

RFA News

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

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Hear system president — and more

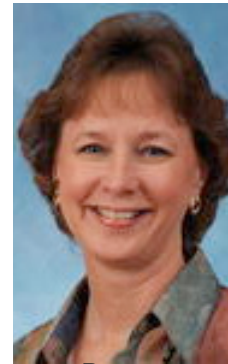
Strauss, Renner to discuss response to the Wainstein report to University

UNC System President Tom Ross will address the UNC-Chapel Hill retired faculty at the noon luncheon of the RFA General Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Friday Center. All retired faculty are invited to register to hear the university system President on the issues and University responses to the academic-athletic “scandal.” He will answer questions and welcome comments. Please come on time. A large turnout is expected, and only registered RFA luncheon guests can be accommodated.

After the luncheon program, about 1:30 pm, there will be brief presentations and remarks about the University’s responses to the Wainstein report by Ron Strauss, Executive Vice Provost and Chief International Officer, as well as remarks by Joy Renner, Chair of the Faculty Council’s Committee on Athletics. Questions and comments will be welcome. Retired faculty who are not able to attend the lunch are encouraged to attend these post-luncheon sessions.



Ross



Renner



Strauss

RFA Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 18, noon to 3 p.m.
 The Friday Center

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From the President

We need to step up and support the faculty

Over the past month, members of the Executive Committee of RFA have met several times, attended press conferences and presentations, read volumes of reports and news releases, and studied websites and other sources of information about the “scandal,” all to try to define the best role that RFA and retired faculty might play in response to the challenges faced by our University.



Don Stedman

The Executive Committee feels that reviews and investigations are clear, sometimes painfully, that a major and systemic failure has occurred and that even more reports, administrative actions, NCAA pronouncements and

accreditation reviews may be forthcoming. There is not much of a role for retired faculty in those matters, except to stay informed to help guide our opinions about what should be done. Most of the activities over the past two decades occurred on our watch as active faculty, so they reflect on our reputations, too. We have a stake in the outcomes.

The Executive Committee believes that its focus should be on the University’s response to the many findings that clearly describe a failure of academic oversight that then permitted athletic program disruptions. Therefore, the best role for retired faculty, to be helpful to the University, is to take the position that it is time for the faculty at UNC-CH to take back its authority and responsibility for establishing and maintaining academic standards.

The faculty of any University must defend against any forces that undermine the University’s ability to maintain academic integrity. So actions by retirees can best be directed toward helping the faculty reinstate their role and to encourage the administration to support them.

To take action in a responsible way, we seek your input on the role that we recommend and ask that you share your ideas and advice on our selected course of action. You may email me or any Executive Committee member (See list on Page 2) you care to contact as soon as you can.

UNC President Tom Ross has agreed to speak to us at the General Meeting of RFA membership on Tuesday, Nov. 18. Please join us at the Friday Center, beginning with luncheon at noon. Let your voice be heard.

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Association notes:

Biology retiree Pukkila joins RFA leadership

Dr. Patricia Pukkila, recently retired Biology Department faculty member and director of undergraduate research, will succeed Ron Link, long-time member of the Law School and RFA Executive Committee as an at-large member. She holds a B.S. in molecular biology from the University of Wisconsin and a Ph.D. from Yale University. She was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the National Institute for Medical Research in London and later at Harvard before joining the faculty in the Biology Department and the Curriculum in Genetics at UNC Chapel Hill in 1979.



A tribute to Ron Link

On behalf of our Executive Committee and our membership, I wish to extend a very special thanks to Professor Ron Link for his years of great service as a member of our leadership group. Ron gave many years of service to the Law School and to our state and community. He has helped us in establishing recognition for our organization throughout the whole University. You were always there when needed, and we thank you and wish you well in your future endeavors.

— Don Boulton for the RFA.

Here's how you can get the full RFA survey report

The full report of the survey of retired UNC-CH faculty, completed for RFA by the Odum Institute last summer, is now ready for distribution. Electronic copies will be emailed to all RFA members and all retired faculty who responded to the survey questionnaire. Other retired faculty may obtain a copy by email request to Don Stedman, Marge Miles or Dana Quade on our Executive Committee roster. Be careful to load your printer if you download this 78-page report in color.

Many thanks again to Ron Strauss and Rob Bruce, Friday Center, Director for their support of the survey. And to Teresa Edwards at the Odum Institute for her excellent work.

Remembering RFA friend Mae Yonce

Their friends and colleagues may know that Mae Yonce, wife of Lloyd Yonce, longtime Treasurer of RFA, died last spring. Lloyd and Mae were loyal friends and supporters of RFA for many years. Lloyd was master keeper of financial and all other records that became the seeding for RFA materials in the Wilson Library collection.

Mae attended most RFA meetings during the years of Lloyd's service and helped RFA maintain its viability throughout those years. Lloyd, who is still a resident of Carolina Meadows, is a retired professor of physiology. Mae was a literacy expert in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools. They helped to lay the foundation of our organization and to promote the possibilities for the productivity of recent years.

— Bobbie Lubker

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To opt in, send your e-mail to uncrfa@gmail.com, saying you'd like your newsletter via email.



Falling back
 Students enjoy a warm fall afternoon on the amphitheater near the Genome Sciences building on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Photo by Dan Sears, UNC-Chapel Hill

Three good opportunities for volunteering

Looking for a good organization in search of volunteers? RFA recommends three worth contacting:

- Mentoring students in science, technology, engineering or mathematics — Research Triangle Foundation PROJECT 2020. Contact Brett Brenton, Project 2020 director, Brenton@rtp.org.
- Affordable Care Act navigator training and certification: UNC Health Care — Contact Sherry S. Hay, director

of community health initiatives, UNC Health Care. Sherry_Hay@med.unc.edu or phone 919-843-2015.

- International Friendship Program — Host UNC-Chapel Hill international students and scholars. No responsibility for housing, financial, immigration or academic concerns. Website oiss.unc.edu. Contact Shihoka Goslin at goslin@email.unc.edu or call her at 919-962-5661. Programs at 2004 FedEx Global Ed Center on UNC-CH Campus.

UNC Retired Faculty Association Quarterly Meeting Luncheon registration for noon Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014

Fill out form, clip and mail with your check to:
 Treasurer, UNC Retired Faculty Association
 2119 Markham Drive
 Chapel Hill, NC 27514-2122



Your name _____

Amount _____

Number of luncheon reservations @ \$16.00 (_____)

Total amount enclosed _____

Luncheon reservations must be received by Nov. 14

If you think your check might not be delivered by then, please notify us at uncrfa@gmail.com or 919-942-2192.

A note on parking: Permits are now required at the Friday Center. Electronic permits will be sent out to those who sign up for the meeting, and cars with handicapped permits don't need a Friday Center permit. Other visitors should park at the curb and get a pass from the front desk before parking in the lot.

It's time for you to join us; send in dues today!

Now is the time to join The Retired Faculty Association of UNC Chapel Hill. And here are some good reasons to join or renew your membership:

- RFA has become the main source of information for retired faculty about issues, challenges and opportunities facing our University.
- RFA is the best vehicle to give voice to retired faculty to assist the University in negotiating the road ahead.
- RFA membership is the best way to take new courses or to teach new courses through the Academy of Emeriti Scholars, a new program of RFA created in partnership with the William C. and Ida Friday Center.
- RFA is the best source of assistance for retired faculty to review new health insurance plans, find opportunities for volunteer activities in the

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 My check for \$ _____ for my 2015 annual or lifetime dues is attached.
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 The Retired Faculty Association — RFA
 Friday Center, Campus Box 1020
 Chapel Hill, NC 27599-1020

community, or stay in touch with former colleagues through social events. There are three membership categories:

- Regular membership – Retired members of the UNC-CH General Faculty and retired UNC-CH EPA non-faculty and research associates. Annual dues are \$25. Life membership is \$150.
- Associate membership (non-voting)– Retired faculty and professional

staff from other accredited institutions of higher education in the U.S. Annual dues are \$20.

Honorary membership – Persons elected to that status by the Regular Members on recommendation of the RFA Executive Committee.

Please use the form above and join today.

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