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WURA NEWS



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Editorial

WURA News was first published in June 1991 by the founding editor Dr. Bill Phillips. He edited 24 issues till the end of 1997. In January 1998, I became the editor and till date 112 issues have been published, which are all available on the WURA WEBSITE.

In 1998 there was slight modification to the format to the news letter. Next a third design change was made in March 2008.

Now this the fourth design change with this issue made in the Publisher program.

Many thanks to several retiree colleagues who have contributed news items and scholarly work in these pages, over the years.

WURA members are invited to submit newsworthy and scholarly items and other information for publication in these pages.

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Presidential Search Committee Update

The Presidential Search Committee held a retreat and meeting in early February in preparation for search of the Seventh President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Windsor.

It was a productive meeting where new and continuing members of the committee were able to refresh key documents to the process; review last year's process to identify areas for improvement; and set the agenda for the ensuing search.

Advertisements for the Seventh President and Vice-Chancellor are being finalized. Our consultants, Laverne Smith & Associates Inc. will begin seeking applications. Suggestions of individuals that might be approached to determine their interest in being considered for the position are welcome and may be submitted to Laverne Smith & Associates Inc. at Windsor@lavernesmith.com.

Membership Dues for 2019

\$ 25 per year

Please send your Cheques

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UWindsor Presidential Update



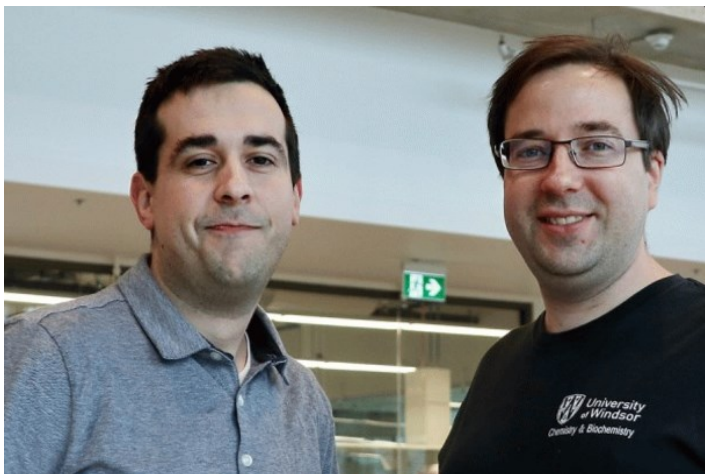
The University of Windsor scored multiple successes in teaching and research in 2018, **says interim president Douglas Kneale** in a message he sent to the campus community in December.

"The success of our students and alumni, the support of our staff, the achievements of our faculty, the leadership of our administrative team, and the partnership of our retirees, donors, and community have made Fall 2018 an extraordinary moment in our trajectory," Dr. Kneale wrote.

He said he anticipates significant developments across the provincial landscape in the year to come, but made few predictions other than expecting clarity on the issues of the funding formula, the tuition framework, and the Strategic Mandate Agreements early in 2019.

Read the entire communiqué on the president's website.

Awards Honour Professors in Chemistry and Biochemistry



University of Windsor professors **Simon Rondeau-Gagné** and **John Trant** who received the 2019 Thieme Chemistry Journal Award are among 92 young professors from around the world recognized as recipients of a 2019 Thieme Chemistry Journal Award.

“This is a tremendous achievement,” said Dan Mennill, associate dean, graduate studies and research. “The Faculty of Science is proud of both Dr. Rondeau-Gagné and Dr. Trant as well as their achievements.”

Rondeau-Gagné said it is “particularly appreciated and rewarding to be recognized by our peers at the international level, especially at the beginning of our careers.”

The Thieme Chemistry Journal Awards recognize promising early career researchers in organic chemistry and related fields such as inorganic, physical, material, and biological.

Nursing Student Wins Award

Office of Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility recognized nursing student **Chantal Kayumba** for her advocacy on behalf of patients.

UWindsor nursing students on clinical placements are expected to write about their experiences and turn in their notes to instructors as part of their course work. When fourth-year student **Chantal Kayumba** wrote about discriminatory comments targeting certain patients and the gutsy way she addressed it, Prof. Brenda McLaughlin took notice.



“By acting on her beliefs, Chantal stimulated change in the agency’s corporate culture and helped to protect vulnerable people,” McLaughlin said. “She also made strides in making University of Windsor field placements safer environments for students of minority groups.”

Dr Frank DeMarco Celebrated His 98th Birthday

He began as an assistant professor and varsity coach at Assumption College, later became the inaugural Principal of Essex College, first Dean of Applied Science, and then served as Vice- President for three Presidents. He retired as Senior Vice President.

He has been referred to as “architect”, “builder”, founding “pillar”, “Mr. Assumption”, “Mr. Windsor”, “Coach”, “Professor,” and “Dean “. No matter the label or title, they all point to the enormous contribution DeMarco has made to the University of Windsor and the wider Windsor community.

In 2009 he received the prestigious Clark Award. In 2015, WURA presented him a special certificate in recognition of his contributions to the university.

In 2016, a Special Award was recommended by WURA Executive for being a member of WURA for 25 years in good standing. He was presented at this luncheon with a certificate. Later, Dr. DeMarco addressed the gathering

Although Frank A. DeMarco, a man of many hats, was honoured on May 28, 2016 at the University of Windsor by former colleagues and students, friends, staff and members of his family, who donated \$100,000 to the University’s engineering and

science faculties in honour of his illustrious career.

Frank A. DeMarco Former UWindsor leader still making an impact, president Alan Wildeman, and Carl St. Pierre, Dean of engineering Mehrdad Saif, presented remarks during the lab naming ceremony on May 28 at the Ed Lumley Centre for Engineering Innovation.

WURA Continues To Salute Long Standing Members The WURA Executive and other colleagues would like to salute a number of our fellow retirees

who have been members for over 25 years and now in their nineties. We wish them continuing good health and happiness.



New Writer In Residence



Gail Scott

is UWindsor's writer-in-residence in the English Department

A Canadian novelist who helped shape Québécoise feminist language theory is UWindsor's latest writer-in-residence.

Gail Scott, a fiction writer, essayist, and translator, will read from her works at two events and will be a resource for students during her time on campus.

Many of Scott's novels and short stories deal with fragmentation in time, subjects, and narrative structures. Her ghost story, *The Obituary*, was a 2011 finalist for Le Grand Prix du Livre de la Ville de Montréal, and two of her novels — *Main Brides* and *Heroine* — were both nominated for the Quebec Writers' Federation Award. Her translation of Michael Delisle's *Le Déasarroi du matelot* was shortlisted for the Governor General's translation award in 2001.

"She has done much to create a writerly community in English-speaking Quebec, introduce French feminist theory and writers to the general populace, forge a 'new narrative' with her own ground-breaking writing, and write critically about — and translate — other writers' books," said UWindsor English professor Nicole Markotić. "It's an honour and quite a coup that we've secured her as one of our writers-in-residence."

WURA Members Wish Stan Cunningham A Speedy Recovery

Three weeks ago Stan slipped and fell on ice on his driveway and hurt his head.

He had to undergo brain surgery and after his care in ICU he has been transferred to The Prince Road Rehab Centre. He is progressing well.

I am in touch by phone and conveyed the good wishes of WURA colleagues.

Stan is past president of WURA and WUFA.

Academic Development Travel Fund for Retirees - ADTFR

Deadline for Applications JUNE 15, 2019

PI go to Office of Research Services WEB Site.

Click on Retirees Travel Fund. Click on Application For Retirees.

PI fill the form and send it to WURA Office Room G119Chrysler Hall North

PI send an Electronic Copy to Mr. Roger Lauzon, President WURA - rlauzon@uwindsor.ca

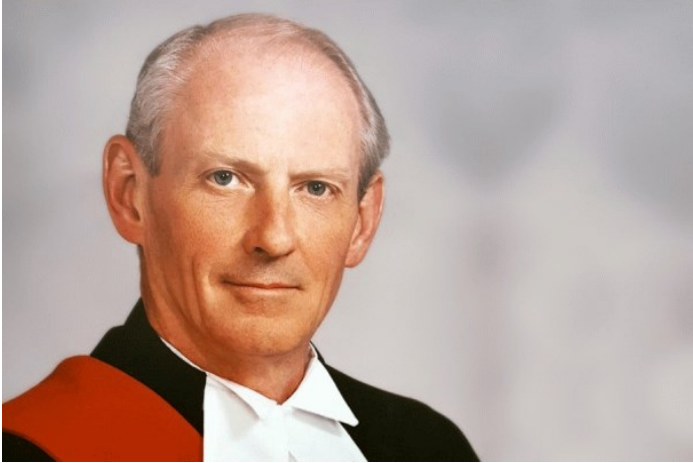
Alumni Affairs Invites WURA Members To Stratford Outing on May 13, 2019

Play—Merry Wives of Windsor

Info: <http://www.uwindsor.ca/alumni/2019/stratford>

Former Board Chair Passes Away

Former chair of the UWindsor board of Governors, **John Brockenshire**, who died on Dec. 19, was remembered as a friend to the University and pillar of the community. John Brockenshire (BA 1955) was a supporter of the University generous with his money and



his time, says UWindsor president Douglas Kneale.

Brockenshire, a retired Justice of the Superior Court of Ontario. He served the University of Windsor as a sessional instructor in the Faculty of Law and the Odette School of Business, and held a position on its Board of Governors from 1978 to 1987, including a three-year term as chair.

“John Brockenshire’s engagement with the University over several decades touched the lives of many people across diverse areas, from drama to athletics to academics to capital projects,” Dr. Kneale said. “His legacy is long and deep and will not be forgotten.”

Brockenshire received the Alumni Award of Merit in 1993 and the Clark Award in 1997 in

recognition of his service to the university and the community, volunteering his skills and knowledge in support of the United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Cancer Society, Windsor Aquatic Club, Assumption University, and Canterbury College, among others.

He and his wife Norma Brockenshire (deceased July 2016) received honorary doctorates in civil laws from the University during its 2007 Convocation ceremonies. They were valued donors to programs in law, business, drama, and science, as well as Lancer athletics and student scholarships.

Brockenshire’s final gift to the University’s students was the outdoor ping-pong table in the David A. Wilson Commons.

Ontario Government

Cuts Student Fees

A 10 per cent cut in tuition fees announced Thursday by the provincial government will have a negative effect on the ability of Ontario universities to provide the best possible learning experience, says a response from Council of Ontario Universities president David Lindsay.

Students from the University of Windsor and St. Clair College staged a demonstration in protest of Provincial Funding.

Multifest Celebrates Diversity

Windsor Law awards

recognize dedication to equitable and inclusive environment.



Windsor Law students, faculty, and staff enjoyed a day full of celebrations and awards on Wednesday, Jan. 30 — Multifest, organized by the Student's Law Society and the Equity and Diversity Committee, has been an annual event for several years.

Multifest provides an opportunity for the law school community to celebrate its diversity and learn more about different cultures and groups. Student clubs set up display tables that included posters, handouts, activities, cultural dress, food, and music.

The event also featured presentation of the annual Equity & Diversity Awards, which recognize members of the Windsor Law community for their dedication to fostering an equitable and inclusive environment within the Faculty of Law and beyond.

In the staff category, awards were presented to Michelle Nahdee, Indigenous studies co-ordinator, and clinical therapist Laura Little. In the student category, Stephanie Pangowish and Davide De Luca received awards for their contributions to enhancing equity and inclusion at the University of Windsor.

Physicist Roman Maev speaks to reporters during the launch of ONtech Rapid Coatings

New company born of UWindsor research Jan 23rd, 2019.



Rust never sleeps, so neither does University of Windsor physicist Roman Maev.

Dr. Maev, founder of UWindsor's Institute for Diagnostic Imaging Research (IDIR) and local ultrasonic imaging manufacturer Tessonics Inc., has developed a new way of applying powder coatings that cleans, coats, and works metal in a single operation.

The technology has been used for several years on Enwin equipment — transformers, transformer stations, switching equipment, connectors, pipes, and the welded joints on the Hanna Street water tower — prolonging the life of equipment and causing fewer service disruptions to customers.

The application is now on the market through a new company, unveiled Tuesday, called ONtech Rapid Coatings. A collaboration between Tessonics and Enwin Energy, ONtech will market the technology across North America to utility companies, pipeline repair companies, automotive parts manufacturers and shipbuilding and aerospace industries.

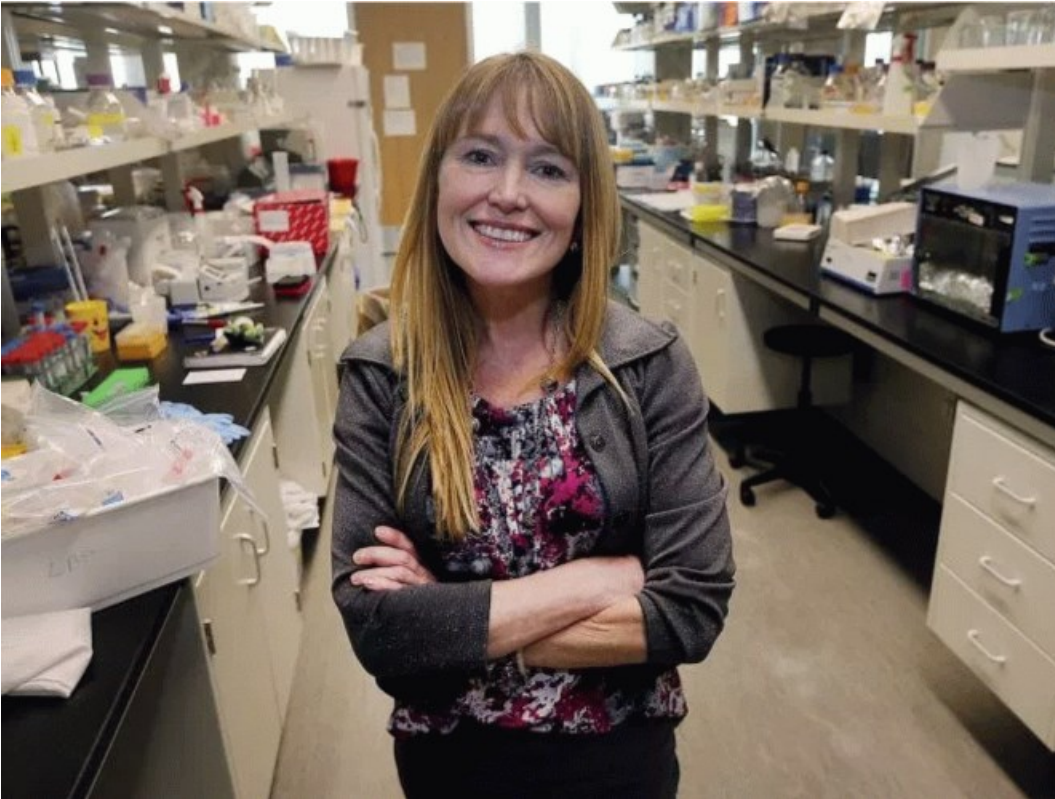
"This demonstrates a great example of how initial collaboration between the University and Windsor and Enwin can be translated to a new, high-tech startup," Maev said.

Lisa Porter Receives One Million Grant For Cancer Research

A team led by UWindsor biologist

Lisa Porter has received more than a million dollars grant to advance research on an aggressive form of brain cancer.

Glioblastoma multiforme, or GBM, is the



aggressive cancer that claimed the life of Gord Downie, lead singer for the Canadian rock band the Tragically Hip. Dr. Porter's research focuses on finding new therapy directions to treat GBM. The research began with funding from the Canadian Cancer Society, said Porter, the clinical director who helped found the Windsor Cancer Research Group.

"The results were so promising that we applied for this larger federal funding," she said. "We are thrilled to have this support to con-

tinue the work."

The funding, part of a \$275 million announcement the federal health minister made earlier this week, will be spread over five years. It will be used to amass pre-

clinical data, using samples for testing. While the goal is to move onto patients, we need to first complete all testing in the lab," explained Porter.

The funding will support seven researchers, including students, who work in Porter's lab. The research is being done in collaboration with Windsor neurosurgeon Abdalla Shamisa, Windsor oncologist Swati Kulkarni, Wayne State University researcher Ana deCarvalho, Michigan

State University researcher Eran Andrechek and cancer researcher Daniel Schramek from the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute in Toronto.

"It takes a lot of collaborators to move this forward," Porter said.

Porter's GBM research is one of 370 health research projects across the country included in . CIHR is the major federal agency responsible for funding health and medical research in Canada.

CURAC Conference

May 22-24, 2019

<https://www.ugra.ca/curac/conference>

The University of Guelph Retirees Association is proud to host the 2019 conference and AGM of the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada/Associations de retraités des universités et collèges du Canada (CURAC/ARUCC) May 22 to 24 on the Guelph campus.

Come join us in the Royal City as retiree association members from across the country gather to share ideas and information and also to participate in a series of educational sessions geared to retirement life. This year's sessions focus on health, a major area of research strength at the University of Guelph. Check out the program and speakers.

Conference Registration

Register by April 15, 2019 to take advantage of the early-bird rate.

Full Conference: all program sessions, opening reception, banquet, breakfast, lunch and refreshment breaks

Early bird rate until April 15: \$180 + 13% HST

Regular rate April 15 - May 1: \$200 + 13% HST

Single day Thursday or Friday: all program sessions, breakfast, lunch and refreshment breaks

Early bird rate until April 15: \$120 + 13% HST

Regular rate after April 15 - May 1: \$140 + 13% HST

CURAC 2019 Conference Program

Thursday May 23, 2019 -Session 1: Opening and Round Tables

Welcome

CURAC/ARUCC Priorities and Activities – (topics and format TBD)

Roundtables on desired CURAC focus (topics and format TBD)

Session 2 - Agri-Foods for Human Health

Have your retirement plans gone to the dogs? Perhaps they should!*

Can we use bugs as drugs?

CURAC/ARUCC Annual General Meeting (AGM)

CURAC Awards Banquet

Welcome and CURAC Awards

Friday May 24, 2019 - Session 3

Feeding the Future - Climate Change, Population Growth and Technology

Sexuality and Aging: the Final Frontier

Aging Well and Age-Friendly Communities

Session 4 - Collecting the Past for the Future

Conference Feedback & Closing Remarks

IN MEMORIAM

Joan Una Magee

Passed away on August 6, 2018 at the age of 90 years. Born in Windsor, Ontario on March 20, 1928, daughter of the late Archibald Blake Magee (1933) and Florence G. Moffat Magee (1966).



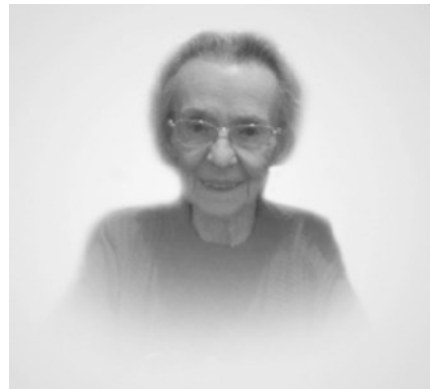
Survived by her best friend of many decades Hendrika Ruger, her niece Linda (Magee) Pfaff (Mark) of London, Ontario and great-nephew Justin Pfaff of London, Ontario.

She earned a Master of Library Science Degree and worked as Children's Librarian at Willistead Public Library and later as Head of the Reference Department at the University of Windsor Library. She also taught Scandinavian Studies at the University.

Joan has written several books relating to emigration from different European countries to Canada. In 1992 she was awarded the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation and in 1993 she was appointed Knight in "the Order of Oranje Nassau" by The Netherlands.

Phyllis NOLAN Clare (nee McDermott)

Passed away peacefully in her 91st year, at Windsor Regional Hospital, (Metropolitan Campus) on Thursday, February 14, 2019 after a brief illness. Phyllis Nolan was born on April 28, 1928.



She was predeceased by her husband, Patrick Thomas Nolan (July 8, 1995) of Windsor and by her siblings, Thomas McDermott, William McDermott, James McDermott and Anne Meakin (Thomas), all of Michigan.

Phyllis is survived by her stepchildren, Brian Nolan (Mary Jo), Windsor, Sheila Ewaschuk Nolan, Hamilton. Hugh Nolan (Donna), Kingsville, Kevin Nolan, Calgary, Alta., and Dennis Nolan (Marie), Newmarket, Phyllis is also survived by many nieces and nephews across the United States.

Phyllis was a Professor at Assumption University and then the University of Windsor in the Home Economics Department and the Human Kinetics Department from September, 1959 to September, 1991 when she took early retirement so that she could spend time travelling with and enjoying the company of her husband, Patrick, to whom she was devoted.

WURA President's Message

Welcome to the end of the semester ! Every term seems to go by faster than the previous one.

As I indicated when I started as WURA President, I wanted to see WURA operating as an inclusive organization, where decisions and actions taken were the result of full consultation, as much as possible, among WURA members. In this regard, at the first WURA Executive Committee meeting, I set up six project groups, with the assistance of the Vice-President, Veronika Mogyorody, and Past President, David Palmer. These six project groups were each comprised of a Chair and 4 or more members, giving input and feedback to the Chair. The first three projects have a deadline of the WURA Spring General Meeting in April, where the other three projects are more ongoing. I will briefly explain the role of each of these first three projects.

The first project group, chaired by Maureen Irish, deals with the WURA Constitution Wording for the Membership Change to Include Managers. This group is looking at what was discussed at the WURA Fall General meeting, where it was initially presented to the membership, but not approved because of a lack of quorum. This group is trying to properly identify this group (what they should be called) and has approached HR trying to get a count of the numbers. The Social Activities group, the second group, is chaired by David Palmer. This group is looking to find a Spring Social Event for the WURA members, which is equivalent to the an-

nual Holiday Luncheon. Amica Riverside has approached our group about visiting their site. They will be providing a free lunch there on April 30th for any interested WURA members and spouses. We are looking at this as our spring social event this year. We have asked Amica to invite other WURA members who are current Amica residents. The third project group, the WURA Membership group, is chaired by Norm King. This group has invited past WURA members, who have not recently renewed, to rejoin WURA. This group has also sent a note to all WURA members, reminding them to pay their annual dues by mid-March, so that they will be on the list of WURA members sent to IT Services, who will have free access to the online MS Office suite.

The last three project groups, which are ongoing, will only be listed with their Chairs now. We have the WURA Website Upgrade to Drupal 7 project group, chaired by Richard Dumala; the WURA Retirees' Booklet – Why Join WURA? project group, chaired by Datta Pillay; and the WURA Executive Terms of Reference – Executive Booklet project group, chaired by Veronika Mogyorody. I will briefly explain each one of these project groups in a subsequent Newsletter.

The WURA Scholarship/Bursary Award Committee has requested to advertise more both in the WURA Newsletter and Website, to hopefully increase the number and amount of the awards. The WURA Executive has agreed and at the committee's suggestion, is inviting a student recipient of a WURA award to speak at the WURA Spring General Meeting, indicating what the award has meant to him or her. On behalf of the WURA Executive, I would like to wish everyone a warm and enjoyable Spring!

Roger C. Lauzon

President, WURA

Windsor University Retirees Association

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WURA SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Freed Orman Commons Hall

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 2.00 pm.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Fall General Meeting Minutes
3. Business Arising
4. Bursary/Scholarship Fund:
Dr. Wilf Innerd / Dr. Barbara Thomas - Student Presentation
5. Correspondence
6. Executive Reports:
President's Report - *Mr. Roger Lauzon*
Treasurer's Report - *Dr. Norman King*
7. Status of Projects:
Constitution Wording for Membership Change – *Dr. Maureen Irish*
Spring Social Events – Amica Lunch; Alumni (?) – *Prof. David Palmer*
WURA Membership Renewals – *Dr. Norman King*
8. Committee Reports:
Meeting with President/Provost - *Mr. Roger Lauzon*
Pension and Benefits - *Dr. Barbara Thomas*
Board of Governors' Pension Committee - *Dr. Ihor Stebelsky*
Webmaster - *Mr. Richard Dumala*
9. Remarks:
Dr. Douglas Kneale, Interim President,
Prof. Jeff Berryman, Acting Provost
Mr. Peter Zimmerman, President, WUFA
Ms Rita LaCivita / Ms Cheryl Paglione,
Human Resources
Ms Marian Doll / Ms Marie Hawkins,
Student Awards and Financial Aid
10. Other business
11. Adjournment