Chair Mark Eason called the meeting to order and introduced the special guest, Dr. Mary Ann Johnson, Associate Director of the Institute of Gerontology. Dr. Johnson began her presentation with several announcements:

1. The National Institutes of Health is funding a study on integrating special populations (children, rural dwellers, older persons);
2. Older persons are being recruited for a vaccine study in progress on our campus;
3. On January 19, 2017 the Institute of Gerontology will hold a meet-and-greet reception for Dr. Glen Oster, the new Director.

Dr. Johnson then delivered a preliminary report on the retiree survey after expressing appreciation to the UGARA Council and the Carl Vinson Institute. Her report is attached. She will prepare a final report that will be copied to UGA Human Resources and the USG Board of Regents. There is a large amount of data to be studied. Dr. Johnson comment that the study will prove very helpful.

Mark then introduced and welcomed Maureen O’Brien to the Council as representative from the Staff Council.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Treasurer’s report: Tommy Altman could not attend the meeting and submitted a written report. A $99.60 payment was made for web maintenance leaving a balance of $14,876.01 in the UGARA account. Mark also reported that we are committed to spend up to $2500 on the survey, but no invoice has been submitted yet.

Benefits: Travis Jackson was absent. Nancy McDuff reported that more minutes have been posted by the Board of Regents but attachments noted in the minutes were missing. She has requested further information from them.

Communications: Paul Kurtz was absent. Mark requested that we look at the web page and give feedback to Paul. A new photo from the most recent retirees reception will be added to the web site. Marcus raised the concern that the Council directory posted on the site includes our home addresses and telephone numbers. After a short discussion, a consensus was reached that we would prefer that only our email addresses be posted with our names and that the Council listserv address should be removed. Mark will ask Travis to review the web site as well.

Old business: Hugh Ruppersburg will be our retirees reception speaker. Steve Wrigley could not speak on that date, but has expressed willingness to be considered for next year.
Travis has requested that we send him any information we have on perks for retirees. Mark will follow up on this with Travis and Jim will add perk information to our Facebook page.

New business: Tom Landrum and Mark will meet with President Moorehead today. They will express appreciation for his support and ask if he has any matters he would like us to consider.

A meeting with Chancellor Wrigley has been requested; it is in the process of being scheduled.

Mark Eason, Tom Landrum and Laura Dowd comprise the nominating committee that will soon meet to compile a slate of potential new Council members. Tommy Altman, Laura Down and Freda Scott Giles are rotating off. Tom Landrum will be the incoming Chair. Nominations are needed for offices that will become open: vice chair, secretary, and treasurer. Mark requested nominees from the floor; names may be submitted to Mark, Laura or Tom.

Save the date for the new retirees reception: April 27, 2017.

Marcus distributed information on the Alumni Seminar to be held February 17 and 18. All are invited.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 13 at 10:30 A.M. Tom Landrum will preside in Mark’s absence.

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 A.M.