

TRENT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS
MINUTES OF THE 53rd GENERAL MEETING

2 May 2018

Bagnani Hall, Traill College, 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Eva Aubry, Roy Bowles, John Breukelaar, Stewart Brown, Bruce Cossar, Julie Crook, Margaret Doxey, Gloria Dunn, Alena Heitlinger, Ruth Hillman, Wayne Holtz,, Donna Jarvis, Gordon Johnston, John Lucy, Ray March, John Marsh, Janice Millard, David Morrison, Deb Pagett, Alan Slavin, Mary Snack, Cathie Sproule, Robert Stairs, Dale Standen, Tony Storey, Tom Symons, Rosalind Taylor, Betty Tomlinson, Paul Wilson.

REGRETS: Carole Ernest, Julia Harrison, Chris Huxley, Christine Maxwell, Michael Peterman, Manindra Shah, Gillian Stamp, Wayne Wilson, Anna McCalla, Doug McCalla, John Wadland, Alan Wilson.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Janice Millard (Faculty Co-Chair).

2. Welcome and Co-Chairs' remarks. Michael Eamon acknowledged with thanks the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishnaabe on which we are gathered. He welcomed TUARP members to Traill College and noted that all students in the new joint Law program with Swansea University would be members of Traill College. Janice Millard welcomed members and thanked the Executive members for all their assistance.

3. Introduction of new members.

Staff: Linda Smith, Deborah Pagett, Khando Sundup, and Pauline McMillan.

Faculty: There were no faculty retirements this past year.

4. Observances.

Staff: Vera Mae Moher, Jane Rowland and Joyce Sutton.

Faculty: John Stanford.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the meeting of 25 October 2017 were previously circulated. They were approved on a motion by John Marsh and Margaret Doxey.

6. Business arising. None.

7. Trent Lands Plan. Co-Chair Janice Millard introduced Julie Davis, Vice-President External Relations and Advancement, who outlined the Trent Lands Plan, the aim of which is a sustainable campus community. Of the 1400 acres of the Symons campus, 60% is earmarked for a nature area; 11% for the core campus; and 28% for the "clean tech commons." The University sees multiple benefits resulting from the plan while supporting the University's

values. The vision of the clean tech commons is to become a premier green tech research and innovation centre, combining development, experiential learning and research. Tenants will represent four sectors: clean technology, waste water treatment, agrifood and biomaterials. There is a partnership with the City to extend services on the east bank. The City of Peterborough arena complex has gone through a long list of regulatory approvals and Trent does not contribute financially to its construction. The Trent Lands Plan Update for 2019 includes improved nature trails and the addition of teaching shelters. With regard to Trent's built landscape, there is an obligation to preserve the cultural and architectural heritage of the campus: work on the Library, the Champlain College trellises and Traill College improvements adhere to this requirement. In the Q&A Vice President Davis outlined the extensive consultation process that was followed in developing the Plan. She noted that anything undertaken on Trent lands must contribute to the sustainability of the University. Janice thanked the Vice President for her informative presentation.

8. Election of Members of the TUARP Executive. No nominations have been received for the vacant positions of Staff Co-Chair or Secretary. In response to a call for nominations from the floor, Tony Storey volunteered to assume the position of Staff Co-Chair and Dale Standen agreed to take minutes at meetings but could not commit beyond that. Gloria Dunn agreed to continue as Treasurer for a limited time and after the meeting Julie Crook agreed to be Social Convenor.

9. Financial Report. The bank balance on 1 October was \$3,349.77.

10.Pension reports. John Breukelaar reported for the staff pension that the solvency issue was still being addressed; a small improvement in the fund last year allowed a slight pension increase this year but increases are unlikely in the foreseeable future; the proposed joint sponsored pension plan for several universities aims for implementation in 2020. Ray March reported for the faculty pension that solvency has improved a little; that there had been a slight increase for those retired prior to 2007; that rising interest rates may help improve pension fund performance.

11.Community announcements. Al Slavin announced a program concerned about climate change: "For our Grandchildren;" an event, "Blanket Exercise," a reconciliation event in Millennium Park on June 1st; and an all-candidates meeting at Trinity United Church. He also announced a project to create co-housing for the ageing. Paul Wilson noted that there will be a plaque in Bower's Park to celebrate the contribution of Bill Bowers to slow-pitch baseball in the community.

12.Guest Speaker. "Trent University Library: The First Ten Years." Former University Librarian Bruce Cossar recounted the first decade of building the Trent Library from scratch. As employee number 59, Bruce joined Trent on the same day in 1963 as fellow librarian Anna Sikorski (McCalla). Jack Martin, the University's first University Librarian, noted that in 1964 his library office, located in Rubidge Hall, was furnished with a metal chair and a card table. The Library had 10,000 volumes, a reading room and a few technical staff. From 1963 to 1967 five

new universities - Trent, Erindale, Scarborough, Brock and Guelph (Arts and Science) - cooperated in a joint book ordering and processing arrangement called ONULP (Ontario New Universities Library Project) that successfully laid the basis of their collections. Over the following years Trent's Library recorded a much higher circulation than other universities, which Cossar attributed to Trent's teaching methods. The rapid growth of the collection required more space, which led to a new wing added to Rubidge Hall. Beginning in the basement, the Library's admin offices were pushed to the top floor, and since there was no elevator, this complicated the processing of acquisitions! By 1968 librarians and staff numbered 37 not including student assistants. The move in 1969 to the new Thomas J. Bata building on the Nassau campus (now Symons) required one week and an army of student help to move 100,000 volumes. The new space seemed luxurious; circulation increased 40%; Patricia Johnson was hired as archivist; costs mounted with expansion. Whereas at Rubidge Hall acquisitions accounted for 60% of the budget, at Bata they accounted for about 35%, indicating the changing balance between acquisitions and other library costs. In the first decade of growth the Library was strongly supported, accounting for 10% of the university's budget. The establishment of college libraries to make books more accessible was not successful, except at Traill College. Loss of books was excessive under the colleges because their libraries were open long hours and lacked security. In contrast, book losses at Bata Library diminished somewhat with the installation of a security system in 1969. A review of the Library in 1971 resulted in the Philips Report which found that Trent's library costs were in line with those of other universities of comparable size. Cossar ended his talk with high praise for Jack Martin, founding University Librarian, who successfully managed the daunting task of building a library from scratch, including the construction of a new building, with a collection of 200,000 volumes by the time he stepped down as University Librarian in 1973. After a Q&A with some reminiscences, and assurances that a longer version of this valuable recollection has been deposited in the University Archives, Janice Millard thanked Bruce for his entertaining and well-received talk.

13. Other business. No further business.

13. Adjournment. There were multiple motions to adjourn at 11:40 a.m.

The next TUARP meeting will be Wednesday 24 October, 2018, during the reading break. The Executive will attempt to book the A.J.M. Smith room in the newly refurbished Bata Library, so that members can inspect the renovations.

Submitted by: D. Standen, Scribe pro tem.