

TRENT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

MINUTES OF THE 57th GENERAL MEETING

28 October, 2020

Online via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Carley Brook, John Breukelaar, Stewart Brown, Alan Brunger, John Casserly, Gina Collins, Gloria Dunn, John Earnshaw, Alena Heitlinger, Catherine Joyce, Winny Janzen, Gordon Johnston, Janice Matthews, Don McCaskill, Janice Millard, David Morrison, Doris Pereschuk, Ian Sandeman, Mary Snack, Robert Stairs Dale Standen and Tony Storey

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 chaired the meeting. He said that the TUARP Executive had held a socially-distanced meeting outdoors at the Nichols Oval pavilion to discuss matters and how to proceed. It was agreed to keep the organization going and change things where necessary. There is a newly revamped TUARP page. It was redesigned in order to meet [AODA \(Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act\)](#) requirements

3. Welcome to Stephanie Williams and Denise Fernandez to talk re the [University Pension Plan of Ontario \(UPP\)](#)

Trent has been interested in the Plan for a number of years. At present there are three members: University of Toronto, University of Guelph and Queen's University. Others, including Trent will join in time.

Note that at present this UPP will only apply to those who have a TUFA pension. The TUFA website gives an [explanation](#). TUFA retirees will at some point be asked to vote on the matter; subsequent to approval it will kick in January 2022.

Note: there will be two online presentations via zoom regarding this matter: Tuesday Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. and Thursday Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. Information regarding this meeting has been mailed to TUFA retirees.

4. Introduction of new members: Faculty: Don McCaskill.

5. Observances: Staff: Eileen Young, William Hodgson, Eileen Allemang, Debra Nichols, Agnes Hopkins, and Mavis Prior. There was a moment of silence held for these people. (Please note that observances that would have been presented at the cancelled May meeting are Daniel Powell, David Ellis, Margaret Sanders, Iswar Chakravartty, Yvonne O'Reilly, Gary Potts, Shelagh Grant, Mary Ann Armstrong and Lisa Miller-Pond; also note that the University maintains a [Tributes](#) page on its News and Events page where in memoriam messages are posted).

6. Report from the Principal of Traill College: Michael Eamon reported on various matters related to Traill and the University as a whole. Apparently 90% of classes have gone online but all colleges are open. Lady Eaton, Champlain and Gzowski have students in residence. Traill and Otonabee are open for university matters. There are 400 new students and there is a new first year course for them. Each College head teaches seminar-style to classes of 20 in order to give the new students a collegiate experience. The Traill College project of building an amphitheatre is on pause for fundraising reasons.

7. Minutes of the previous meeting: John Earnshaw moved and David Morrison seconded approval of the minutes of the meeting October 23, 2019; the motion passed. Note: due to COVID-19 there was no meeting held in May 2020.

8. Business arising: There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

9. Financial report: Since we have had no meeting since COVID-19 started, our costs have been minimal. The bank balance is currently \$2648.48. TUARP is setting up with the Bank of Montreal the ability for people to pay by e-transfer in order to cut down on payment by cash and cheque.

10. Guest Speaker:

Danielle Britton from Alumni Engagement & Services related the Digital Resources available to TUARP members. They're on the newly designed [TUARP page](#) under [Benefits & Resources](#). She reminded us not to forget the benefits from IT Services.

11. Community announcements:

11(a) Tony reported on a local journalistic effort called [Peterborough Currents](#). It is reader-supported journalism.

11(b) Gina Collins reminded us that the [Peterborough Regional Science Fair](#) will go ahead in the Spring of this year. It will be offered virtually.

12. Any Other Business:

12(a) Tony Storey is stepping down as staff Co-Chair and welcomed Gina Collins as the new staff Co-Chair (for 2020-2022).

12(b) The TUARP slate for the upcoming year will be:

Gina Collins – staff Co-Chair

No faculty Co-Chair

Tony Storey will continue to edit the TUARP Times

John Casserly - Treasurer

Julie Crook - Social Convenor

Janice Millard – Secretary

Moved to accept the slate: John Breukelaar; seconded by Dale Standen. Motion passed unanimously

12(c) The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2021 and we hope to be able to hold it in Bagnani Hall. However, this depends on the local health situation and we may, instead, again do a virtual meeting.

12 (d) There will be no Christmas tea this year, however there may an online pageant featuring various presentations and be available for browsing to TUARP members.

13: Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Janice Millard, seconded by Janice Matthews.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Millard, Secretary