

TRENT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

DRAFT - MINUTES OF THE 48TH GENERAL MEETING

28 October, 2015

A.J.M. Smith Room, Bata Library, 10.00. a.m.

PRESENT: Jocelyn Aubrey, Roy Bowles, Stewart Brown, John Breukelaar, Alan Brunger, Bruce Cossar, Margaret Doxey, Gloria Dunn, , Marissa Hensel, Marilyn Hayward, Ruth Hillman, Bruce Hodgins, Wayne Holtz, Barb Hulcoop, Winnie Janzen, Barbara Johns, Gordon Johnston, Roger Jones, Arndt Kruger, Eunice Lund-Lucas, Janice Millard, Dorothy Mutter, Dianne O'Connell, Margaret Pearce, Perce Powles, Manindra Shah, Mary Snack, Cathie Sproule, Dale Standen, Gillian Stamp, Tony Storey, Morgan Tamplin, John Topic, Wayne Wilson, ,Shirley Yankovitch.

REGRETS: Veronica Hollinger, David Morrison, Alena Heitlinger, Peter Northrop, Sybil Thorne, Peter Lewis, Carole Ernest, John Fekete, Hermann Helmuth, David Kettler, John Wadland, Frank Chapman, Mil Clark, Helen Sheehan, PSB Wulson and Dawn Smith

The meeting was called to order, at 10.04 a.m. by Gordon Johnston (Faculty Co-Chair), Wayne Holtz (Staff – Co-Chair)

1. Welcome and Chair's remarks: :

Members were welcomed to the meeting after a long summer. Gordon reviewed the meeting with President Groarke which took place on July 16 at Alumni House. The meeting was well attended and members were impressed with Leo's openness and his and frank answers to questions raised. Leo has offered an invitation to members of TUARP to attend his open meetings with staff and faculty.

Gordon thanked members for their contributions to the call for support for a refugee student which was made in the early fall. Trent was able to put forward support for two refugee students for next year.

This is the last meeting for staff co-chair, Wayne Holtz. Gordon thanked Wayne for his contributions to TUARP over the past two years.

2. . Introduction of New Members:

Staff: Marian Leahy, George Masters, Craig Kelly, Laurie LaPlante, Nancy Legate, Patricia Nobels, Anne Todd

Faculty: Kathryn Campbell, Veronica Hollinger, Janice Millard, John Milloy, James Struthers, James Sutcliffe, Keith Walden

3.Observances: Deaths from May 2, to October 1, 2015: Joyce Sloan, Sandy (Roy) Lockhart

4. Minutes of 47th General Meeting:

The Minutes of the 47th General Meeting of TUARP in May 2015 were provided previously and, noting no changes, a motion for their acceptance was moved by Margaret Doxey and seconded by John Breukelaar, Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Business Arising:

Dale Standen reported on a potential plaque for the Smith Conference Room to commemorate the initiation there of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada. Consultation on the tri-lingual text of such a plaque has been made with David Newhouse and others from Indegenious Studies. Indegenious Studies Department has committed to partner with TUARP, the University and other interested individuals on having the plaque installed in the AJM Smith room in Bata where the initial meetings took place. Al Brunger, Dale Standen and Gordon will continue to move this initiative forward with the various parties. A motion was put forward by Eunice Lund-Lucas that TUARP make a commitment to financial support for this initiative. The exact value of the TUARP commitment to be determined once the final costs of the plaque and the various other contributions are known. Motioned seconded by Gillian Stamp and passed unanimously.

6. CURAC Conference:

Bruce Cossar reported that he attended, as requested by and on behalf of TUARP, the annual conference of the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada meeting in Kingston (May 20-22) . The programme included sessions on the health of seniors, a national seniors strategy, Alberta oil sands, pension systems, recruiting new members, CURAC activities and using social media. The organization represents retiree associations from 41 universities and colleges from across Canada. It is run by a small dedicated group of retiree representatives, most of whom are retired faculty.

Bruce recommended that, for the relatively small annual CURAC membership fee, Trent can benefit from remaining a member of the organization. In response to a question raised by Al Brunger about a formal memorandum of understanding between these associations and their institutions, Bruce commented that he had raised this issue with some of the CURAC members and they were surprised to hear of the reluctance of the Trent president to sign such a memorandum.

Gordon spoke to some resources which are received from CURAC periodically that can be circulated to TUARP members once our new website is up and running.

7. Financial Report:

Gloria Dunn, TUARP Treasurer, reported that the bank balance was \$3630.40. There were extra expenses incurred this past year due to the 50th anniversary mail-out.

Gordon reported that a request for funding support from the University was delivered to the President's Office this morning.

8. Pension Report:

There was no Pension Report. Gordon put forward a suggestion that a written report be requested for any future meeting where the TUARP pension committee representatives would not be in attendance. A motion for this request to be implemented going forward was made by Margaret Doxy and seconded by Eunice Lund-Lucas.

9. Staying Connected:

Alumni Affairs : Activities continued in the developing relationship between Alumni and TUARP. The TUARP page will now fall under the Alumni page and they will assist with re-designing of the TUARP page. Alumni is now updating the TUARP mailing lists and is assisting with sending out emails to TUARP members. TUARP members can request a Trent card from Alumni by contacting Sylvia Hennessey in the Alumni Office.

Gordon will be sending out information on these and other initiatives between TUARP and Alumni to members soon.

New Initiatives and possibilities: A discussion of a possible TUARP mentoring program for new students to Trent took place. A sub-committee was formed to further explore this initiative.

10. Community Announcements:

Morgan Tamplin made an announcement in regards to the Peterborough Archeological Society and its new publication -

He also offered an invitation to TUARP members to attend Society meetings which occur the fourth Tuesday of every month. If interested, contact Morgan for details.

11. Election of Staff Co-Chair (2016-18):

Wayne Wilson was nominated for the position of Staff Co-Chair (2016-18). Nomination was put forward by Eunice Lund-Lucas and seconded by Wayne Holtz. Nominations were then closed and Wayne Wilson accepted the position.

12. Student Centre Presentation:

Struan Robertson – development officer for the new Student Centre.

Struan introduced Deborah Berrill as a Co-Chair of the Family component of the Student Centre Challenge fund-raising initiative. Deborah spoke to the group thanking TUARP members for their support of the Student Centre campaign. In her address she noted what a significant contribution the new facility would make to the campus and to the future students who would make use of it.

Struan then showed a video thank-you from Alaine Spiwak – TCSA Chair. Alaine thanked TUARP members for their support of the campaign and indicated what a positive impact the new Centre would have on Trent students in the future.

Eric Boelling from Teeple Architects – the firm designing and overseeing the construction of the facility -then gave an overview of the project. The facility will be built along the river between Bata Library and the Athletics Centre. It has been designed in keeping with the Ron Thom idea of building into the landscape. Eric showed some of the other projects which his firm had completed in the area such as the Trent Child Care Centre, the Chemical Sciences Centre and the new Mount St. Joseph.

The Centre, due to open in September 2017, will have a focus on light and “inspired” and “charged” interiors.

It will contain 2 lecture halls, event space, a bistro, a 60- seat active learning space, study spaces and offices for student government and various student clubs and groups as well as space for the new Trent Entrepreneurship Centre.

The exterior of the facility will have windows all along the river and, in keeping with the ‘language of Ron Thom’, it will be clad in printed concrete to blend in with the existing Ron Thom buildings.

Refreshment Break

This time there were sufficient cups but no tea bags to accompany the hot water!!

13. Guest Speaker: Al Brunger “Samuel de Champlain and Peterborough: the local legacy of New France”

Al Brunger gave an informative and entertaining presentation on the local connections between the Peterborough area and the arrival of the French in 1615. With the 400th anniversary of Champlain’s arrival in the area, the Trent Valley Archives has published “Finding Champlain’s Dream” – a treatise on the arrival of Champlain and his cohorts to the Peterborough and surrounding area in 1615. Copies can be purchased from Trent Valley Archives.

Al gave an illustrated slide show on some of the local research into this topic.

14. Other Business: The next TUARP general meeting will be on 25 May 2016.

The annual TUARP Christmas Tea will be held Wednesday, December 2, 2:00-4:00 PM in the Lady Eaton Pit.

13. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was moved by John Topic, seconded by Arndt Kruger, and passed unanimously.