TRENT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS
MINUTES OF THE 65th GENERAL MEETING
24 October, 2024
Bagnani Hall, Traill College, 10:00 a.m.

> PRESENT: Cheryl Anderson, John Breukelaar, Gina Collins, Roger Jones, Wayne Holtz, Doug MacIsaac, John Marsh, Janice Millard, David Morrison, Dave Ruthowsky, Ian Sandeman, Mary Snack, Dale Standen, Tony Storey, Betty Tomlinson, Bob Van Dompseler, Paul Wilson
> Via Zoom: Fred Helleiner
> Regrets: Julie Crook, Bruce Cossar, Gloria Dunn, Manindra Shah
> Guests: Abby Richards and Sherry Booth

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Gina Collins.
2. Welcome and Co-Chair's remarks: Gina Collins welcomed members to this afternoon meeting. She reported that Michael Eamon is not available to give us his customary welcome.
   Welcome to Abby Richards, Alumni Engagement and Services: Abby reported on the installation of Dr. Cathy Bruce as the new President of Trent University. The installation ceremony was held September 26, 2024. Abby reported on some upcoming events including one called The Power of Ceremony by Dr. Michael Yellowbird. Danielle Britton will be coming to future TUARP meetings Abby reported. Tony Storey thanked Abby for her support for TUARP at Alumni Engagement and Services.
   Abby presented information about some Alumni matters. "Telling it Forward" is an effort by Alumni to record people from the early years of Trent while telling their stories of those times. First aimed at Trent grads to gather historical memories, Abby says retirees are encouraged to send their stories to Alumni.
   It was noted that Alumni have 369 email addresses to which they send information.
   Upcoming: there will be a broad review of TUARP and its activities. Information will be gathered including such questions as: where do members live? And how do we welcome new retirees? A series of questions will be drawn up and sent out as a survey to members in order to help us determine how to proceed.
3. Introduction of new members who retired between May 1, 2024 and October 1, 2024:
   Staff: Lori Steers, ESL Instructor & Academic Liaison, International Office; Mary O'Grady, Academic Administrative Assistant, School of the Environment; Tanna Edwards, Administrative Coordinator Student Housing; Daniel Wright, Team Lead, Mechanical Facilities Management; Anne Parker, Senior Manager, Client Support, Computer Services; Carol Cartwright, Senior Network Analyst, Computer Services; Tracy Ross, Department Coordinator & Advisor, Biology
   Faculty: Olga Andriewsky, History; Kathryn Chittick, English; Erica Nol, Biology
4. Observances for those who died between May 2, 2024 and October 1, 2024:
   Staff: Helen Kyle, Administrative Assistant, Physical Resources, Owen Lamb, Powerhouse Operator/E & M Technician Assistant, Edward Flaherty, Locksmith – Lead Hand, Gerry Mason, Groundskeeper, Joyce Miller, Academic Programs Coordinator, Indigenous Studies, Barbara Gregory, Accounting Clerk, Finance, Blanche Fitzgerald, Secretary to the Vanier Professor
   Faculty: Gordon Winocur, Psychology, Roy Bowles, Sociology, Robert Carter, Philosophy
5. Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of May 15, 2024 were approved by a motion of John Marsh, seconded by Ian Sandeman
6. Business arising: None.

7. Financial report: John Casserly submitted a financial statement. Our assets are $1,781.89, our liabilities are $372.89 and our net worth is $1,409.00 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.
8. Pension matters: John Breukelaar noted that soon the UPP will be managing pensions for both staff and faculty.
9. 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 held June 17 at Liftlock Golf. It costs $75 per person for golf and dinner and $30 if one only attends the dinner.
10. Any Other Business: There was a discussion as to where to hold the Christmas Party. The Ashburnham Alehouse was mentioned.   Tony thanked Ian Sandeman for his contribution to the current TUARP Newsletter. This will be the last one with Tony as Editor of the Newsletter. A new editor will need to be found.
11. Adjournment: A live performance at the Amphitheatre to which members could attend had been anticipated, however there was a cancellation of the event. There was a refreshment adjournment for members and then the session continued.
12. Presentation by Sherry Booth Associate Vice-President, Philanthropy & Alumni Engagement: Sherry talked about various efforts at Trent that emphasized agriculture. A prime focus of the talk was the Trent Research Farm. The location of the farm is moving with a new location off Pioneer Road and new facilities are being constructed. The Trent focus will be on small scale farming, the generational transfer of farms and help those new to farming.   Trent will have seasonal and pollinator gardens and apiaries, an arboretum and orchards. There will be comprehensive education and seasonal programming, crop trials, testing of things like soils, and water. The university climate station will be moved to the farm. There will be study of plant ecology, agroecosystems, soil health, crop yields, food security, carbon tracing and capture, greenhouse gases, climate impacts, microclimates and biofertilizers. This program was in part enabled by the Bob and Margie Lightbody legacy.   Setting up the farm and purchasing necessary equipment is underway. People will be able to visit the farm. Food grown in the market garden area will be given to the Seasoned Spoon. Tony thanked Sherry for her presentation.
13. Second Adjournment: Adjournment was at 11 a.m. Members were encouraged to go visit Scott House and see all the changes.

Respectfully submitted

    Janice Millard, Secretary