

MINUTES

UNCG ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY (ARF) Board Meeting

Thursday, 8/24/2023, 11-1:00 AM via ZOOM (Administered by Betsy Lindsey)

In Attendance

Sue Dennison, President; Celia Hooper, Vice President; Deb Bell, Treasurer; Barbara Levin, Secretary; At-Large, Nancy Ryckman; At-Large, Vicki McCready; At-Large, Dick Swanson; Diane Gill, University Liaison

Absent: Elizabeth Chiseri-Strater, At-Large Member

Welcome and Getting to Know One Another

- Sue welcomed us all and provided an overview of ARF to help orient new Board Members as follows:
 - **Key aspects of the ARF Structure/Operations**
 - ARF is an official affiliate of the University.
 - ARF funds stored in a special account with the University, which means the University audits us.
 - ARF Bylaws were updated and approved in February 2022.
 - Governing board consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four at large members, and one University liaison.
 - Maintain a website that the Board Secretary oversees hopefully with assistance this year from University Tech services.
 - This summer Betsy started helping us upload all important ARF documents to a Google drive for future Board members.
 - We have three committees (Elections, Program Planning, and Membership) that are chaired by Board members and composed of other Board members and some ARF members, but we need to rethink these committees this year.
 - Typically we host 3 programs in the fall and 3 in the spring, but may co-host others as well.
 - We have an office at 1100 West Market Street, and a mailbox there in UTLC.
 - **Collaborations thus far for 2023-2024**
 - Working with the League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad to register UNCG students to vote-6 ARF members have volunteered for 9/19 event.
 - Sue is meeting with Beth Cartin, Interim Director of UNCG Alumni Engagement, to discuss recruiting retired faculty interested in providing a lecture to interested alums.
- Sue asked everyone to introduce themselves so new and returning Board Members could get to know one another.

Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2023 (Barbara)

- The minutes from May 11, 2023, were approved as amended and will be posted on the ARF website

Web Page Update (Sue)

- **Sue** will get in contact with Tech Services for the name of a contact to assist with our website.

Financial Update (Deb)

- Deb reported that our current balance is \$5,740.00
 - Deb expressed concerns about a paper trail for who has paid dues and who has not.
 - Sue suggested she contact Betsy Lindsey for this information.

- Deb now has access to our ARF office at 1100 West Market so she can check for any membership mail.

Update on Membership

- Celia has agreed to take on membership and would like a small committee to help her.
 - Diane volunteered to help, but we also need a PT faculty to help.
- Current Membership status of May 2023 is shown below, and Sue said we have no new members since then.

Membership Type	Number
LIFE	40
Associate LIFE	7
Annual	7
Annual Associate	1
Totals	55

Report from ARF Program Planning Committee and Discussion (Sue)

- Sue asked for our thoughts on things we would like ARF to sponsor or collaborate on this next year. The following ideas were shared:
 - Celia suggested downsizing as a topic of interest to our membership. Sue has some contacts who do this for a profession and knows ways to handle books.
 - Dick suggested we re-instate our panel about phased versus traditional retirement. Sue and Diane will follow-up with Alan Boyette to discuss this.
 - Celia also mentioned geriatric case management as another topic of interest to members and knows of a UNCG graduate who might be a good guest speaker.
 - Vicki suggested a panel of retired and current Professional Track (PT) faculty to talk about their jobs, privileges they do and do not have, and their eligibility for emeritus status.
 - Sue shared that the Provost's had plans for a task force about emeritus-status for PT faculty, but has turned this over to a Faculty Senate.
 - Celia, Vicki, and Diane raised other PT faculty issues to be concerned about and Sue suggested a sub-committee to take up these issues.
 - Vicki and Celia will co-chair this sub-committee.
- **The Program Committee shared the following plans for ARF-sponsored (or co-sponsored) events during Fall 2023:**
 - Zoom presentation on **"Making Sense of Caregiving"** followed by discussion to be given by Willetha Barnette on **Wednesday, Sept. 27th from 1- 2:30 pm.**
 - **Fund-raiser for Spartan Open Pantry at the Flat Iron on Thursday, November 2, 7:30 – 9:30 PM.** Cover charge will be donated to Spartan Open Pantry.
 - This event is being coordinated by Vicki's son Charles who has found a band of jazz musicians from UNCG who are donating their time for this cause.
 - This is an in-person event, however members will be able donate online to support Spartan Open Pantry.
 - Vickie asked that we start publicizing and will ask her son about creating a poster to advertise this event, including the cover charge, and what donations are needed by Open Pantry.
 - Physical donations will need to go directly to Spartan Open Pantry.
 - **TED talk event:** Ken and Sue will organize this for October, and maybe focus this on voting recruitment.
- We had to reserve **Tuesday, April 9, 2024, for our ARF-sponsored Faculty Retirement Reception. It will be held from 3 - 5 pm in the Alumni House** and Provost Storrs will speak.

- Dick and Deb volunteered to serve on the Elections Committee during Spring 2024
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Closing (Sue)

- **The next ARF Board meeting will be Tuesday, 11/14/23 @ 11 am on Zoom**
 - Sue closed the meeting at 12:30 PM and wished everyone safe travels.
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Action Items

- **Sue** will (1) contact with Tech Services for the name of a contact to assist with our website, (2) work with Alan Boyette to plan a phased vs. traditional retirement session, (3) work with Betsy, Celia, and Diane on Membership, (4) contact Deb and Dick about Elections next spring, (5) work with Ken to arrange for a TED Talk in October.
- **Barbara** will (1) contact Betsy for access to Google Drive so Vicki and I can upload minutes to archive them, (2) update the website once we get a contact in Tech Services
- **Celia** will (1) work with Betsy, Sue, and Diane to get up to speed on Membership, (2) work with Vicki to co-chair a sub-committee about Professional Track faculty concerns to advocate for.
- **Deb** will serve on the Elections committee with Dick Swanson.
- **Diane** will contact Alan Boyette about a phased vs. traditional retirement session,
- **Dick** will serve on an Elections committee with Deb Ball.
- **Vicki** will co-chair a sub-committee on Professional Track Faculty concerns with Celia.