

LANGARA COLLEGE RETIREES STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 10, 2019, A257, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Minutes

Attendees:

Roy Sinn – Chair	Dawn Palmer - regrets	Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)
Dave Lidstone	Shannon Redmond - regrets	Moira Gookstetter - regrets
Gail Bremer	Yvonne Ohara	Ken Jillings
Jane Mason	Denise Panchysyn - regrets	Michael Sharzer - regrets
		Carly Barrett - guest

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved with the additional of Incident Update (Jane) and Expansion of Membership (Yvonne)

2. Approval of the Minutes

Approved as distributed and will be uploaded to the website.

3. Welcome new Members

Roy welcomed Jane Mason to the steering committee

4. Business Arising

a. Events – Beyond 49 Community Day – June 15, 2019

- Carly Barrett joined the meeting on Moira's behalf to provide an update
- They are finalizing the program for the day which will include two stages for live entertainment/music
- Many departments will be part of the day
- There will be games and prizes and something for everyone including kids
- There will be a Langarans Zone for reconnection and mini reunions
- Yvonne looking for volunteers to take part in a 'human library' where people could book time with a certain individual to hear some history
- If there are performers that want to take part, please contact Carly
- Part of the campus will be a 'then and now'; are there stories or content that the group can contribute
- A few mini-reunions taking place (Fine Arts reunion) part of Community Day
- A retirees mini-reunion could take part on this date as well – would need about 20 people in order to go ahead (Yvonne to schedule a session early in the day)
- Roy can post on the ListServ and Facebook
- If there are idea of where Carly should be advertising, please let her know.

b. COSCO

- no update

c. Upcoming Social Gatherings

- Pub Gathering today, April 10

- Ken will arrange a Golf Course gathering for the afternoon of May 23
- LFA Event on May 9 – Dave will be speaking on behalf of the retirees at the end of their program

5. Membership Update – Shannon E

a. New Subscriptions List

- Shannon reported that she has tracked all new additions to the listserv since January 2018: 17 retirees have signed up and 7 have unsubscribed
- The list of retirees on the Langara website for this year were contacted via their Langara email and encouraged to join

b. Retirement package of forms

- Shannon confirmed with HR that there is no package of forms sent from HR to retirees, only an email letter confirming their retirement date which already includes a paragraph encouraging employees to join the listserv (a hyperlink is provided)

c. Business Cards/ListServ Sign-up Card

- A space for phone number will be added and this information will be tracked on a spreadsheet as there is no field on the listserv for it
- The updated retirees 'business cards' and sign-up cards will be sent to the printer to be ready before the LFA event on May 9
- Shannon E will contact Dave when the print job is received

d. Expansion of membership - Yvonne

- Yvonne suggested a mailing to retirees who have not yet joined
- HR would be unable to provide the information required

6. Project to gather information about what activities retirees are engaging in

- Deferred to next meeting

7. Conference Attendance – Roy

- Guelph, May 22 – 24, 2019 – no one attending
- UBC, May 20 – 22, 2020 – deferred for further discussion
 - Martin received an email from the UBC Emeritus College at UBC. They are hosting the 2020 CURAC conference and invited the LCR to participate.
- Tri-University, April 30, 2019
 - Dave and Martin approved to attend; submit travel expenses to Shannon. Roy will send the agenda.

8. Other Business

- Roy reported that Denise has resigned from the committee due to conflicts.
- A celebration for Ajay Patel is scheduled for April 25 at 3:00 pm in the Employee Lounge. In lieu of gifts, [The Ajay Patel](#) Fund has been created. RSVP to Lucy Smith, Executive Assistant, at lsmith@langara.ca

April 1 Incident Status Update –

- Jane reported on the student who allegedly brought accelerants and lit two fires in T-Building.
- Alarms and sprinklers were activated and the T-Building was evacuated.
- 30 – 45 min later, VPD took over campus and evacuated the remainder of campus.
- Campus was safely evacuated and there were no injuries.
- The Emergency Operations Centre was established at Langara Golf Course with a VPD officer assigned to stay with the committee.
- On day 2, the investigation on going and the campus was closed and fully swept by VPD.
- All personal belongings left behind and exams in progress were collected and safely stored.
- People were able to come back and retrieve their things and classes resumed on Wednesday.
- RES was quickly relocated to A Building and faculty who had offices in T were also being relocated.
- Events in T-Gallery have been rescheduled or cancelled.
- 13 critical incident stress debriefing sessions for staff and students were scheduled.
- The suspect was caught on the day of the event and has had two court appearances.
- The suspect remains in custody with another court date April 11. Langara has plans in place should he be released.
- Several operational debrief sessions will be scheduled with an external party who specializes in this work.
- Gail who was in T-Building at the time commented that everyone was calm and there was much support provided.
- The vast majority of people are okay but there are a few people who are struggling and they are being provided any assistance they need.
- T-Building closed while a restoration company does their work.
- Faculty offices have been boxed up and stored securely.

9. Next Meeting

- Thursday, May 9, 2019. Shannon E to secure a room and send an invitation.

10. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.