
RETIREE GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 5, 2016
10:00 – 11:30 a.m. | B144

Attendees:

Deanna Douglas (a)	Gerda Krause (<i>Chair</i>)
Mel Fearman	Robin Macqueen (a)
Martin Gerson	Dawn Palmer (a)
Eric Grass (a)	Kristen Vincent
Mike Holmwood	Gayleen Wren
Ken Jillings	

Minutes:

Anna McAuliffe

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

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

2. Approval of minutes of March 1, 2016

The minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2016 were approved by consensus.

3. Business Arising

a) Communications with retirees

An update on a number of action items from the previous meeting was provided. Gerda noted that the Emeritus awards will not be confirmed and announced until convocation. She spoke with Jag regarding the status of retiree email addresses. IT has committed to ensuring retirees will continue to have access to their Langara email addresses, but they are in the process of another email server migration which will require a lot of their resources. This migration is expected to be completed closer to the end of the year.

Mike posted a copy of the organization chart to the listserv. The organizational chart has since been updated to reflect a restructuring of the Senior Leadership Team.

ACTION: Mike to send out the revised version of the organizational chart to the listserv.

A discussion on how to stay connected with other retirees was held stemming from the research done on other retiree associations. It was suggested that a webpage for

retirees be added to the Langara website or incorporated into MyLangara. A feature of the page would be a searchable directory of retirees.

ACTION: Gerda to set up meeting with Justin Yau (IT), Martin and Ken.

Gayleen reported that Roy Sinn has agreed to act as a second administrator for the Retiree 101 Facebook page.

It was also noted that Robin has stepped down from the committee due to other commitments.

4. Information about other retiree groups

Ken and Martin reported on their research of other retiree groups. Ken noted that the BC Hydro group, Power Pioneers, is a well-developed organization that has evolved from a social organization into a community service club. Spouses and partners of retirees are included in the membership and can participate in leadership activities and roles. He also noted that a survey has been distributed to Post Secondary Employer's Association (PSEA). Feedback has not yet been received.

Martin noted that SFU, UBC, and UVIC all have retiree associations of some form. The SFU and UVIC organizations have incorporated themselves under the B.C. Society Act and have developed constitutions and by-laws. They also collect dues from their members. He has reached out to the SFU president in hopes of gathering additional information. He also found the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada which is a federation of retiree associations at colleges and universities across Canada, and noted that the federation does not include a single college at this time.

5. Future Event

a) Venue

The Langara Golf Course has been confirmed as the venue for the next event. The capacity for a sit down meal is 60 people. Gerda noted that HR now has a \$5000 budget line to support retiree initiatives and the Langara Foundation has offered to sponsor the dinner at the June event.

b) Date

The date for the next event has been confirmed from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 8th.

c) Meal

A discussion on menu options was held. It was decided that a buffet set-up would be requested.

ACTION: Ken to follow-up with the golf course to inquire about a custom menu in the range of \$28-30 per person.

d) Program and/or activities

A discussion on the purpose and structure of the event was held. It was suggested that a speaker from a retiree association, preferably an academic institution, would be invited to give a brief talk on developing an association. After the presentation, and during dinner, attendees would be given a set of prepared questions to generate discussion on what the Langara retiree group should look like moving forward.

ACTION: Martin to inquire about getting a speaker from the SFU retiree association.

6. Other

The call for convocation volunteers was circulated internally this week.

ACTION: Kristen to forward call for convocation volunteers to the retiree listserve.

Mel inquired about what outreach mechanisms are in place for newly retired employees as the focus has mostly been on those who have been away from Langara for a long period of time. It was noted that a message about the listserve and Facebook page will be incorporated in the upcoming Long Service Awards. The President's Retiree luncheon is also being organized at the end of April. It was suggested that those attendees be given a retiree pin.

ACTION: Gerda to inquire with Lane about handing out pins at the President's luncheon or the Long Service Celebration.

Pam reported on the success of the SOS Campaign held in March. Thanks to the efforts of all involved, the Foundation doubled the amount of monthly donors from 17 to 40. A total of \$26,000 was raised over the four weeks of the campaign and will be matched by the college.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 20th at 11:30 a.m. in room C121.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.