

**UWG Association of Retired Faculty and Staff  
Coordinating Council Meeting  
Alumni House Conference Room  
January 11, 2019  
Minutes**

**Present:** Kathryn Grams (presiding), Mitch Clifton, Jimmy Drew, Daniel Flinn, Tom Mackel, Denice Perdue (staff), Anne Richards, Debbie Novak, Bruce Lyon, Melanie McClellan, Marth Ann Saunders, Karen Smith, Swain Harris, Linda Picklesimer.

**Absent:** Gail Reid

**Call to Order:** Kathryn Grams opened the meeting and expressed thanks to Dan Flinn, Mitch Clifton and Anne Richards for their participation in the UWG Benefits Fair and to Denice Perdue and Martha Ann Saunders for their work on the brochure which was distributed there.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of August 24, 2018 then were approved with thanks to Anne Richards for substituting as secretary. Motion made by Martha Ann and seconded by Karen Smith.

**Resignation:** Kathryn announced the resignation of Bob Reeves for reasons of health. Jimmy Drew agreed to complete Bob's term (2018-20) as treasurer.

**UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship:** Debbie Novak reported that, as of June 30, 2018, donations to the scholarship totaled \$25,117.00 and the market value was \$27,539.62, a 7.9% gain for the fiscal year. Hunter Saunders, the recipient for the 2018-19 school year, graduated in December. Scholarship awards typically are split between two semesters, so the other half of the \$1,000 award was not utilized.

**Annual Report:** Mitch Clifton proposed that each year the previous year's president write an annual report. The report would include the minutes of the previous year and a brief summary of activities. Kathryn will prepare a revision of the bylaws which will incorporate this responsibility into the past president's duties. It will be considered by the Coordinating Council at the March meeting.

**Committee Assignments:** Kathryn reviewed the current committee assignments. Karen and Debbie serve on the scholarship committee, and the events and programs committee is comprised of Anne and Martha Ann with assistance from Denice Perdue. Both committees will need new members. After fifteen years of service to ARFS, Debbie is in her final year of membership on the Coordinating Council, where she has maintained the ARFS listserv among her many other contributions to the organization. Anne and Martha Ann, with Denice, have compiled information on new retirees each year and have prepared the retiree booklet for the annual reunion. Their terms on the CC end next August also.

**2019 Reunion:** Denice proposed that the 2019 reunion be held in the campus ballroom. Sunset Hills Country Club no longer offers its civic organization discount to our reunion, and the meal cost is prohibitively expensive. At \$16.99 a head, the meal cost for the campus ballroom is much more affordable. With a motion from Bruce Lyon and a second by Linda Picklesimer, the CC agreed to move the reunion to the campus ballroom, contingent upon the availability of a reservation at an appropriate time this summer. Anne reported that there are fourteen retirees currently, all of whom retired before January 1. She distributed a list, and asked for assistance in contacting them for the necessary information.

**The Rejuvenator:** Denice also outlined the tentative publications schedule for *The Rejuvenator* this year. Issues are planned for March, June, and November. Suggested topics will be welcome along with articles on retirees.

**Program Planning:** Possible programs for the year could include a workshop on retirement planning in conjunction with Human Resources. Kathryn, Anne and Mitch will meet to consider this further. Given the limited success of the organization in attracting attendance at ARFS programs, the Council agreed to focus on making retirees more aware of other programs and campus events that may be of interest to them. Melanie McClellan offered the assistance of the Office of Community Engagement in promoting and publicizing events through social media.

**Staff Report:** Denice indicated that Alumni Weekend is scheduled for April 5 and 6. She also stated that the ARFS website is in need of an update. Kathryn will investigate.

**GA-HERO:** Anne distributed notes on the November 9, 2018 meeting of GA-HERO (the Georgia Association of Higher Education Retiree Organizations).

**Interest Survey:** It was noted that three persons had expressed interest on the reunion survey in involvement with ARFS. They will be invited to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next CC meeting is scheduled for March 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the Alumni House conference room.

Bruce Lyon  
Secretary