

RFA News

Newsletter of the Retired Faculty Association of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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RFA president cites benchmark achievements, membership benefits

By **ANDREW DOBELSTEIN**
RFA President

Welcome to a new year of our UNC-Chapel Hill Retired Faculty Association. Together we have achieved some benchmark objectives during the past two years, and I want to cite some of them in appreciation of the importance of an active membership.

• Full recognition of retired faculty by our UNC Faculty Council through an expansion of the Council to include a Division for retired faculty, with authority to elect two re-

tired faculty delegates as voting members of the Council.

• Acknowledgement of retired faculty by the Chancellor at University Day celebrations, a designated liaison to the Chancellor in the person of Executive Provost Ron Strauss, a quarterly newsletter, and a University-supported web site.

• Successful collaboration with retired faculty associations at N.C. State and N.C. Central universities that will bring the international Association of Retiree Organizations in Higher Education (AROE) to the Chapel Hill campus for its biennial meeting October 21-24, 2012.

• Improved services from UNC Human Resources designed to protect University-affiliated services for retired faculty such as email, PID cards, and library privileges that help retired faculty stay connected with the campus.

These and other important developments for retired faculty would not have been possible without an active and vibrant membership. But paid membership in RFA has been only a fraction of what it should be.

Dues-paying membership last year dropped to less than 150

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WADE HARGROVE
... 'facing challenges'

Trustees chair Wade Hargrove Feb. 14 speaker

Wade H. Hargrove, chair of the University's Board of Trustees, will address UNC's RFA at its luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

RFA's business meeting begins at 10:30 AM at the Chapel Hill Country Club, 103 Lancaster Drive. Hargrove's talk follows the business meeting at approximately 11:30. A soup-and-salad luncheon buffet is scheduled following his address. Luncheon reservations, at \$16, may be made using the form on Page 3 until Feb. 10.

Hargrove is expected to address the economy's effects on the University's financial condition. When joining the board in 2009, Hargrove expressed his wish to work with trustees, administration, students and alumni "to do all we can to assure that the University fulfills its mission of teaching, research and public service even as we – as do other public and private institutions – face significant economic challenges."

A Jefferson Standard Foundation and Alumni Scholar as a student at UNC-Chapel Hill, Hargrove was initiated into the Order of the Golden Fleece and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1962 with honors, earning a law degree in 1965.

Hargrove was the driving force behind the UNC Center for Media Law and Policy, a national forum for media, legal scholars and practitioners to discuss issues of media and law. In 2009, an annual media law colloquium at the University was established in his name.

He is a corporate and national media lawyer and partner with Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Raleigh.

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2012 dues due

Your Retired Faculty Association wishes you a (slightly belated) Happy New Year!

AND

reminds you that the new calendar year is our new dues year.

SO

(unless you are among those listed on p. 2 who have already paid up) please remember to send your \$20 dues check to:

**RFA Treasurer, PO Box 4003,
Chapel Hill NC 27515**

OR

make it \$100 for a life membership, after which you can without compunction ignore all reminders like this!

Next RFA luncheon meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 10:30 a.m.
Chapel Hill Country Club

Speaker: Wade Hargrove

Chair, UNC-CH Board of Trustees

Registration for lunch: \$16.00

Registration form on Page 3

RFA invited to tour Global Education Center

As RFA's liaison to Chancellor Holden Thorp, Executive Vice-Provost Ron Strauss has offered to host retired faculty on a tour of the Global Education Center located on Pittsboro Street. Date for the tour is not yet set but should be announced soon.

The Global Education Center, housed in an architecturally striking, environmentally "green" building, claims a rich variety of exciting programs that have propelled UNC-CH students and faculty into the many challenges of global education and service. As the Global Education Chief International Officer, Strauss promises a stimulating early-evening tour of one of the Campus' most forward-looking venues.

The plan for this RFA visit begins at 5:00 p.m. when parking becomes available at the Global Education Center. We will assemble on the first floor where light refreshments are available from the snack bar. Professor Strauss will familiarize us with the range of programs, followed by a tour of this building and its resources, and provide an opportunity for conversation with some of the Center's program specialists. Since this event is limited to a maximum of 15 retired faculty, RFA urges you

to sign up at the February 14 RFA quarterly meeting, or email RFA President Andrew Dobelstein at awdobels@live.unc.edu.

10-year plan study urged

The Office of the Provost has approved a 10-year academic plan for the University. Now the Provost is appointing a task force to implement this plan. The plan is for on-campus faculty and programs, but the substance of the report raises issues that might benefit from the perspective of retired faculty. Use the URL below (or go the UNC WEB site and search for the plan), download an electronic copy of the plan and review it. If there is sufficient interest, RFA can set up small meetings of retired faculty to discuss the plan and see if there are some issues RFA might want to take up through our representatives on the Faculty Council. I urge you to look at the plan as part of our efforts to keep retired faculty involved with the ever-changing contours of our university. *Andrew Dobelstein*

http://provost.unc.edu/academicplan/11-2432-PRO-Academic%20Planning%20Materials_final_lo-res.pdf



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out of a potential of more than 500 living retired faculty. If our Retired Faculty Association is to protect the strides we have made to provide greater recognition and appreciation for UNC retired faculty and continue to advance retired faculty issues, we simply must strengthen our membership base.

If you think there is no personal return for the \$20 annual dues, particularly for our out-of-town retirees, please consider the fact that an active membership base is not limited by geography in its ability to promote faculty recognition and retiree benefits. For example, you do not have to live in Chapel Hill to benefit from the University email system.

Annual dues are payable right now, in January. If you are now an active member, please renew your membership. If you are not yet an active member, please seriously consider becoming one today. The dues reminder by RFA Treasurer Dana Quade on Page 1 will show you how. Give RFA the support it needs with an active voice from our entire retired faculty.

UNC-CH RFA – TREASURER’S REPORT – 31 DECEMBER 2011

2010										
BALANCE	RECEIPTS BY QUARTER				EXPENDITURES BY QUARTER				BALANCE	
01JAN10	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	31DEC10	
CARRYOVER	1402								1402	
DUES		1060	380	920	160				2520	
MAILINGS					450	471	845	300	-2065	
FACILITIES					510	175	175	175	-1035	
LUNCH		589	527	612	510	620	543	569	19	
AROHE					100			225	-325	
INTEREST		8	7	6	5				26	
MISCELLANY		71			3	44			30	
GIFT FUND	437					3	3	3	53	
TOTAL	1839	1728	914	1538	678	1683	1235	1591	1240	

2011										
BALANCE	RECEIPTS BY QUARTER				EXPENDITURES BY QUARTER				BALANCE	
01JAN11	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	31DEC11	
CARRYOVER	572								572	
DUES		820	860	1160	340				3180	
MAILINGS					371	363	313	371	-1419	
FACILITIES										
LUNCH		435	450	528	448	336	388	384	368	
AROHE						100			-100	
INTEREST		3	4	3	3				13	
MISCELLANY				19		44		58	-83	
GIFT FUND	375					3	3	3	3	
TOTAL	947	1258	1314	1710	791	710	898	701	817	

Notes:
 The computer program that produces these tables accounts for pennies, but rounds to dollars for presentation. The exact total of \$2894.45 includes three accounts at State Employees' Credit Union: \$2068.24 checking, \$763.48 money market, and \$62.73 shares. This total is about the same as at the end of 2008, and considerably higher than in the intervening two years, for four main reasons, as follows:
 1) We have in effect "borrowed" from the 7 life members, who have paid dues of \$560 in advance. However, our total number of duespayers has actually been declining. We had 189 dues-paying members for 2009, and 147 for 2010, but only 130 members paid dues for 2011. (Receipts from 7 who prepaid for 2011 are credited to 2010. And 8 members have prepaid for 2012, besides the life members.)
 2) Our expenditure for mailings in 2011 was less because we did not have an extra summer issue as in 2009 and 2010. The total expense per issue has dropped also, mainly because the use of email has reduced the number of hard copies mailed from an average of 588 in 2008 to 328 in 2011. (The average cost per mailed hard copy has not changed, fluctuating between \$1 and \$1.25 from 2007 to the present.)
 3) By meeting at the Country Club this year we have incurred no expense for the use of facilities.
 4) Finally, we made a profit of \$368 on lunch in 2011, whereas our profit was less than \$50 in any previous year.

Dana Ouade, Treasurer

RFA members with dues paid for 2012

* = life member # = honorary

*Allen, JE	*Johnson, JD
Anderle, J	Johnson, RN
Boulton, DA	Jones, LV
Clifford, LM	Kessemeier, H
*Dedmon, SR	*King, JK
Dobelstein, AW	*Kupper, LL
*Drake, C	McIlwain, DL
Elder, GH	Quade, D
Falvo, DR	#Smithies, O.
*Howes, JB	Turnbull, CD

AROHE issues call for presentation proposals for October conference

In preparation for its 10th anniversary conference, scheduled Oct. 21-24 in the N.C. Triangle, the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) seeks presentation proposals from members of retirement organizations, those interested in organizing a retiree group, any retired faculty, staff, administrators and others who can provide experience, insight, research, services and content to inform lives of retirees, pre-retirees and institutions of higher education.

The conference is titled "Innovations for the Next Decade, a Triangle of Adventures in North Carolina." AROHE particularly solicits proposals that emphasize themes of Living the Good Life (financially and otherwise), Emerging Health Care Practices and Interventions, and Staying Connected to Your Institution.

AROHE encourages a variety of content, including practical how-to guides, reviews of timely issues, descriptions of innovative and successful practices, or presentations of relevant inquiry and research. Presentation formats usually include roundtables, panels and lectures. Ideally, presentations help participants strengthen their organizations and increase visibility and contributions of retirees and retirement organizations on their campuses.

Deadline to submit proposals is May 1. A form for submitting proposals and information about the conference are available online at www.arohe.org.

Strauss stresses global and local connections in talk at Jan. 13 meeting of Faculty Council

By **DON BOULTON**
and **JONATHAN HOWES**

RFA Faculty Council representatives

Donald Boulton and Jonathan Howes represented the RFA at the Jan. 13 meeting of the Faculty Council. Here is their report:

In the principal presentation of the meeting, Ron Strauss, the University's executive vice provost and chief international officer, noted Carolina's "obligation" to connect global and local and cited four characteristics of the University's global activities: its global faculty, its world class research institute, its global partnerships with other institutions, and its on-campus capacities for globally significant work. He reported that there are 1,747 international students on campus and that this year's Diplomat in Residence, appointed jointly with Duke, is UNC-CH graduate Bill Lucas.

In his opening remarks, Chancellor Holden Thorp noted Prof. Myron Cohen's recent recognition for his AIDS research, Kiplinger's recognition of UNC-Chapel Hill as the "best value" in higher education, and the ongoing discussions over tuition increases.

Todd Zakrajsek and Eric Muller from the Center for Excellence reported on the testing, during the spring semester, of a web-based program, Turnitin.com, used to detect plagiarism in student assignments. Results of the test and further consideration of adoption of the program will be reported later this year.

Further information about the meeting and other items of interest regarding faculty governance can be found at the Faculty Council website at <http://faccoun.unc.edu/>.

Here is a link to the meeting agenda: <http://faccoun.unc.edu/faculty-council/meeting-materials-2011-12/january-13-2012/>.

Exec board launches campaign to increase membership in RFA

In order to increase RFA membership, the RFA Executive Committee approved a membership campaign, directed by Don Francisco, membership chairman.

RFA has compiled a list of UNC faculty retirees living at four retirement communities in the immediate area: The Cedars, Carolina Meadows, Carol Woods and Galway Ridge.

An RFA dues-paying member at each location will undertake to contact each retired faculty on the list, urging each to renew his or her membership or become an active member for the first time.

RFA has upgraded its brochure and has enough to distribute to each person we contact. Please respond positively when contacted. If you wish copies of the brochure to share with others, please contact Don Francisco (actino@bellsouth.com). In order to maintain high visibility, we simply must increase our membership base.
-- **Andrew Dobelstein**

UNC Retired Faculty Association meeting Luncheon registration for Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012

Fill out form, clip and mail with your check to:
Treasurer, UNC Retired Faculty Association
P.O. Box 4003
Chapel Hill, NC 27515



Your name _____
Number of luncheon reservations @ \$16.00 ()
2012 dues (if not yet paid) @ \$20.00
Total amount enclosed

Amount

Lunch reservations must be received by Feb. 10.

If you think your check might not be delivered by then, please notify us at uncrfa@gmail.com or 942-2192.

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