

TRENT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

DRAFT - MINUTES OF THE 47TH GENERAL MEETING

6 May, 2015

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

PRESENT: Stewart Brown, Alan Brunger, Mil Clark, Bruce Cossar, Margaret Doxey, Gloria Dunn, Carole Ernest, Ed Flaherty, Murray Genoe, Alena Heitlinger, Herman Helmuth, Ruth Hillman, Bruce Hodgins, Wayne Holtz, Barb Hulcoop, Barbara Johns, Gordon Johnston, Eunice Lund-Lucas, Joanne MacKirdy, John Marsh, George McKeiver, Betty McKeown, Pauline Mills, David Morrison, Dorothy Mutter, Fergus O'Brien, Dianne O'Connell, Betty O'Toole, Doris Perechuk, Michael Peterman, Dave Ruthowsky, Manindra Shah, Herb Sheppard, Mary Snack, Cathie Sproule, Dale Standen, Gillian Stamp, Tony Storey, Morgan Tamplin, Doug Thompson, Darlene Wilke, Shirley Yankovitch.

REGRETS: Frank Chapman, Glen Easson, Diane Lister, Helen Sheehan

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

1. Welcome:

Members were welcomed to the meeting after a long winter. The President sent his regrets being unable to attend due to Ministry meetings in Toronto. He indicated that he recognises the importance of retired persons and will have a special meeting for them, possibly in July, possibly in Alumni House. There was general agreement with such a meeting, preferably during the first two weeks in July.

2. Chair's remarks:

Information has been received from CURAC regarding insurance plans. A CURAC survey is available if people want to respond to it.

Glen Easson has published a novel, available today.

There have been talks with Lee Hays and Julie Davis showing interest in greater cooperation.

3. Observances:

Deaths from October 2, 2014, to May 1, 2015: Jean Hodgson, Ruby Johnson, James Carey, Jim Townsley, Joan Adamson, Elrick White, Vaughan Lyon

4. Minutes:

The Minutes of the 46th General Meeting of TUARP in October 2014 were provided previously and, after it being noted that "Fred Helleiner" should read "Alena Heitlinger", a motion for their acceptance, moved by Margaret Doxey and seconded by Alena Heitlinger, was approved

unanimously. The Secretary apologised profusely for having a fixation on Fred Helleiner causing him to misname his long-standing good friend Alena Heitlinger.

5. Business Arising:

Al Brunger stated that he had circulated the draft TUARP/University MOU to TUARP and sent it to the President in March for his approval. However, the President declined to sign it and explained why in an email noting that he does not favour a formal/legal agreement, that it was not in the best interest of TUARP and that it was unlikely it would be approved by the senior administration and Board. David Morrison asked what specific provisions concerned him, but Al Brunger responded that no specific concerns were mentioned and Gordon Johnston felt the President objected to the contractual arrangement in general. Margaret Doxey asked to see the MOU and was told it could be posted on the TUARP website. John Marsh asked how many universities have such MOUs and Al Brunger mentioned York and UBC, the York one being used as a model for the TUARP one. Gordon Johnston noted that the President prefers regular meetings of the TUARP Executive or the Co-Chairs with him, as he has proposed.

Dale Standen reported on a potential plaque for the Smith Conference Room to commemorate the initiation there of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada. A text is available but more consultations over it, involving some TUARP members and others, during the next two months are needed. It was noted that Gary Reker should be involved and that Michael Eamon has done plaques for Trent this year. Al Brunger offered to help Dale Standen with this. Margaret Doxey thanked Dale Standen for his work on this but wondered why TUARP should pay for the plaque and suggested the President and Alumni be asked to help.

6. Introduction of New Members:

From 20 October 20 2014 to 30 May 2015 the following staff became members of TUARP: Jill Brown, Bill White, Bruce Shearer, Barb Rivett, Glen Easson, Maurice Belanger, Sue Devlin, Betty O'Toole, Garth Brownscombe and Karen Darien. There were no faculty retirements.

7. CURAC Conference:

Bruce Cossar reported that he will, as requested by and on behalf of TUARP, attend the next College and University Retiree Associations of Canada meeting in Kingston (May 20-22) ; the registration fee of \$165 was paid by TUARP. The programme includes sessions on the health of seniors, a national seniors strategy, Alberta oilsands, pension systems, recruiting new members, CURAC activities and using social media.

Al Brunger mentioned the issue of all retirees automatically belonging to TUARP yet only some pay. How do other universities handle this?

The President has wondered why the university should subsidise TUARP, so John Marsh urged the TUARP executive to be ready to answer this. David Morrison noted that retirees already contribute enormously to the university, fund raising, helping at convocation, supporting other events, and supplying grandchildren to go to Trent, activities surely worth at least \$300.

8. Financial Report:

Gloria Dunn, TUARP Treasurer, reported that the bank balance was \$3839.55. This does not include an anticipated additional amount of at least \$300 from the President for this year.

9. Pension Report:

There was no Pension Report.

10. Community Announcements:

Members were advised of a new art shop in Cavan.

Refreshment Break

This time there were sufficient cups.

11. Alumni Affairs Presentation:

Lee Hays (leehays@trentu.ca), Director of Alumni Affairs gave a powerpoint presentation outlining possibilities for collaboration between TUARP and Alumni Affairs. She wants to facilitate more formally the relationship between retirees and alumni. The desired outcomes for TUARP would be to: be recognised for service, maintain sense of community, enable effective communication, provide opportunities to contribute, support operations of TUARP. There are lots of desired outcomes for Trent too. Priority items include: providing retirees with a letter from Alumni Affairs, a brochure and pin, inviting retirees to visit Alumni House to meet staff, making sure Alumni Office has email addresses of retirees, providing Trent Magazine.

A wide ranging discussion ensued. It was noted that retirees no longer having Trent email addresses can arrange for one using gmail. Bruce Hodgins said he gets emails from former students asking if they can stay at his place overnight. It was suggested having a TUARP column in the alumni magazine. Alumni Affairs has a distinct webpage and the TUARP webpage will be within it. A draft example was shown and can be seen at:

<https://mycommunity.trentu.ca/alumni/tuarp>. Al Brunger urged the identification of a moderator to ensure only appropriate TUARP information goes on the TUARP part of the website.

Upcoming events include: 17 June 2015, welcome of new retirees at Alumni House. June 28, 2015, Garden Party at Wilsons in Peterborough open to retirees. October 2-3, Homecoming.

Ruth Hillman urged the recognition of the widows and widowers of Trent professors. John Marsh asked how former students can be contacted. Emails can be forwarded via the Alumni Office which has email addresses of about 35% of former students. Margaret Doxey congratulated Lee on her presentation and noted the potential of retirees to mentor students. Tony Storey wondered if Alumni Affairs could help with the TUARP Times, for example in updating the design of the online edition. Finally, Gordon Johnston thanked Lee Hays for her interesting and informative presentation.

12. Other Business:

The next TUARP meeting will be on 28 October 2015.

Gillian Stamp promoted the 36th S. & A. Golf Tournament, 15 June at Liftlock Golf and asked those interested to contact her.

Gillian Stamp noted that she was having problems sending TUARP emails to 139 of 413 addresses and would like the help of a computer whiz to resolve this. It was suggested that Alumni Affairs or the new TUARP Secretary might help. Al Brunger noted that some universities provide such a service and that the TUARP website is a possible means of communication. Alena Heitlinger advised that Human Affairs should have a database to use for emailing. It was pointed out that some universities provide office space for a retirees association.

Alan Brunger moved and Dale Standen seconded a motion, approved by all, thanking John Marsh for his secretarial efforts over several years. John Marsh smiled and nodded his appreciation of the thanks. He in turn would like to thank several members of TUARP who took the Minutes of meetings he was unable to attend during his term of office.

13. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was moved by Al Brunger, seconded by Eunice Lund-Lucas, and passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted, albeit belatedly, by retiring Secretary, John Marsh.