

Windsor University Retirees' Association (WURA)

Communications Committee Report

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Website: In 2022 and 2023, the Committee undertook a wholesale review and revision of the Association's website. The WURA webpages may be found on the University of Windsor website at the following link: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/retirees-association/>. The review and revision of the WURA webpages was led by Gwen Ebbett and Richard Dumala. The website is very good but we must recognize that it is a real chore to keep it current and consistent. Kudos to Richard Dumala for leading this initiative.

***e-Bulletin*:** The Editorial Committee – a sub-Committee of the Communications Committee – produced and distributed five issues of the *e-Bulletin* in 2023: March, May, Summer, October, December. Thus far, in 2024, four issues of the *e-Bulletin* have been produced and distributed: February, May, July, October. A fifth issue will be produced and distributed in November/December. All issues of the *e-Bulletin* since its inception in October 2021 may be found at this link: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/retirees-association/465/e-bulletins-local-archive>.

Hot Topics: A new program – **Hot Topics** – was initiated in June of 2023. The first Hot Topic was “Will ChatGPT make Professors Obsolete?” with guest discussant **Dave Cormier**, Digital Learning Specialist, Office of Open Learning University of Windsor. You can still view Hot Topic #1 on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9nX7J03-0>. The second Hot Topic was held on November 27th, 2023 and featured **Gillian Heisz**, Vice President of Finance and Operations, on the topic “The University's Response to the Auditor General's Report: Did it Satisfy Bonnie Lysyk?” You can view Hot Topic #2 on YouTube at [HOT TOPIC #2 “The University's Response to the Auditor General's Report”](#). The third Hot Topic was held on March 19th, 2024. Hot Topic #3 was entitled “Freedom of Speech on Campus: Can You Really Say Anything You Want?” with **Richard Moon**, Distinguished Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Windsor. You can view Hot Topic #3 on YouTube at [HotTopic3 Richard Moon Free Speech](#). Hot Topic #4 was held on October 30th, 2024. The topic was “The Trumping of American Politics: History, the 'Deep State,' and American Political Culture” with **Dr. Bruce Tucker**, Professor Emeritus, University of Windsor. You can view Hot Topic #4 on YouTube at [The Trumping of American Politics](#). The Committee is very pleased with the Hot Topic Program. The speakers have been fantastically informative and the audience on Zoom has been

thoroughly engaged. The post-event videos are excellent and well worth watching if one is unable to make the scheduled time.

Thank you to all members of the Committee!!

Bruce Elman