UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting - Thursday June 13, 2019

Arboretum Centre

1. Welcome and Call to Order: 10:00 am.

2. Approval of Agenda: Moved: F. Sharom   Seconded: D. Badger

3. Approval of Minutes of June 2018 AGM (as posted)
   Moved: V. Tremblay   Seconded: D. Badger
   Business Arising from the Minutes: None

4. Reports from Executive Committee
   a. President’s Remarks-R. Stevenson:
      - Hosted the national meeting of CURAC (College and University Retirees
        Associations of Canada at Guelph
      - Upgraded the UGRA website
      - Used email “blasts” for quick updates between Fall, Winter and Spring Newsletters
      - Learned about the new Jointly Sponsored Pension Plan (JSPP)
      - Held a Fall Forum “Companion Animals and You”
      - Retirees’ Social August 28/19 2:30-4:30 J.T. Powell Bldg. (please register)
      - UGRA Adventure: To China-October 2019
      - Fall Forum-Thursday November 14, 2019
      - Spring Forum-date TBA
      - Ideas-in the comment’s bag
      - Thank you to Executive, Janet Kaufman-CURAC Conference Coordinator, Sponsors
        of CURAC Conference

   b. CURAC Conference Report-J. Kaufman:
      - 63 Retiree Associations from across Canada, 8 presentations-all done by
        staff/retirees from U of G over 2 days
      - $34,000 revenue-most of the money to cover meals
      - evaluations were great
      - U of G got an award
      - Thanks to all who helped out

   c. Treasurer’s Report-G. White:
      Moved: G. White   Seconded: V. Tremblay
      Auditor Appointed   Moved: G. White   Seconded D. Badger

   d. Pension and Benefits Report- D. Badger
      - representative for 4 years on Board of Governors’ Committee
      - evaluation to be done in October 2019
      - JSPP received 90% approval from Faculty and USW
- small increase in pension amounts of .14% in October 2019

Questions raised: Will we still have a seat on the BofG-not sure, might not be from Guelph as the new plan includes Queens and U of Toronto.
- Will we still have ad hoc increases going forward-not with new plan, not sure about those in current plan.
- Will there be harmonization of 3 current plans-yes
- Do the plans need to wind up-legal standing, not sure
- Transition will be done by U of G and move assets to the new plan

e. UGRA Scholarship Report- F. Sharom
- There are sufficient funds now to allow endowment fund to cover this scholarship

f. United Way-J. Hutchins
- Introduced Co-chairs of UW for 2019/20 C. Kerr and J. Ferguson
- $657,000 raised in 18/19 year, 11.5% of that from retirees-record amount
- Annual Kickoff is Sept 24 in the Branion Plaza, serving hot dogs, corn, apple crisp and UofG ice cream and announcing goal, retirees urged to attend as well as Seeing is Believing Tour August 22/19

g. Communications Report-S. Wi-Afedzi
- new website set up
Newsletter-C. McCallum
- can be emailed or mailed out 3 times a year-Fall, Winter, Spring
- there is room for more ads

h. UGRA Adventures-V. Tremblay
- trip to China for 17 days October 10-27 still spots available
- sanctioned by Chinese government
- will be seeing pandas, Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Yangtze River, Terracotta Army
- Trip through Collette Travel to France April 2020

5. Keynote Address-Dr. Malcolm Campbell, VP Research U of G

- 13th out of Canadian Universities, 16th nationally, 2nd nationally among comprehensive universities, 1st nationally for corporate research and 1st nationally for Not for Profit
- Research Funding $150 million
- examined 2 researchers-F. Lei of Dept of Psychology-“Hangry” is a real phenomenon, research being done on many different animals and fish
- new beef facility is opening soon with a herd of 200 cows
- dairy facility has 200 milking cows
- new Turfgrass Centre opening soon
2nd researcher-H. Hambly Odane-School of Environmental Design and Rural Development
-rural and remote areas are in need of computer and health care
-determining how computers can help with research
-220 researchers with 15 field stations doing dairy and animal testing at New Liskeard, Emo and various other locations in southern Ontario
-Food for Thought generates 76.7 million
-Guelph one of two communities for the first Smart City Challenge in food
-U of G is the most partnered university in Canada
-environmental, human, and animal health and growing business network

-Board members continuing for 2nd year of two year term
Doug Badger-B of Governors
Dana Paramkas-Membership
Kent Percival
Roz Stevenson-Past President
Vikki Tremblay-President
Glenn White-Treasurer
Sue Wi-Afedzi-Website
Board Members standing as candidates for an additional two year term
Julie Hutchins-Secretary
Charlotte McCallum-Newsletter
Frances Sharom
Candidates for 1st year of two year term
Janet MacInnes
Cathy Ralston
No nominations from the floor. All elected for 12 directors of the board.

New President’s Remarks-V. Tremblay

Adjournment: 12 noon