

**UWG ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF (ARFS)**  
**Coordinating Council Meeting MINUTES**  
Neva Lomason Memorial Library  
**July11, 2025**

**Present:** Anne Richards (presiding), Meg Cooper, Rolanda Farmer, Ann McCleary, Jerry Mock Clois Reese, Francie Taylor, Ex-Officio Member Kate Petty

**Absent:** Micheal Crafton, Lisa Ledbetter, Cecilia Lee, Patricia Pinkard, Mike Renfrow, Sally Roberts, Trish Wells

**Call to Order:** Anne Richards called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the March, 2025 Coordinating Council minutes were approved (M-Francie Taylor, S-Ann McCleary ).

**Welcome, Kate Petty:** MaKena Burns has moved to a new position in Advancement. Kate will be working with ARFS now. She attended today's meeting and was welcomed by all.

A **report from Lauren Niedringhaus** was on the agenda; however, Lauren did not attend the meeting. Anne will check with her regarding AROHE dues.

### **Annual Reunion Planning**

- We approved a date change for this year's event to Saturday, October 18th given changes related to support from Advancement (M-Francie Taylor, S-Jerry Mock). This will be announced on the ARFS listserv and in *The Rejuvenator*.
- A list of this year's retirees with information as to their status (e.g., which we were unable to contact, any information missing for those participating) was distributed, as was a draft agenda for the event.
- Meg Cooper will send Kate the notes from the planning meeting. One immediate thing for Kate to do is lining up the main speaker.
- Facing continuing issues with getting contact information from HR, Jerry Mock suggested requesting directory information under the Open Records Act. Kate noted that Alumni/Advancement may have some contact information we could access. Those receiving such information will need to sign a confidentiality agreement annually, Anne suggested that we try to get Lauren to start using the ARFS form again (with updating).
- Given issues with retirees knowing about such aspects as retiree benefits, ARFS, etc., there was discussion about setting up an annual informational session. We could publicize it at the initial faculty meeting and through the Staff Council.
- Ann, Rolanda Farmer, & Kate will work on the interactive activity for the October event.
- We could ask the incoming UWG president if he is interested in doing something for the reunion – a short speech or perhaps a welcome video. Kate will mention this to Allyson Brecht. When Meg contacts Tina Bennett about the letter for the booklet around August

1st, she can include possibly attending or preparing a video for the actual event, mentioning that it had been mentioned to Allyson earlier. Anne will send the new president a copy of last year's annual report.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

- Anne distributed information about committee membership and some individuals who are eligible to participate. Anne, Micheal Crafton, and Clois Reese are required members. Ann McCleary and Jerry Mock agreed to serve as well.
- Francie and Ann indicated they are willing to take on second terms as At-Large members. The committee still needs to check with Sally Roberts on this matter.
- We decided to just present and vote at the reunion on the individuals starting a term of service. We can recognize Council members who are in the middle of their terms.

#### **Scholarship Committee:**

- Jerry reported he and Micheal had met about scholarships and things are in progress.
- Kate reported that typically the "priority application" date is February 1st, although they continue to accept applications since all of the scholarships are not filled right away. There is one application covering all scholarships. She will check on the date for this coming year so we can recruit via the newsletter.
- Kate will check to see if the Retiree Legacy Scholarship has been awarded for 2025-2026 yet and will let Meg and Jerry know. Meg will contact the awardee to see if he/she is willing to attend the retiree reunion and to get information for the website.

#### ***The Rejuvenator:***

- Possible items to be included in the next issue are information about the Retiree Legacy Scholarship, annual reunion (including the date change; Meg will write up something), some cybersecurity information Lauren sent out earlier, additional cybersecurity information from Rolanda, Kate taking over MaKena's role with ARFS, the new president, the College of Education's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (Meg sent something earlier), and the Alumni Travel Program.
- We are always in need of information retirees want to share about what they are doing in retirement. Kate suggested that we check with Mitch McConnell, who has lots of pictures from his travels with Alumni Travel. Someone suggested sharing Michael Hester's work abroad.

**The next meeting will be scheduled later since we were interrupted.**

The meeting was adjourned by a fire alarm at approximately 11:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Cooper, Secretary

