



**UFV Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

6:00 – 8:00pm

Abbotsford campus Board Room C 1429
33844 King Rd, Abbotsford, BC V2S 7M8

Present: Nik Venema, Chair; Nav Bains, Associate Vice-Chair; Derek Froese, Associate Vice-Chair; Tricia Taylor, Yoshia Burton, Wayne Ortner, Melissa Kendzierski, Whitney Fordham, Manager of Alumni Relations (recording); Daniel Goertz, Nicholas Desautels, Jaskirat Pannu (guest)

Regrets: Ali Siemens, Rupali Gill, Mark Filiatrault, Carlos Vidal

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Mr. Nik Venema, Chair.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda of the January 27, 2016 board meeting.

**Taylor/Ortner
CARRIED**

3. Approval of minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented for the October 28, 2015 board meeting.

**Desautels/Taylor
CARRIED**

4. Alumni Office Report (Ms. Whitney Fordham)

Motion: To receive the Alumni Office Report

**Taylor/Goertz
CARRIED**

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Executive Committee (Mr. Nik Venema)

Update on fundraising. Board members are reminded to sign up for monthly donations to UFV by filling out the monthly donation form, either online or hard copy.

MOU between UFV and the UFV Alumni Association is being renewed, with some changes. Expected to be finalized within the next few months.

5.2 Governance Committee (Mr. Derek Froese)

The committee is in the process of reviewing all bylaws and policies, and has also been busy seeking nominations to fill positions on the Board of Directors. There are some alumni interested in serving on a committee but cannot commit to serving on the Board.

Action: If any committees need an extra person, please let Derek know.

Motion: Be it resolved that we appoint Joel Feenstra to the UFV Alumni Association Board of Directors to fill the position left empty by Nicolas Bideshi.

**Froese/Bains
CARRIED**

Motion: To accept the Governance Committee report as presented.

**Bains/Taylor
CARRIED**

5.3 Engagement Committee (Mr. Yoshia Burton)

Yoshia reported on the upcoming Alumni Expert Speaker Panel events, one on climate change and the other on the topic of addiction. Milton Walker from Kinghaven was suggested as a potential contact for the addictions panel.

Motion: To accept the Engagement Committee report as presented.

**Taylor/Kendzierski
CARRIED**

5.4 Mentorship Committee (Ms. Melissa Kendzierski)

Melissa provided an update on Solve It! UFV's Community Innovation Challenge. There were six projects submitted and there are 11 students participating on four teams. The kickoff workshop is on January 30th, 2016.

Motion: To accept the Mentorship Committee report as presented.

**Bains/Froese
CARRIED**

5.5 Awards and Rewards Committee (Ms. Tricia Taylor)

Tricia is currently serving on the Honorary Doctorate selection committee, as well as the Teaching Excellence selection committee. She will be reviewing the application process

for the Distinguished Alumni and Young Distinguished Alumni awards (DAA & YDAA). Tricia will be welcoming a representative from UFV to sit on the DAA & YDAA selection committee.

Action: Tricia brought forward the idea of possibly hosting a fundraiser show at Gallery 7, possibly a Christmas show.

Motion: To accept the Awards and Rewards Committee report as presented.

Kendzierski /Froese
CARRIED

5.6 Chandigarh Chapter Committee (Mr. Nav Bains)

The Chandigarh campus will be celebrating its 10 year anniversary this year, which will also mark the 1 year anniversary of the Chandigarh Alumni Chapter. Nik will be heading to India in March to meet with their new alumni Board.

The Chandigarh chapter is accepting nominations and applications for their Board committee, as well as governance and engagement committees. They will have these in place before March.

As part of the 10 year anniversary celebrations, they will be naming their Top 10 Chandigarh Alumni, which will be a part of a standalone event later this year.

Motion: To accept the Chandigarh Committee report as presented.

Taylor /Froese
CARRIED

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

- Honorary Lifetime member status (non voting member) to be given to Elyssa Lockheart. She will be honoured at the AGM in September.

Motion: To award Elyssa Lockheart the status of Honorary Lifetime member of the UFV Alumni Association.

Froese /Burton
CARRIED

- Alumni Open Golf Tournament: recommended to be held at Chilliwack Golf Club on September 16th.

Motion: Be it resolved that the UFV Alumni Open Golf Tournament be held on Friday, September 16, 2016 at the Chilliwack Golf Club; and that all board members are expected to sell a foursome to the event.

**Bains /Taylor
CARRIED**

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

Motion: To adjourn the January 27, 2016 meeting of the UFV Alumni Association Board of Directors at 7:10PM.

**Froese/Bains
CARRIED**

Minutes approved:

Chair:  Date: 3/30/2016