

**UWG Association of Retired Faculty and Staff
Coordinating Council Meeting
Alumni House Conference Room
March 22, 2019
Minutes**

Present: Kathryn Grams (presiding), Bruce Lyon, Linda Picklesimer, Anne Richards, Debbie Novak, Daniel Flinn, Denice Perdue (staff), Jimmy Drew, Mitch Clifton, Karen Smith, Martha Ann Saunders, Gail Reid

Absent: Tom Mackel, Melanie McClellan, Swain Harris

Call to Order: Kathryn Grams opened the meeting. She indicated that she had invited the three retirees who had expressed interest in participating at the last annual reunion. None were able to attend today.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2019 were approved with a motion by Linda Picklesimer which was seconded by Martha Ann Saunders.

Annual Reunion:

- a) Denice Perdue reported that the Campus Center Ballroom has been secured for September 7, 2019. Plenty of adjacent parking now is available in the new lot. Denice was authorized to make the meal arrangements. Plated salads will be requested. Denice also will attend to the table decorations and the invitations. The registration fee for guests again will be \$5/person. Honorees will not be charged, and will be allowed to invite two guests free of charge. Denice has underscored the importance of this event to our Interim President, Dr. Micheal Crafton, and has it on his calendar.
- b) Anne Richards distributed copies of the current list of retirees. More will be added.
- c) The officers and Coordinating Council members for 2019-2021 will be presented for approval, as usual. As Past President, Mitch Clifton will chair the nominating committee. Dan Flinn and Debbie Novak were added as committee members. Among the officers, only the treasurer's position will have to be filled; however, half of the Coordinating Council positions will be open.

Annual Report: Mitch's draft of the 2017-18 ARFS annual report, the first such report in the history of the organization, has been given to the Coordinating Council members. Mitch is continuing to incorporate suggestions, but expects to have a final report soon. It was suggested that a summary be published in *The Rejuvenator* with a website link to the complete report. The draft was approved by consensus with thanks expressed to Mitch for his efforts.

Bylaws: Related to the annual report, Kathryn proposed the following addition to Article 5, Section 2 of the ARFS bylaws: The President. The president shall have the authority to "(h) *prepare a report of ARFS activities to submit annually to the Vice President of Advancement and other administrative offices as appropriate.*" The motion to approve was made by Linda Picklesimer with a second by Anne Richards, and the amendment was approved.

Legacy Scholarship: Debbie Novak reminded the group that graduate students also are eligible for the scholarship, along with undergraduates, and requested that this be made clear in the description of the scholarship and in the application procedures.

The Rejuvenator: Denice outlined the topics to be included in the first quarter issue of *The Rejuvenator*.

ARFS Website: The website was updated recently. Denice requested input about additional updates.

UWG Human Resources: Kathryn reported on the meeting which Mitch, Anne and she had with Terri Murphy. Terri explained her retiree responsibilities in Human Resources, specifically the wellness program and pre-retirement meetings and paperwork. She expressed appreciation for the assistance from ARFS in the transition to OneUSG.

Alumni Relations: Denice reported on the plans for Alumni Weekend in April.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Alumni House conference room.

Bruce Lyon
Secretary