



LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR) MEETING MINUTES

May 1st, 2025

1:00-2:15 pm, via Zoom

Attendees:

Patricia Cia

Roy Sinn - Regrets

Bruce Kennedy

Martin Gerson

Alan Cooper

Kevin Craib

Dave Lidstone

Brian McGibney

Yue Su (Su) - Regrets

1. Any additions to the agenda

- No additions.

2. Approval of the agenda

- Approved.

3. Approval of the minutes from March 20th, 2025.

- Approved.

4. Business

4.1. Finances

- Treasurer report: Martin
 - Limited activity to report.
- Discussed transfer of funds to the Langara Foundation:
 - Proceeds from the Gala: \$900 in ticket sales + additional revenue.
 - Patricia approved the e-transfer sent to Foundation by Martin (\$1,200).
- Balance of account after transfer is \$76.13 which is primarily from CURAC (based on Langara retirees who take advantage of RTO and related affiliate products/services).
 - **Decision:** Leave the money in the account for now.
 - Future allocations may bring similar additional funds.
- Bursary Update: Patricia
 - Fund balances per Foundation has not changed as of April 30, 2025.
 - A411 – Langara College Retirees Bursary - \$2,400
 - R038 – Langara College Retirees Fund General - \$11,400
 - These funds include Langara matching funds (based on donors who are current or retired employees).

4.2. Grand Gala Recap: Dave

- Production Review report from Dave shared with Board
- Key insights:
 - More hands-on deck due to additional volunteers.

- Setting up online ticketing was challenging.
- Promotion was wide-reaching, but on-campus visibility remains an issue.
- Some had difficulty purchasing tickets but on whole went well.
- The Studio 58 tap dance set was a highlight, enriching student involvement.
- Non-alcoholic beverages were well received.
- Donations added to \$1,300 for scholarships under Courtenay's name (will be matched).
- A formal review with photos and reports forthcoming.
- Feedback for future: Signage and/or directions for attendees as unlike regular Studio 58 presentations, check-in and refreshments desks are set up at stage entrance.
- Kevin congratulated Dave for a well-executed event.
- Motion: That LCAR applaud the request from Studio 58 Staff to direct the funds from the 2025 LCAR Grand Gala to the Courtney Dobbie Scholarship.
 - Motion Approved.
- Motion: That LCAR applaud the choices Studio 58 have made regarding funds from past LCAR Galas.
 - Discussion: Our records show the following amounts being directed to the Studio 58 General Fund with the Foundation matching each of these donations: \$1322 in 2017, \$1155 in 2018, \$473 in 2019, \$900 in 2023, and \$1315 in 2024.
 - Studio 58 has requested the Foundation direct \$946 to the Carol Chrisjohn scholarship (as we had requested in 2019) and the rest (totaling \$9384) be put toward the Bruce Kennedy Scholarship which they are establishing.
 - Motion Approved.

4.3. Recruit more members for Board – Alan

- Alan leading recruitment efforts: agenda item remains as a reminder.
- **Suggested action:** Start a potential list of candidates, passing on names to Alan
- Challenge connecting with retirees as they lose their Langara email access upon departure.
- LCAR Chair has attended President's Lunch for Retirees in past to talk about LCAR.
- Potential outreach solutions:
 - LFA, CUPE may be able to send a message on LCAR's behalf (privacy concerns).
 - Consider mailing postcards to retirees (via HR? as we won't have their addresses).

4.4. Workshops and social events – Roy, Dave

- Re-evaluating summer social events, no dates confirmed.
- Suggestion for other events include guest lectures or a golf tournament.
- Kevin to explore possible golf event.

4.5. LCAR Website update – Roy, Alan

- No concerns noted regarding the website (Alan, Roy).
- Forwarding tax-related information from CURAC.
- Spring newsletter under discussion, evaluating feasibility.



4.6. Newsletter team update– Dave, Martin, Patricia

- People are considering email newsletters.
- Aiming to publish a spring edition.

4.7. Liaison with College Pension Plan Retirees ([CPPR](#)) update – Alan

- Concerns about recruitment and member engagement.
- Lack of continuity among leadership impacts institutional memory.
- Need better communication strategies for recruitment and event outreach.

4.8. Liaison with [COSCO](#) update –Kevin

Minutes not received (COSCO email marked as spam).

- Health updates:
 - BC, Manitoba, and PEI joined the National Pharmacare program.
 - Enrollment required by June 1, based on 2024 income.
- Homeless prevention efforts: 400 units of non-market subsidized housing.
- COSCO requested a meeting with the Ministry of Health on April 11.
- Next COSCO meeting: May 9.

4.9 Liaison with [CURAC](#) update – Dave

- CURAC requested input for their newsletter, Patricia has followed up
- Dave will attend the AGM virtually this year.
 - He will ask for clarification on how members are identifying Langara affiliation when using affiliate products.
- No significant updates beyond this.

Retiree Benefits & Services Summary

- A recent retiree raised questions about retiree benefits.
- Previous LCAR Chair had shared insights on what makes a college senior-friendly, and Langara does not currently meet those criteria.
- Langara financially supports LCAR - up to \$5,000 per year, managed through P&C
- Also, Langara provides some administrative support from P&C Executive Assistant.
- Library services, Continuing Studies discounts, and LCAR workshops remain available.
- Langara retirees do not receive software access (e.g., Microsoft Word). Software licenses can be costly.
- SFU provides email and software access for retirees.

Next Meeting: June 24th, 2025, at 10:00am via Zoom.