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## The Association

The Windsor University Retirees' Association-WURA (Faculty, Librarian, Administrator) at Windsor was formed in 1990, to give a unified voice to retirees; to provide a bridge for communication with the University; to encourage social contact among the retirees; and to open a few doors through which retirees could continue to contribute to the University of Windsor.

There are only two meetings of the full membership per year: in the spring and the fall. Dues has been kept at the level of \$25 per year. This includes four issues of The Retirees' Newsletter

### Officers of the Association are:

President: David Palmer

Vice-President: Roger Lauzon

Treasurer & Membership : Norman King

Secretary: Roger Hussey

Elected Members of the Executive

Committee: Alfie Morgan, Julio Menezes, Christina Simmons, Ihor Stebelsky

Editor Newsletter: Datta Pillay

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Immediate Past President: Datta Pillay

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## President Alan Wildeman Will Leave

Office June 30, 2018



University of Windsor President Alan Wildeman announced that he will leave his position effective June 2018. Dr. Wildeman was appointed to his position July 1, 2008.

The announcement came during his annual State of the University address, in which Wildeman said he had made his decision only after long reflection.

"I am immensely proud of what the University has accomplished since I've been here. But it is all of you who have done it and the biggest task and the biggest joy for me is to applaud you," he said to an audience that included faculty, staff, students, board members, retirees, and community leaders.

"It's the right time for renewal to occur. The rebuilding of the campus, the integration into the downtown, the investment in new faculty, the need to make the rest of Ontario more aware of us, and most importantly the need to never waver from our story of letting students know that they come first... these were the things I saw as being important when I began."

Wildeman informed the University's Board of Governors of his decision prior to his address and the board will immediately begin the process to undertake a search for the next president.

## UWINDSOR Ranked Number One Among Five Rising Universities

UWindsor ranked number one among the country's rising universities. The University of Windsor was top among five universities named "Canada's Rising Stars" in University Hub's recently released Canadian University Rankings. The publication says the institutions named already have a lot to offer and promise to become household names in the near future.

University Hub cited UWindsor's investment in infrastructure, programs, and research among the reasons for its inclusion in the list and called the recently announced Science Research and Innovation Centre "an incredible space for creativity and collaboration."

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## CAMPUS NEWS

**UWindsor President Recognized  
for Promotion of Cultural Understanding**

**UWindsor president Alan Wildeman** will receive the Multicultural Council of Windsor Essex County's Harmony Award at a gala May 4 for his work to build a welcoming community, at a ceremony May 4 at the Ciociaro Club.

Dr. Wildeman will receive the Harmony Award, which honours those who have promoted the social equality of all cultures and contributed to a community that is multi-racial, multi-ethnic and multi-faith, at the Herb Gray Awards Gala.

In announcing his selection, the council cited Dr. Wildeman's commitment to an environment that treats all people with respect and dignity, and his belief that the future depends on diversity and inclusion.

**Dr. K.W. Michael Siu Reappointed to Second  
Term in Research and Innovation**  
**Michael Siu, UWindsor Vice-president, Research  
and Innovation.**

Dr. K.W. Michael Siu has been reappointed to a second, five-year term as Vice-President, Research and Innovation at the University of Windsor beginning Dec. 1, 2017.



"I'm extremely pleased that Michael is going to continue to advance research and innovation at the University. He will continue to work with researchers across the campus to assist and strengthen our

University's profile," said University President Alan Wildeman.

"I want to thank the members of the search committee who participated in the review of Dr. Siu for a second term." Dr. Siu joined the University on Dec. 1, 2012 when he was first appointed Vice-President, Research and Innovation.

"I am absolutely delighted to accept a second term as Vice-President, Research and Innovation, and I look forward to continuing interacting with our colleagues and advancing the research mandates of the University of Windsor," he said.

**Associate Vice-President Academic Appointed**

**Provost Douglas Kneale** announced Wednesday the appointment of **Jeff Berryman** to a five-year term as associate vice-president, academic, effective March 1. Prof. Berryman had been serving in the role in an acting capacity since January 2016.

In making the announcement, Dr. Kneale highlighted Berryman's six years chairing the appraisal committee of the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance, which is responsible for reviewing new degree programs, major modifications and graduate diplomas.

"He thus brings to the role a broad understanding of Ontario's universities, including the quality assurance process," Kneale wrote. "I look forward to working with him in the years ahead."



Formerly dean of the Faculty of Law, he has held appointments as senior research leadership chair and distinguished university professor.

**New Research Communications  
Co-ordinator Appointed**  
**Office of the Public Affairs and Communications.**

**Dylan Kristy** is the new research communications co-ordinator in the Office of the Public Affairs and Communications.

Dylan Kristy, who joined the Public Affairs and Communications team as research communications co-ordinator, said he hopes to incorporate more video and visual elements in his stories on the innovative work of UWindsor faculty and students.



Kristy worked for the last seven years as a reporter and editor at the Windsor Star, where he covered a variety of topics including education, healthcare, science and politics. In 2011, he started working as an editor at the Star, earning Ontario

Newspaper Awards for video production and online multimedia projects.

Kristy, a graduate of the journalism program at St. Clair College, has served as a sessional instructor in the University's digital journalism program, teaching the course "Introduction to Online Design/Publishing."

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**Assistant Vice-President, Appointed  
Innovation in Cross-Border Strategies  
University of Windsor's Cross-Border Institute.**

**Bill Anderson** has been appointed Assistant Vice-President, Innovation in Cross-Border Strategies at the University of Windsor's Cross-Border Institute.



"Bill Anderson has been instrumental in guiding the development of a cross-border research strategy for the University of

Windsor, and I am confident that in this new role Bill will take the lead in advancing and promoting the University's cross-border research platform in our region and internationally," said Dr. K.W. Michael Siu, Vice-President, Research and Innovation at the University.

University President Alan Wildeman said he is, "delighted that Bill will take on additional responsibilities to help the University strengthen its efforts related to border issues."

Dr. Anderson has served as director of the Cross-Border Institute since it was founded in 2008.

**The 2017 Federal Budget Reflects the Vital Role of  
the Country's Universities in Growing Prosperity  
and Improving Quality of Life for All Canadians.**

Universities Canada says the 2017 budget released Wednesday by federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau reflects the vital role of the country's universities in growing prosperity and improving quality of life for all Canadians.

"The federal government is strategically investing in people and ideas to build a more prosperous Canada," says Elizabeth Cannon, chair of Universities Canada. "Today's support for university talent will help Canada become a model for the world in inclusive innovation."

In its response to the budget announcement, the organization noted:

\$117.6 million over eight years to fund 25 Canada 150 Research Chairs, attracting top researchers from around the world;

\$221 million over five years to provide 10,000 work-integrated learning placements for Canadian post secondary students and graduates each year;

\$90 million in increased funding to the Post-Secondary Student Support Program;

\$5 million per year for five years in new funding to Inspire, an Indigenous-led organization delivering postsecondary scholarships and bursaries for First Nations, Inuit and Métis students; and \$225 million over four years to establish a new organization to support skills development and measurement in Canada.

**25 Years of Service Luncheon,  
to Be Held April 28 in Ambassador Auditorium,  
Caw Student Centre.**

Tickets are now on sale for the annual 25 Years of Service luncheon, **to be held April 28** in Ambassador Auditorium, CAW Student Centre.

At this event, the **University will recognize and celebrate the dedication, commitment and contributions of 29 faculty and staff who in 2016 reached the 25 years of service milestone.** The list of individuals being honoured can be found on the Department of Human Resources website.

Tickets are \$27 per person, available on the Department of Human Resources website at [www.uwindsor.ca/hr/tickets](http://www.uwindsor.ca/hr/tickets).

**The Pitt-Ferry Building is currently featured on  
the website of the Ontario Professional Planners  
Institute.**

The Pitt-Ferry building at the intersection of Pitt and Ferry streets, is currently featured on the website of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute.



The Pitt-Ferry Building — home of the School of Social Work and the Centre for Executive and Professional Education — was also featured in a paper recently released by the institute's Community Design Working Group, titled "Healthy Communities and Planning for the Public Realm: A Call to Action."

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### **Lancer Sports and Recreation Centre**

Full-time undergraduate students voted on campus to support the construction of the proposed Lancer Sports and Recreation Centre.

UWindsor president Alan Wildeman has issued a letter encouraging full-time undergraduate students to vote in the referendum for a fee for the construction of new athletics facilities.

The proposed Lancer Sports and Recreation Centre will allow the university to address many of the current shortcomings in the St. Denis Centre, Wildeman said last week in his address to the campus. His letter notes that without student support, the project will not go forward. Read the entire text on the presidential communications webpage.

### **Videos Record Presentations by Candidates to Head it Services**

The two short-listed candidates for executive director of Information Technology Services outlined their visions of its priorities, challenges, and opportunities last week, and the search committee to fill the position invite comment from the campus community.

Video recordings of the presentations by Ryan Kenney and Anna Kirby are available for viewing on the search website, along with their curricula vitae. The page is password-protected and can be accessed only with a UWID ID and password.

Submit comments in confidence to Iva Gentcheva at [ivag@uwindsor.ca](mailto:ivag@uwindsor.ca)

### **Uwindsor Awards for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity**

**K.W. Michael Siu**, vice-president, research and innovation, will confer the UWindsor Awards for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity during the event, which begins at 4:30 p.m. in the CAW Student Centre's Ambassador Auditorium.

The awards recognize researchers at successive stages of their careers: Established Scholars Ben Kuo, Randy Lippert, Ming Zheng;  
 Mid-Career Scholars Betty Barrett, Michael Darroch, Chris Lee, Gemma Smyth;  
 Emerging Scholar Claire Mumme;  
 Graduate Students Michelle Guererro, Chunyan Lai, Sirous Tabrizi;

Undergraduate Students Paige Coyne, Lauren Miceli.

In addition, the reception will honour members of the campus community who have received special grants, honours and patents over the past year.

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A reception celebrated the accomplishments of UWindsor researchers — faculty and students.

### **University Seeking Director Women's and Gender Studies**

The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences invites nominations and applications for the position of Director, Women's and Gender Studies Program.

The term of office shall three to five years, and will begin July 2017. For more information, see the online posting of the search.

### **Seeking Department Head Communication, Media and Film**

The Department of Communication, Media and Film invites nominations and applications for the position of department head. The term of office shall three to five years, and will begin July 2017. For more information, see the online posting of the search.

### **Dean of Education**

Shortlisted decanal candidates for the position of Dean of the Faculty of Education will visit the UWindsor campus and make public presentations.

**Marie-Josée Berger**, associate vice-principal, continuing education, Bishop's University

**Ken Montgomery**, associate dean for research and graduate programs, Faculty of Education, University of Regina,

**Joao Paraskeva**, director of the Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture and professor of educational leadership and policy studies, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth,

**Donna Kotsopoulos**, professor in the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Science (Department of Mathematics), Wilfrid Laurier University,

The search committee invites members of the campus community to provide written comments to Iva Gentcheva, [ivag@uwindsor.ca](mailto:ivag@uwindsor.ca)



## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### **Minutes WURA Executive Meeting Tuesday , February 28, 2017 at Noon held at 4660 Cranston Crt Windsor, ON**

**Present:** Dr. Norman King, Mr Roger Lauzon, Dr Alfie Morgan, Dr Julio Menzes, Dr Datta Pillay, Dr Roger Hussey, Prof. David Palmer (Chair), Dr. Ihor Stebelsky

**Regrets:** Christina Simmons

1. Approval of Agenda. Carried
2. Approval of Executive Meeting minutes December 7, 2016. Carried
3. Business Arising was covered under the Agenda
4. Presidents Report

a). The Chair had written to Ms Penny Allen in reference to their appointment of Dr Datta Pillay as Equity Assessor on the Presidential Research Committee but no response has yet been received.

b) Attention was being paid to bring the email addresses up to date but the task had not yet been completed. Dr Datta Pillay considered that working with Roger Lauzon, a complete list would be ready before the Fall AGM. Dr Norman King suggested that the dues date would be for the year and this was accepted.

c) The organising committee for the recruitment event met in November. The proposal was to have an event immediately before the spring Annual General Meeting, possibly at 2.00 pm. There would be a concerted effort through leaflets and the newsletter emphasising the benefits of becoming a member of WURA

5. Treasurer's Report -Dr Norm King stated that WURA had a sound financial base. Membership was declining because fewer faculty were retiring. This did not cause any immediate financial problems and the recruitment driver at the spring annual general meeting could boost membership. Dr King reported that the Bank charged a significant sum for checks and it was agreed that when the need for more checks arose Dr King would investigate the terms of the WFCU.

6. WUFA Executive Report - Dr Datta Pillay stated that the meetings were weekly and the role was consultative

7. WUFA Contract Committee - Dr Julio Menezes stated that the Collective Agreement required a definition of "Retirees". Contract Committee is at the stage of finding a wording for contract proposals  
Julio Menezes will submit on behalf of WURA a definition of Retirees which was previously undefined in the Collective Agreement

8. WUFA Council Report.- Professor David Palmer stated that the next meeting would be in March and it was agreed that he would judge the most important issues, if any, to

contribute at that time

9. Report from the Pensions and Benefits Committee - Dr Ihor Stebelsky submitted a written report. One issue that the Executive Committee discussed was that of members with aging parents. Although no problems had been encountered, yet it was agreed to monitor any shifts in population aging and be alert to any issues that arose.

10. WURA Website Upgrade to Drupal 7.

Roger Lauzon had attended training sessions and considered that the update was a lengthy process that could take between 6 months and one year. Roger Lauzon suggested that he would form a small committee to support the work and this was agree. Dr Alfie Morgan stated that it might be possible to find a student who could do some of the work as a project. It was agreed to investigate this.

11. Newsletter - Dr Datta Pillay had already decided the main content and the newsletter would go out 2 to 3 weeks before the spring annual general meeting.

12. Correspondence - Prof David Palmer advised that the CURAC Conference would take place on May 24-26 in Ottawa. He was unable to attend and there was some discussion on who would be able to attend. Roger Lauzon thought he may be able to attend and Dr Datta Pillay suggested that if there was a sufficient number they could all travel by car.

Next meeting - The next meeting will be on April 18th at 12 noon.

### **Search for Seventh President and Vice-Chancellor Search Committee Membership**

Sheila MacKinnon (Chair), Reem Bahdi, Nortbert Hartmann  
Chris Houser, Ahmed Khalifa, Alice Miller, Stephen Pender  
Teresa Piruzza, William Willis, Bill Wright  
Daniella Beaulieu (Equity Assessor – non-voting member)  
Support: Renée Wintermute, University Secretary

### **Search Process and Schedule**

April/May 2017 Search Firm Consultations

June 2017 -Position Profile Approved

July - August 2017 - Develop List of Candidates

September - October 2017- Short-List of Candidates

October-December 2017 - Interviews

January - February 2018 -Preferred Candidate Presented to an in camera Joint Board/Senate Meeting, with Approval Sought at an in camera Board Meeting Immediately Following the Joint Meeting

<b>Association News</b>
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### Travel and Extended Health Insurance Plans Now Offered To Retiree Members of a Curac/arucc Association

**The following is the text of a letter signed by President Ken Craig that was sent to all university and college retiree associations that are members of CURAC/ARUCC:**

It is a pleasure to provide news culminating the search for providers of travel/trip cancellation insurance and extended health benefits insurance.

While a full promotional roll-out will happen later, I am happy to inform you, on behalf of CURAC/ARUCC, that we have affinity agreements with Johnson Inc. (for Medoc travel insurance) and Retired Teachers of Ontario RTO/ERO (for the RTO/ERO extended health care plan, also administered by Johnson Inc.).

#### **Travel/Trip Cancellation Insurance CURAC/ARUCC has identified the following two programs:**

1. Medoc offers competitive travel/trip cancellation insurance, with rates varying by age and medical condition. A summary of their offering can be perused at <https://www.johnson.ca/travel/medoc/splashen.jspx>

Interested individuals may call 1-866-606-3362 with specific questions, to obtain a quote and to purchase the insurance. Please identify yourself by the university/college association from whence you come, and quote group number 087 unit 11.

2. RTO/ERO does not offer stand-alone travel insurance. However, their full extended health care package includes competitive travel/trip cancellation insurance. Rates are not age-banded and their full rate becomes increasingly a better travel value for clients at age 76 and upward. For those who opt to maintain their current EHB coverage and purchase this as their travel add-on, an incidental value is that the client would also have top-up insurance in other included categories. Their travel plan may be reviewed at <https://www.rto-ero.org/groupinsurance-plans/rtoeros-gro-up-insuranceplans/extended-health-care-plan>

To contact them, please call the Plan administrator (Johnson) at the RTO/ERO toll-free telephone number 1-877-406-9007; identify yourself as a member of the CURAC/ARUCC group; and identify your member association.

Note that RTO/ERO is permitted to offer its Plan

only to members of RTO/ERO. Therefore, to enroll in the Plan you must become a member, at an annual cost of \$56. Membership enquiries may be directed to RTO at 1-800-361-9888.

#### **Extended health benefits insurance**

CURAC has identified the RTO/ERO Plan as one which might be of interest to members who are seeking to purchase new EHB insurance, transfer to a new plan, or add to their existing insurance. CURAC members who are currently in a group health benefits plan will be accepted as members of the RTO Plan with no medical questionnaire. Those not currently in a group plan will be pleased to learn that from now until April 30, 2017, RTO will treat those with an individual insurance plan as if they were coming from a group insurance plan and therefore will waive the medical questionnaire. Those with no current extended health benefits plan will need to complete the questionnaire to be assessed for acceptance.

RTO's Plan administrator (Johnson) is ready to accept calls for information and/or for enrolment. As a first step, we urge interested individuals to carefully review the RTO extended health care plan and rates available at <https://www.rtoero.org/group-insurance-plans/rtoeros-gro-up-insurance-plans/extended-health-care-plan>

Please note, in particular:

- This plan includes a travel and trip cancellation benefit for \$2,000,000 per person, per trip for unlimited trips per year of 93 days duration each. Supplementary coverage may be purchased for trips of more than 93 days duration.
  - Vision care benefit is included.
  - The prescription drug benefit is limited to \$3,300 annually per person.
  - Rates vary relative only to single, double, or family. They are not age-banded.
- To proceed with learning more or to apply for enrolment in this extended health care Plan:
- call the Plan administrator (Johnson) at the RTO/ERO toll-free telephone number 1-877-406-9007;
  - identify yourself as a member of the CURAC group; and,
  - identify your member association.

The Affinity advantage for associations Both of these agreements provide for the return to CURAC of an Administrative Services Allowance (ASA). The CURAC Board will receive a two per cent ASA return of premiums from both suppliers. their appreciation for the patience of many of you who have been awaiting this news for some time..

**Best wishes,  
Kenneth D. Craig, OC, PhD, LL.D (Hon)  
President, CURAC/ARUCC**

## Association News

### **CURAC 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM, OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

The Carleton University Retirees Association (CURA) will host the 2017 annual conference of the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC) on the Carleton campus in the Richcraft Building (formerly called the River Building), May 24 – May 26, 2017. This coincides with the 75th anniversary of Carleton University and the 150th anniversary of Canada's confederation. They are expecting around 100 delegates from universities and colleges across Canada.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 24 from 2-4 pm the Provost and Vice-President Academic of Carleton, Peter Ricketts, will host a reception for all Carleton retirees and CURAC delegates in the Richcraft Building atrium (2nd floor). This will be followed by registration and a reception for CURAC delegates in the same location. The Thursday and Friday sessions, May 25 and 26, and the Thursday evening Banquet, will also take place in the Richcraft Building. The Program will feature sessions on health, wealth (the economy), and higher education.

**Registration:** You can register online by clicking here for the conference website. The cost for early-bird registration will be \$180, including HST, extended until March 15th, 2017, and \$200 after that. Sign up now!

**Accommodation:** It is expected that Ottawa will be busy at that time, so it would be wise to register and book accommodation early. We have rooms reserved at the Best Western Plus Ottawa Downtown Suites (377 O'Connor St.) in central Ottawa, for \$155 per night, including continental breakfast. (This is a new name for the hotel, formerly Best Western Plus Victoria Park Suites.)

Phone to reserve them at 1-800-465-7275 and let them know you are part of the CURAC Conference group block. Our group code is 01G. To take advantage of this rate, you must book by phone before April 24th 2017. Rooms are also reserved at the Carleton University Residences.

They can now be booked by phoning 613-520-2600 Ext 1487. They are about \$55 per night per bed for single rooms, and \$65 per bed per night for suites, but check prices when you phone. (There is no online booking site). Parking is available at about \$10 per day.

For other accommodation, and for attractions of the National Capital Region, visit Ottawa Tourism at <http://www.ottawatourism.ca>.

Stay tuned for more information as we get nearer to the

conference date. For more information contact Bob Morrison ([robertmorrison@rogers.com](mailto:robertmorrison@rogers.com)) or David Holmes ([david.holmes@carleton.ca](mailto:david.holmes@carleton.ca)), conference co-chairs. We look forward to seeing you in Ottawa in May.

### **CURAC/ARUCC Call for Nominations, 2017/18**

The Board of Directors of CURAC/ARUCC consists of nine to 12 Directors, each elected for a two year term. Four of these positions also serve as officers. At the 2017 AGM, to be held May 24-26 at Carleton University in Ottawa, an election will be held to fill Board vacancies. Nominations are now invited for the following positions:

President, vice-president and four directors-at-large. Retiring incumbents in these positions are eligible for nomination to an additional term.

Nominations should be forwarded by March 17, 2017 to Michel Tousignant, Chair, CURAC/ARUCC Nominating Committee, at [tousignant.michel@uqam.ca](mailto:tousignant.michel@uqam.ca). Complete details of this call for nominations is posted at: [www.curac.ca](http://www.curac.ca)

### **Academic Travel Fund For Retirees**

Colleagues are invited to submit their applications for a travel grant by June 1, 2017 for consideration by the Committee for a June 15, 2017 deadline. Applications are available at the Office of Research Services WEB Site. Completed applications should be forwarded to WURA Office, Room G 119, Chrysler Hal North, U Windsor. Windsor, ON N9B 3P4.

### **WURA Reception For Recently Retired Colleagues**

The Membership Committee of WURA decided to hold a reception at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2017 prior to the annual Spring General Meeting. The event will be held in the Freed-Orman Commons Hall, in the Assumption building.

About 83 colleagues retired between 2010 and 2016 and only 12 members joined WURA as members. This reception is to encourage and invite them to join WURA and support and as well contribute to its activities.

Parking is available in the Assumption Hall lot courtesy of the President of UW.

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### WURA President's Message

Spring greetings to you all! In this my first message since becoming your President, I would like to acknowledge the leadership of those who have come before me in this office: Datta Pillay, Ihor Stebelsky, Kate McCrone, Gordon Olafson, John Meyer and all others. They have set a high example, and I am grateful for their advice and guidance. I also wish to thank members of the executive who have contributed so much in ideas and time.

From my former position in the School of Music, now Creative Arts, I was not as much in the centre of things as many of you whose life took place on main campus. Over in the former bowling alley, we seemed to have less day-to-day contact with our colleagues across the street. Becoming your president now has given me the opportunity to catch up, as it were, on renewing acquaintances and making new ones—something I welcome very much.

Celebrating our 25th Anniversary in 2015 raised my awareness of the many achievements of URA, from ongoing review of health and pension benefits, through email access, travel funds, office space, support from the President's Office for social events (especially the Holiday Lunch) and this newsletter. Through the efforts of my predecessors, retirees remain a recognized part of the university community, as evidenced in Back in the Day, the fascinating review of the university's first 50 years, on to the gala celebration for the 25th, and the commemoration booklet edited by Data Pillar for that occasion.

Please note an important event coming up. We are hosting a special reception for recent retirees, to invite them to become members of URA. Letters have gone out to all retirees from the years 2010 to 2016, announcing the event taking place on Thursday, April 27 at 2 pm in the Freed Orman Commons. It will precede immediately the Spring General Meeting at 3 pm the same day. We hope you will come and greet new colleagues in retirement.

I look forward to continuing to maintain with you the important place that URA occupies in raising awareness of retirees' achievements and issues.

David Palmer  
President, WURA

### Windsor University Retirees' Association

**SPRING GENERAL MEETING**  
**FREED ORMAN COMMONS HALL**  
**Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 3.00 p.m.**

#### Meeting Agenda

1. **Approval of Minutes - Fall General Meeting**
2. **Business Arising from Minutes**
3. **Correspondence**
4. **President' Report - Prof David palmer**
5. **Treasurer's Report - Dr. Norman King**
6. **Committee Reports:**
  - a) **Joint Consultative Com - Prof. David Palmer**
  - b) **Bursary Fund Com - Dr. Wilf Innerd /  
Dr. Donald Laing/Dr.Noel Williams**
  - c) **Pension & Benefits - Dr. Barbara Thomas**
  - d) **Social Committee - Prof. David Palmer**
  - f) **Nominating Com Report - Dr. Ihor Stebelsky**
7. **Remarks - Dr. Alan Wildeman - President, UW**
8. **Remarks - Dr. Douglas Kneale - Provost**
9. **Remarks - Dr. Jeff Noonan - President, WUFA**
10. **Remarks - Ms Rita LaCivita / Ms Cheryl Paglione  
Ms Daljit Gill -HR**
11. **Remarks - Ms Marion Doll - Director Student  
Awards**
12. **Other Business**
13. **Adjournment**

#### URA Membership Dues

**\$ 25**

**January 1 - December 31 2017**  
**Please forward your membership  
dues to**

**Dr. Norman King**  
**Treasurer, URA**  
**Room G-119, Chrysler Hall North**  
**Univ of Windsor, Windsor, ON N9B 3P4**