McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday October 14, 1998
at 1.30 pm in GH-204

Present: John McCutcheon (chair), Joy Baby, Jack Evans, Dora
Haisell, Mavis Hubley, Gerry Keech, Jack Maas, Margaret Maggs,
Veronica Morrison, George Paul, Averil Thompson and Brian
White

Regrets: Stan Hambleton, Dorothy Matheson and Gordon Raymond

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on
September 9 be approved as printed (Jack Evans/ Dora Haisell
Carried)

2. Business arising from the Minutes

John McCutcheon reported that the September 16 meeting on
benefits with representatives of Human Resources had gone
quite well. A further meeting is scheduled for Thursday
October 15, as much work remains to be done in drafting a
clear information package indicating benefit options available
to retirees.

3. President's Report

a) John McCutcheon, Jack Evans and Gerry Keech had met with
the University President, Dr. Peter George for about half an
hour. It was a semi-social occasion, part of the MURA
tradition of keeping in touch with the President at least on
an annual basis.
b) John McCutcheon reported that Dorothy Matheson is making
progress and is hoping to be transferred soon from MUMC to
Chedoke Hospital for rehabilitative treatment.
c) Copies of the McMaster University Futures Fund Report
September 29, 1998, were distributed to Council members. The
report covers recommendations in the following four areas:
Conference Support (now extended to staff) $100,000, Skills
for the next Millenium $200,000, Campus for the next Millenium
$200,000 and McMaster Fair $15,000.

4. Financial Matters

a) Dora Haisell presented the financial report for September
1998.
MOTION - that the Treasurer's report be accepted (Dora
Haisell/ Joy Baby carried)

b) John McCutcheon plans to contact Warren Mousley on October 15 to invite him to become one of two auditors for the MUSA accounts.

5. Portfolio Reports

a) Visitations etc - Jack Mass had sent sympathy cards to the widows of Gerald Boudreau, Earle Hampel and Randolph Ross.

b) Events - The Canterbury Hills dinner and talk had been very successful. Joy Baby asked whether refunds should be given to three "no shows". The consensus was that money should not be refunded for this event. Some information for retirees regarding cancellation and refund guidelines would be helpful down the road.

c) Benefits - Margaret Maggs stressed the complexity of the benefits information and the importance of clarifying various points with Bob Tangney and Marion Grant-Hose prior to mailing. She also made the general point that, as a matter of courtesy, Human Resources should provide the MURA President with a copy of any letter/package sent to all retirees.

d) Courier / Mural - No Courier news. Planned mailing date for the next MURAL is Monday November 2 (Since the meeting Togo Salmon Hall Room 122 has been booked.)

e) Membership - Gerry will provide a list of recent retirees for publication in the next MURAL.

f) Christmas Lunch, December 7 - Brian has arrangements well in hand. One bottle of wine left over from Canterbury Hills dinner will be moved from the filing cabinet to await new life as a prize at the party.

g) AGM / BBQ The President's House and the Eleanor McKay Room in Moulton Hall have been booked for Wednesday, May 26, 1999.

h) Pension Matters - Jack Evans reported that he had attended the first meeting of the committee reviewing retirement provisions for salaried employees. More meetings are due to follow at frequent intervals.

6. Other Business

John McCutcheon announced that the MURA Council meetings scheduled for January 13 and May 12, 1999 at 1.30 pm will be held in the John Hodgins Engineering Building room 265.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 11, at 1.30 pm in Gilmour Hall Room 204.

8 Adjournment

The meeting ended at approximately 2.40 pm.

Averil Thompson   John McCutcheon
Understudy Secretary   President