

TRENT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

MINUTES OF THE 55th GENERAL MEETING

1 May, 2019

Room 411, Bata Library, 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Stewart Brown, John Breukelaar, Gina Collins, Julie Crook, Gloria Dunn, Sharon English, Marilyn Haywood, Jeanette Heeley, Wayne Holtz, Donna Jarvis, Barbara Johns, John Marsh, Janice Matthews, Janice Millard, Dianne O'Connell, Ian Sandeman, Manindra Shah, Mary Snack, Cathie Sproule, Dale Standen, Tony Storey, Tom Symons, Wayne Wilson, Shirley Yankovich

REGRETS: John Casserly, Bruce Cossar, Alena Heitlinger, David Morrison, John Wadland,

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Tony Storey (Staff Co-Chair).

2. Welcome and Co-Chair's remarks: Tony Storey said that he would be chairing the meeting and Janice Millard will be taking minutes. We have a guest speaker, Julie Davis, Vice President External Relations and Advancement.

2(a) Ms. Davis outlined the massive increase in the appeal of Trent University as shown by the number of those whose first choice of a university to attend is Trent. Trent has had an 84% increase in 10 years. The next closest university saw a 24% increase over the same period while overall the university sector has seen a rise in university applications of 4.5%. There will be a new building at the Durham campus and it will combine residence rooms on the upper floors and classrooms and administrative space on the first floor. The City of Oshawa donated the land, the Durham Region donated \$1.42 million and Trent alum and President of Durham Radio has donated \$500,000. Ms. Davis thanked the retirees for their service and noted that Trent is building on their hard work.

2(b) Tony continued with his remarks saying that on March 4th he and Janice met and Janice conveyed her wish to become Secretary of TUARP. Thus the position of Faculty Co-Chair is available and members are encouraged to volunteer.

2(c) There was an Executive Committee meeting on March 28th with John Casserly, Julie Crook, Tony and Janice attending. We worked on firming up details for the Summer Tea on Friday July 5 at Pres. Groarke's home. Former President Tom Symons will be attending and we will salute him for his 90th birthday. Members are asked to watch for further details.

2(d) With regard to CURAC, we negotiated a reduction in our annual dues. Anyone interested in attending the annual CURAC Conference in May in Guelph are asked to contact Tony or Janice.

2(e) Tony noted that TUARP member Al Slavin has had an article published in Greenzine.

3. Convocation 2019: Tony introduced Joanne Sokolowski who is in the manager of Convocation. She thanked members for their volunteer assistance at Convocation and said that volunteers are always welcome. She noted that the increase in student numbers means an increase in the number of convocation ceremonies needed in Peterborough and at the Durham campus and thus more volunteers are needed.

4. Introduction of new members: Staff: Sharon Bosnell, Catherine Boyce, Sylvia Hennessy, Leah Kindree, Robert MacLeod, Fay McFadden. Faculty: Ken Field, Magda Havas.

5. Observances: There was a minute of silence for the following: Staff: Charles William Kinoshameg, Pauline Mills, Betty O'Toole. Faculty: Rory Coughlan, Peter Watson.

6. Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of Oct.24 2018 meeting were approved by a motion of Julie Crook, seconded by Janice Matthews.

7. Business arising:

7(a). Meeting location. We had hoped to meet in the Smith Conference Room but it was unavailable. Tony noted that there are accessibility and parking matters to be considered wherever we go. We will be returning to Bagnani Hall at Traill College for the October meeting as well as the Christmas Party (date to be determined). We may consider Lady Eaton College in the future if we can find a room other than the Pit.

8. Financial report: John Casserly submitted a financial statement. Our net worth is \$3,143.52. It should be noted that the annual stationery, printing, postage and refreshment costs are funded by the Alumni Office and the Christmas Party is funded by the President's Office.

9. Pension matters: John Breukelaar reported that there has been a change in the company managing the pension plan. It is now TD Greystone Capital Management Inc. There is still a problem with the pension plan and therefore the University pays "special payments" with regard to the plan. The University Pension Plan (UPP) idea of an Ontario university pooled pension plan fund continues. A number of universities are going to join. There are benefits to a larger pool of money: a greater chance of survival if problems come; options for investments are broader with a larger pot of money; and while the requirements for the "going concern" matter remains, the solvency requirements are gone (both of which we have now). "Going concern" is an accounting term and means there are sufficient funds to keep on paying debts including pensions. Solvency means the institution must have enough total assets to cover all debts including pensions if it closes. Existing employed staff and faculty would belong to the UPP. Whether or not retired members would be able to join is still not determined.

10. Questions for members: There were none not covered elsewhere.

11. Community announcements:

11(a) Gina Collins reminded members of the annual S & A golf tournament. This is the 40th anniversary and it will be held at Liftlock Golf and County Club. The charge is \$50 for golfing and dinner; a separate charge for dinner only is possible.

11(b) There will be a Celebration of Life for Betty O'Toole on Saturday May 4 from 1-3 in the Trent Student Centre.

11(c) There will be a Celebration of Life for Pauline Mills on Saturday June 8 from 10:30 to 12:30 at the Highland Park Funeral Centre.

11(d) Miles Ecclestone will receive an Eminent Service Award at the Convocation of Wednesday June 5 at 2 p.m.

12. Break

13. Any Other Business: There was none.

14. Guest: Tony Storey thanked Robert Clarke for inviting the members to tour the renovated Bata Library. Robert Clarke, Barbara Znamirovski and Dwayne Collins assisted with the tours.

15. Motion to adjourn made by Gina Collins. Adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Tours followed.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Millard, Secretary and Co-Chair