TRENT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

MINUTES OF THE 64th GENERAL MEETING 15 May 2024 Bagnani Hall, Traill College, 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: John Breukelaar, Gina Collins, Julie Crook, Chris Huxley, Doug MacIsaac, John Marsh, Janice Matthews, Janice Millard, Ian Sandeman, Mary Snack, Cathie Sproule, Dale Standen, Tony Storey, Betty Tomlinson, Paul Wilson

Via Zoom: Gloria Dunn Regrets: Manindra Shah

Guests: Naomi Handley, Abby Richards, Michael Eamon

- 1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 2:10 by Gina Collins.
- Welcome and Co-Chair's remarks: Gina Collins welcomed members to this afternoon meeting. She reported that Molly Blyth as stepped down as the Faculty Co-Chair and thus we are looking for new Staff and Faculty Chairs. She reminded everyone to watch for the latest edition of the TUARP Times and Tony Storey asked if anyone had something to go into an upcoming issue to contact him.
- 3. Welcome to Dr. Michael Eamon, Principal of Traill College: Michael spoke the Land Acknowledgement and reminded people that there was a portage from Chemong Lake down to Little Lake that passed not too far from the College itself. He was sure that those walking the trail were talking and the Traill continues this tradition and encourages everyone to talk amongst themselves. Updates on the Colleges were outlined by Michael. The 60th anniversary of Traill is this fall so look for many upcoming celebratory events. Otonabee College has received donations all will undertake a renovation of "K" House. The Champlain College Dining Hall is being re-done using the older original palette of colours. Another anniversary will be celebrated by Gzowski College 20 years old and Durham College will celebrate a remarkable 50 years. And for Traill College itself Scott House has had renovations and in particular the old Dining Hall. It has been made over so it may be used as a performance space. There are many cultural activities going on at Traill. In particular the "Music on the Hill" summer series of performances will take place at the Bennet Ampitheatre on Thursday evenings.
- 4. Welcome to Abby Richards, Alumni Engagement and Services Coordinator as well as Naomi Handley Director of Alumni Engagement and Services: It seems that a review had been undertaken of Alumni Services and a response report generated. Naomi is working with the suggestions in the report acknowledging the need to improve collaboration and communications to ensure the Alumni activities will be a "team sport". Another matter related to Volunteer management. Alumni Engagement would like more volunteers and encourage TUARP members to volunteer. Naomi will look closely on how to support their volunteers for example how to plan for succession amongst their valued volunteers. TUARP members are encourage to provide thoughts on the review and subsequent response. Abby reported that in a few weeks Oct. 20 we will see the hosting of the annual Head of the Trent. Naomi reported that Joanne Sokolowski has been honoured with the Provost Staff Award. Abby directed us to the upcoming events page noting that all TUARP members are welcome to attend any event.
- 5. Introduction of new members who retired between Oct. 2, 2023, and May 1, 2024: Staff: Darlene Stanley, Accounts Payable Advisor, Finance; Marjorie Jacobs, Caretaker; Patti Burke, Financial Services Assistant; Mark Adamson, Team Leader, Preventative Maintenance Facilities Management; Richard Toth, Demonstrator, Psychology.

- Faculty None
- 6. Observances for those who died between Oct. 2, 2023, and May 1, 2024: Staff: Mary Lou Clancey, Circulation Assistant, Bata Library, David Marshall, Senior Demonstrator, Physics and Astronomy, Robert Thompson, Powerhouse Operator/ E & M Technician Assistant, Fergus O'Brien, Porter, Helen Kyle, Physical Resources
 - Faculty: Donald Mackay, Environmental and Resources Studies, John Burbidge, Philosophy, Morton Berkowitz, English, Carolyn Kay, History, G. Alan Wilson, History and Canadian Studies, Margaret Doxey, Political Studies
- 7. <u>Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> The minutes of the meeting of Oct. 25, 2023, were approved by a motion of Julie Crook, seconded by Janice Millard
- <u>8.</u> <u>Business arising:</u> Janice reported that the exhibit we saw at the Peterborough Museum and Archives "To Honour and Respect: Gifts from the Michi Saagiig Women to the Prince of Wales, 1860" was recognized with an <u>award</u> for outstanding achievement in the exhibition category by the Canadian Museums Association.
- 9. <u>Financial report:</u> John Casserly submitted a financial statement. Our net worth is \$2,093.34. Members are reminded TUARP annual fees of \$10 are due at the October session. Payment may be made by bank transfer; just add TUARP@Trentu.ca to your bank's etransfer site.
- <u>10.</u> <u>Pension matters:</u> John Breukelaar noted that soon the <u>UPP</u> will be managing pensions for both staff and faculty.
- 11. Community Announcements: Gina reported that the next Peterborough Regional Science Fair national event will be held May 26-31, 2024 in Ottawa. The Faculty/Staff Golf Tournament will be haled June 17 at Liftlock Golf. It costs \$75 per person for golf and dinner and \$30 if one only attends the dinner.
- 12. Any Other Business: A live performance at the Amphitheatre to which members could attend had been anticipated, however there was a cancellation of the event.
- <u>13. Adjournment:</u> Adjournment was at 2:45. Members were encouraged to go visit Scott House and see all the changes.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Millard, Secretary