
RETIREE GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Friday May 13, 2016
10:00 a.m. | A257

Attendees:

Marlene Dong (a)	Gerda Krause (<i>Chair</i>)
Mel Fearman	Dawn Palmer
Martin Gerson	Pam Robertson (a)
Moira Gookstetter	Kristen Vincent (a)
Mike Holmwood (a)	Gayleen Wren (a)
Ken Jillings	

Minutes:

Anna McAuliffe

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved, with changes, by consensus.

2. Approval of minutes of April 20, 2016

The minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2016 were approved by consensus.

3. Business Arising

a) Communicating with retirees

Gerda noted that Marlene will connected with Mike, Roy and Gayleen about switching over Facebook administration duties and using their personal accounts rather than a pseudonym. A discussion on the functionality of the listserv was held.

ACTION: Anna to confirm listserv sign-up instructions.

ACTION: Gerda to send June 8 event invitation to the listserv.

b) Meeting with Justin

Gerda, Ken and Martin met with Justin Yau to discuss creating a retiree directory through the MyLangara portal. Justin responded that he would look into the possibility and noted he has nothing to do with the public Langara website and recommended speaking to C&M. Gerda met with Marlene, who was suggested that the most logical static page to house retiree information would be under the HR section. Content and the purpose of the webpage will need to be decided.

c) Retiree pins

Retiree pins were handed out at the recently held Long Service Awards and President's luncheon. Several pins will be brought to the June 8th event to capture anyone who did not receive one at the January event or any previous retiree-related events.

d) Societies Act

It was determined that at this time there is no advantage to creating a retiree society under the Societies Act. It was noted that an organization can join COSCO without obtaining legal status which means the group can access their educational seminars, workshops, and speakers. It was decided that this item will be put on hold until a clearer vision of the Langara retiree group is established.

4. June Event

a) Meal and venue update

Ken reported that the golf course will accommodate a vegetarian option with the buffet and the total per person will be \$30.

ACTION: Ken to request contract from the golf course and have it directed to Dawn for approval.

b) Program and/or activities

The program discussed at the previous meeting was reviewed. Martin reported that Jim Boyd has accepted the invitation to speak and will be bringing Ken Craig, president of CURAC (College and University Retirees Association of Canada). A discussion on what they would address in their presentation was held. It was suggested that they address the benefits of a retiree association, what types of activities they have organized at their respective organizations, and what the major things are that an association can offer its members.

ACTION: Anna to prepare nameplates for speakers and committee members for the June 8th event.

i. Questions for table discussions

It was decided that the following questions would be put to each table during dinner to generate discussion:

- What kinds of events/activities would you like to participate in? How often?
- What would encourage you to assist in organizing events/activities?
- How can we communicate more effectively to all retirees?

It was suggest that the questions be set in different orders for each table to ensure responses are collected for each question.

c) Promotion

It was noted that interest to attend the event from non-retirees has been received. It was decided that the event would be opened to other Langara executives if the capacity of 60 attendees is not reached before the rsvp deadline.

5. Other

A detailed agenda was discussed as follows:

5:00 p.m. – Event opens/arrivals/payments collected at door

5:10 p.m. – Announcement by emcee (Martin) directing people to their seats

5:15 p.m. – Introduction/welcome by Martin; introduction of Lane Trotter

5:20 p.m. – Lane speaks

5:25 p.m. – Speakers (Jim Boyd and guest)

5:45 p.m. – Martin introductions table discussion format

5:50 p.m. – Attendees get dinner; table discussions

6. Next meeting

An informal meeting of the committee has been scheduled for June 8th at 3:30 p.m. in Gerda's office.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.