gill, At-Large; Nancy Ryckman, At-Large; Tim Johnston, Chancellor's Designee. In addition, our Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Research, Terri Shelton, was in attendance.

Welcome, Introduction of Guest Speaker (Sue Dennison and Betsy Lindsey)

Sue welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. Shelton who gave a state of the campus presentation that included the following highlights:

- UNCG's successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Accomplishments around Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) initiatives
- Success in meeting/exceeding annual targets for third year in a row
- National and state rankings for several programs
- New Ph.D. in Computer Science just approved
- Student accolades
- Interviews completed for a new, permanent Provost
- Challenges related to undergraduate enrollment and faculty salaries
- Plans for face-to-face Fall semester following CDC guidelines

Dr. Shelton also answered questions about

- required COVID testing (Answer: not at this time, but subject to change)
- loss of faculty positions (Answer: 1.5% permanent funding cut, but FTE cuts were absorbed centrally; some units are postponing searches; no plans to cut any faculty, although lack of raises remains a threat to retaining faculty)

Summary of ARF's Past Year and Plans for Next Year (Sue)

Sue presented a PowerPoint that included information about the following topics:

- Campus support for ARF
- Benefits for ARF members
- Composition of ARF Board of Directors
- ARF's Committee structure

- Challenges for program planning during COVID-19 pandemic
- Review of online ARF programs offered during Fall 2020-Spring 2021
- ARF plans for Fall 2021
- In response to Sue's request for questions and/or suggestions for programs Spoma Jovanovic mentioned that AAUP recently held a social outdoors at a local brewery and recommended ARF consider something similar.

Election of Officers and At-Large Members for 2021/2022 (Sue and Betsy)

Changes in the composition of ARF Board Members were described by Sue Dennison:

- Sue thanked Tim Johnston for his dedication and service to ARF as he rotates off as the appointed University Liaison and announced that Diane Gill has agreed to move into the position of University Liaison at Interim Provost Shelton's request.
- Sue also announced that Nancy Ryckman has agreed to fill out Diane's At-large position for another year and that Jerry Pubantz has agreed to run for the open At-large position
 - Jerry Pubantz was asked to introduce himself and shared some of his leadership accomplishments in service to the university.
 - Jerry also mentioned that ARF members might like to participate in International Program Center interviewing, or otherwise supporting, Fulbright candidates.

A slate of officers to be voted on was presented by Betsy Lindsey. Nominations from the floor for the open positions were invited, and none were offered. The Poll feature on Zoom was used to vote. Congratulations to the following:

- Vice President (two-year term)-Betsy Lindsey
- Secretary (one-year term)-Barbara Levin
- Treasurer (one-year term)-Ken Caneva
- At Large Member (two-year term)-Jerry Pubantz

Closing (Sue)

- Sue closed the meeting shortly after 5:00 PM by thanking all who attended.
- Draft minutes submitted to Board members on May 13, 2020, for edits before submission for approval to the entire Board at our next meeting.
- NOTE: Sue's PowerPoint will be posted on our website: <http://uncgarf.org/>