

**Present:** Nik Venema, Chair; Maxine Bouthot, Vice-Chair; Nav Bains, Associate Vice-Chair; Derek Froese, Associate Vice-Chair; Tricia Taylor, Ali Siemens, Yoshia Burton, Rupali Gill, Wayne Ortner, Melissa Kendzierski, Whitney Fordham, Manager of Alumni Relations; Daniel Goertz, Nicholas Desautels, Mark Filiatrault, Carlos Vidal, Alicia Friesen, Alumni Relations Coordinator, University Relations (recording)

**Regrets:** Leslie Courchesne, Executive Director of University Relations; Nicolas Bideshi, Dan McArthur

**1. Call to order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mr. Nik Venema, Chair.

**2. Approval of agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda of the October 28, 2015 board meeting.

**Froese/Bouthot  
CARRIED**

**3. Approval of minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes as presented for the September 30, 2015 board meeting.

**Gill/Venema  
CARRIED**

**4. Committee Appointments (Mr. Nik Venema)**

The Executive committee recommends the following committee assignments:

- Executive Committee: Nik Venema, Chair; Maxine Bouthot, Vice-Chair; Nav Bains, Associate Vice-Chair; Derek Froese, Associate Vice-Chair
- Governance Committee: Derek Froese, Chair; Wayne Ortner, Mark Filiatrault
- Engagement Committee: Yoshia Burton, Chair, Dan McArthur, Carlos Vidal, Nicolas Bideshi, Daniel Goertz
- Mentorship Committee: Rupali Gill, Chair; Melissa Kendzierski, Ali Siemens, Nicholas Desautels
- Awards and Rewards Committee: Tricia Taylor, Chair; Ali Siemens
- Chandigarh Committee (Chapter): Nav Bains, Chair; Mark Filiatrault

## 5. Committee Reports

### 5.1 Executive Committee (Mr. Nik Venema)

Discussion about the Golf Tournament. Each director should be committed to sell four tickets for the next Golf Tournament.

**Action:** Recommendations were given on how to improve the reception and to add more photographers during the tournament.

**Action:** The board members are encouraged to give 100%

**Action:** Fundraising strategies will be implemented in January 2016

### 5.2 Engagement Committee (Mr. Yoshia Burton)

The committee is in the process of developing the strategic plan for TEDX UFV. The goal is to offer two panel speaker events per semester, leading up to the TEDX event. Last panel speaker series was very successful; over 120 people attended.

**Action:** Planning to do more research on other institutions, such as TEDX SFU.

**Action:** Committee believes that agriculture will be a great starting point for a panel event or even TEDX theme, as UFV is a leading institution.

### 5.3 Mentorship Committee (Ms. Rupali Gill)

Ali Siemens met with Sophia from 10,000 coffees. The goal is to implement three phases that 10,000 coffees suggests. Phase one: faculty and staff sign up; phase two: all UFV Alumni sign up; phase three: all UFV students sign up.

**Action:** The Alumni Relations office will create a draft email to send out.

**Action:** The committee will look into having a partnership with the coffee shop at the SUS building to bring students/staff back to UFV.

The Ready, Set, Solve project outline was presented:

- Goals by November: To outreach for projects; (2-6 projects: Envision, Old Spaghetti Factory, School District, Career Centre)
- December: Have material ready
- January: Sign up students; host workshop
- February: Students will work on the projects
- March-April: Awards/Wrapping up

### 5.4 Governance Committee (Mr. Derek Froese)

**Action:** Review of all policies and bylaws by next AGM 2016, also the competency matrix has to be reviewed and updated.

### **5.5 Awards and Rewards Committee (Ms. Tricia Taylor)**

Chair of the committee will be at the Town and Gown event on November 12, 2015.

**Action:** The committee is in the process to simplify the process of the DAA/YDAA selection criteria. Also a revision will be made on award process.

### **5.6 Chandigarh Chapter (Mr. Nav Bains)**

The committee is establishing a connection with the Chandigarh chapter. In the future, Chandigarh chapter would like to duplicate events and projects that AA in Abbotsford does.

**Action:** Next project is UFV 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the committee will assist on how to select the top 10 UFV Chandigarh Alumni.

### **6. Other business/new business from the floor (Mr. Nik Venema)**

- Alumni Expert Speaker Series, November 19, 5:30-7:00PM
- Fundraising planning, November 25, 6-9PM

### **7. Adjournment of Public Session (Mr. Nik Venema)**

**Motion:** To move the Directors Meeting into an In-Camera session before the group photos. And, to adjourn the October 28, 2015 meeting of the UFV Alumni Association Board of Directors at 7:35PM.

**Taylor/Kendzierski  
CARRIED**

### **8. Directors Meeting – In-Camera Session (Mr. Nik Venema)**

### **9. Alumni Association Board of Directors Group Photos**

Minutes approved:

Chair, \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_