

UWG ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF (ARFS)
Coordinating Council Meeting
Neva Lomason Memorial Library
July 12, 2024

Present: Anne Richards (presiding), Meg Cooper, Micheal Crafton, Rolanda Farmer, Kevin Hibbard, Cecilia Lee, Francie Taylor, John von Eschenbach, and Alice Wesley.

Absent: Tricia Durrough, Ann McCleary, Frank Pritchett, and Anita Thomas.

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Anne Richards called the meeting to order at 10 am in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Neva Lomason Library. Micheal Crafton moved and Cecilia Lee seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22 meeting; they were approved as submitted.

Report from Lauren Niedringhaus (HR): Anne Richards reported that Lauren will no longer come to ARFS meetings but will continue to assist ARFS with retirees and their benefits. The transition from Google to Microsoft is in progress, but some glitches have been identified. Meg Cooper suggested that a debriefing session with Lauren take place to review ideas to improve the process of identifying retirees including personal vs. UWG emails and better contact information with regard to addresses and phone numbers.

2024 Annual Reception/Reunion Update: Meg Cooper provided the following:

- Invitations – basic information has been created, and MaKena Burns is adding UWG branding and identifying the process for registration. The use of the Campus Center ballrooms has been confirmed, and registration will determine how many are needed.
- Program and Food – Dine West will cater a continental breakfast and refresh the beverages table, and Meg will provide the birthday cake to celebrate ARFS official 20th birthday; in addition to the recognition of retirees and general meeting which includes presenting the slate of candidates for council positions, the program will consist of a trivia contest which Meg and MaKena will create, a collage of photos from years past, and tables showcasing alumni travel, special collections, and others.
- An in-house photographer will be assigned to take photographs this year.

Nominating Committee Report: Meg Cooper indicated that the nominating committee consists of the president, past president, and at least one at-large member still to be determined. She presented a handout identifying the status of each current council member and what positions each could hold if remaining on the council; names of potential ARFS council members should be sent to Meg, and Meg will contact current non-officer council members to serve on the nominating committee.

Scholarship Report: John von Eschenbach indicated that no recipient of the ARFS Legacy Scholarship has been identified despite deadlines which have passed. Although he has been in contact with Amanda Stitt, his contact on the scholarship committee, regarding the scholarship,

he has had no luck getting information; he will make the effort to re-contact Amanda and check with Allyson Bretch, VP of University Advancement, as well.

Content for Next Issue of *The Rejuvenator*:

- alert regarding Emeriti faculty library privileges—the BOR says institutions can decide who gets the privileges, but due to a policy authorized by Dana Nichols, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the USG, emeriti are entitled to the same privileges as currently-employed faculty
- what retirees are doing in retirement—council members will provide updates and/or suggest others who could be contacted
- list of those being honored at the fall annual meeting/retiree reception
- cybersecurity tip to prevent fraud geared toward retirees
- details on how to procure parking permits for 2024-2025
- GA-HERO—both public and private institutions are members, and the meetings/activities provide the opportunity to socialize in various locations throughout the state; due to interest generated in this fashion, Albany State is setting up its retiree group

Next Coordinating Council Meeting: The CC agreed it may not need to meet again prior to the annual reunion/retiree reception on Saturday, October 26, 2024. Should the need for a meeting before then arise, members will be contacted.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Francie Taylor, Secretary