

**UWG Association of Retired Faculty and Staff
Meeting of the Coordinating Council
Alumni House Conference Room
June 14, 2019
Noon**

Present: Kathryn Grams (presiding), Bruce Lyon, Linda Picklesimer, Jimmy Drew, Anne Richards, Denice Perdue (staff), Mitch Clifton, Martha Ann Saunders, Gail Reid, Tom Mackel, Swain Harris.

Absent: Debbie Novak, Daniel Flinn, Karen Smith.

Call to Order: Kathryn Grams welcomed the participants and introduced guests Sally Roberts and Meg Cooper, who have expressed interest in joining the Coordinating Council.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2019 were approved with a motion by Linda Picklesimer which was seconded by Martha Ann Saunders.

Planning for the 2019 Annual Reunion: Denice Perdue and Anne Richards

- a) Denice reminded the group that the date for the reunion remains September 7 in the Campus Center Ballroom. She is negotiating two meal options with the dining service. The council again expressed its preference for plated salads.
- b) Anne distributed a list of the current retirees. At 25, the list appears to be firm. She is awaiting several tribute statements which she will need within the next two weeks.

Update on Nominations: Mitch Clifton

Mitch shared the nominations proposal for ARFS officers and Coordinating Council members for 2019-20. It was approved by consensus and a copy is included with these minutes. Melanie McClellan was to have served as an at-large member until 2020 but has resigned her position. The group agreed that Bonnie Bar should be asked to serve and that if she declines, Anita Thomas should be asked. Kathryn will follow up.

Report on *The Rejuvenator*: Denice Perdue asked for suggestions for the summer edition. The list of nominees for 2019-2020 will be included along with the seminars available to retirees in the campus wellness lab and the library. The GA-HERO meeting scheduled for November 8 will be publicized. UWG will host that meeting.

GA-HERO: Kathryn and Anne reported on the upcoming meeting. It will be in Newnan, in part because of easy access and also to showcase the Newnan facility. UWG ARFS members are invited to attend and topic suggestions will be welcome.

Legacy Scholarship: Denice reported that the designated recipient for 2019-2020 has been found to lack the required qualifications. The application form will be revised to emphasize that the recipient must be related to a UWG retiree. Another recipient has been selected.

UWG Presidential Search: Kathryn indicated that a retiree, Anne Richards, has been nominated to serve on the search committee for the new UWG President. The search apparently will be closed, however,

with all proceedings kept secret until the finalist is named. The AAUP has taken a strong position against closed searches, and Anne does not feel that she can serve unless the process is open.

USGRC: Kathryn and Anne attended the April 2 meeting. GA-HERO represents retirees from both state and private colleges and universities in Georgia, while USGRC consists of retirees from the state schools. At this meeting, two resolutions were passed. One called for standardized procedures in University System institutions related to the emeriti process and the privileges that go along with it; the other called for strengthening full library access for both emeriti and non-emeriti retirees. Other topics included wellness and University System retirement funding.

Meeting with Christina Brogdon (UWG Human Resources): Anne, Kathryn and Mitch met with Ms. Brogdon. The meeting was described as positive with emphasis on maintaining communication and exploring ways in which ARFS can work with HR.

Alumni Relations: Denice said that planning for Alumni Day and Homecoming is underway. In addition, she has undertaken as a personal project the provision of coffee and doughnuts to alumni working locally. The effort has been well received! Denice mentioned also that openings still are available for the Rhine River cruise in October.

ARFS Website: Kathryn and Denice expressed their considerable pleasure with the recent improvements on the website.

Next Meeting: Tentatively, the next meeting is set for 10:00 a.m. on September 20 in the Alumni House conference room. The date will be confirmed after our new members are in place.

Bruce Lyon
Secretary

ARFS Officer and CC Members

Officers (also members of the Coordinating Council)

President: Kathryn Grams (term 2018-2020)

Vice President: Linda Picklesimer (term 2018-2020)

Past President: Mitch Clifton (term 2018-2020)

Secretary: Bruce Lyon (term 2018-2020)

Treasurer: Jimmy Drew (term 2018-2020)

At-Large Members of the Coordinating Council (minimum of six)

Tom Mackel (term 2018-2020)

Karen Smith (term 2018-2020)

Bonnie Bar (term 2019-2021)

Meg Cooper (term 2019-2021)

Bobby Powell (term 2019-2021)

Frank Pritchett (term 2019-2021)

Sally Roberts (term 2019-2021)

Francie Taylor (term 2019-2021)