

Draft Minutes to be approved at the next meeting
TRENT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS
MINUTES OF THE 61st GENERAL MEETING
26 October 2022

A.J.M. Smith Conference Room, Bata Library at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Alan Brunger, Gina Collins, Alena Heitlinger, Janice Matthews, Janice Millard, David Morrison, Mary Snack, Cathie Sproule, Dale Standen, Tony Storey, Betty Tomlinson, Paul Wilson
REGRETS: Julie Crook, Manindra Shah
Guests: Babin Joy, Abby Richards, Amber Colibaba

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Gina Collins.
2. Welcome and Co-Chair's remarks: Gina Collins welcomed everyone to the first meeting held post-COVID on the Trent campus. She reminded everyone to watch for the latest edition of the [TUARP Times](#) and thanked Tony Storey for all his work on this publication.
3. Welcome to Babin Joy and Abby Richards from Alumni Engagement Services: Babin and Abby recounted events held and sponsored by Alumni Affairs in the past year. In particular they highlighted Convocation. The webpage <https://mycommunity.trentu.ca/trentnews139?> highlights the ceremonies and associated events. Most notable is the fact that because of the disruption of the pandemic graduates from 2020, 2021 and 2022 were honoured.
4. Introduction of new members:
Staff – Pauline Rioux, Caretaker, Lorna Patterson, Caretaker, Judy Pinto, Academic Administrative Assistant, Anthropology, Tim Foster, Demonstrator School of Education, Kathy Axcell, Academic Administrative Assistant, Classics, Tony Porter, Caretaker, Tara Harrington, Associate University Secretary & Human Rights Advisor, Jose Blanco, Caretaker, Cathy Thompson, Caretaker
Faculty – Alan Law, Sociology, Peter Lafleur, School of Environment, James Buttle, School of Environment,Carolynn Kapron, Biology, Robert Clarke, University Librarian, Jodi Aoki, Archivist, Stephen Bocking Environmental/Resource Studies, Carolyn Kay, History, Michele Lacombe, Indigenous Studies, Igor Svishchev, Chemistry.
5. Observances: Staff: Maja Bezemer, Caretaker, Karen Derian, Manager, Human Resources.
6. Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2022 were approved by a motion of Dale Standen and seconded by Alan Brunger.
7. Business arising: There was no business arising.
8. Financial report: John Casserly submitted a financial statement. Our net worth is \$2,595.98. We raised \$350 in dues and had estimated expenses of \$30 for bank fees. We put \$300 towards the Trent Golf Tournament and used the money to provide signs and advertising about TUARP at the Tournament. Members are reminded TUARP fees are due at the October session. Tony collected cash from some of those at the meeting. He reminded people they can pay by bank transfer.
9. Pension matters: There were no matters to report. We need a replacement for Ray March. As of January 1, 2023 Ontario's University Pension Plan for faculty is in effect.
10. Guest Speaker: Amber Colibaba, Coordinator at the Trent Centre for Aging & Society. Amber briefly described the Trent Centre for Aging & Society or "TUCAS". Amber, as a grad studies student, was especially interested in seniors who live in rural areas. She personally conducts research in the area of rural aging and community development and has co-authored a number of publications on that topic. She now works as Co-ordinator for the Centre. The Centre has a director and a small number of staff including Amber. They are augmented by

nearly 60 [members](#) from various disciplines. All have an interest in aging and society. Dr. Mark Skinner, currently the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, was the first director of the Centre which was launched in 2013. Prof. Elizabeth Russell is the current director.

The Centre sponsors a myriad of things and their [website](#) beautifully summarizes them. Amber emphasized a number of them in her talk. For example:

- a) the [Seniors Village](#) which was described in an earlier TUARP talk.
- b) [The Intergenerational Housing Project](#) where older citizens are matched with selected students for housing. It is in a pilot phase and it is hoped it will be continued,
- c) a sponsored series of talks related to aging called [The Stephen Katz Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies](#) given by invited scholars. These talks are open to community members.

The Centre is located on the 4th floor of the Bata Library and there is a [Canadian Studies in Aging Archive](#) in the Bata Library. TUARP members are encouraged to examine the Centre's [Newsletter](#).

Gina Collins thanked Amber for her talk.

- 11 Community Announcements: a) Gina reported that the [Peterborough Regional Science Fair](#) was held virtually and five students were selected to attend the Virtual Canada Wide Science Fair (CWSF) in Fredericton, New Brunswick May 16th to 20th, 2022. Calvin Karthik, a 14 year old Grade 10 student at Kenner Collegiate has been quite successful in past fairs. He was selected to Team Canada to compete at the Virtual Regeneration International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) May 8th to 13th, 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia. Results for CWSF and ISEF can be found on the website [youthscience.ca](#)
- 12 b) Gina also reported that the Annual Staff Golf Tournament will take place again this year on June 20, 2022 at the Liftlock Golf Club. Please [register](#) if you wish to attend.
- 13 Any Other Business:
 - a) We will be having our next meeting in May 2023 at Bagnani Hall in Traill College. We hope to be able to provide a Zoom connection to the meeting so those who cannot attend in person can still see the meeting. Al Brunger suggested carpooling if possible to help with the parking situation at Traill.
 - b) If members are having trouble receiving email on the Trent system please be aware that earlier in the year the IT department required everyone on Trent email to change their passwords. If that wasn't done you may have difficulties. Contact the IT department for assistance.
 - c) TUARP will hold its Christmas event at the Ashburnham Alehouse on Hunter St. East on **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH, 2022** from 2 to 4 p.m.
14. Adjournment at 11:15: moved by Al Brunger; seconded by Tony Storey.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Millard, Secretary