



UFV Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 25th, 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; Ali Siemens, Associate Vice-Chair; Melissa Kendzierski, Rupali Gill, Mark Filiatrault, Carlos Vidal, Joel Feenstra, Daniel Goertz, Interim Alumni Relations Manager; Sherri Magson (guest), Maggi Davis, Coordinator of Alumni Relations (recording)

Regrets: Tricia Taylor, Nicholas Desaults, Wayne Ortner

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Mr. Nik Venema, Chair.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion: To amend agenda to include presentation from Sherri Magson

Froese/Feentra
CARRIED

Motion: To approve the Agenda of the May 25th, 2016 meeting

Froese/Vidal
CARRIED

3. Approval of minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented for the March 30th, 2016 board meeting.

Siemens/Bains
CARRIED

4. Presentation from guest (Sherri Magson): Class Gift Campaign

- Sherri planning a big push for the week of Convocation for CGC (social media, stories)
- Needs volunteers for table on concourse at Convocation, later goals of doing a sit down intensive fund raising planning session.
- Requested that the CGC go into the Alumni E-News for June

5. Alumni Office Report (Mr. Daniel Goertz)

Daniel is interim manager while Whitney is on Educational Leave.

Updates: Convocation next week and volunteers are needed for both days, the TD Meloche Monnex agreement was signed and the advertisement for that went into Skookum (published May 31), DAA/YDAA nominations are in, Class Giving Campaign was discussed by Sherri. Airshow on Friday August 12th and there are 100 tickets to be used: top 10 invited, each director gets 2, and directors to send 3 suggested contacts to connect with through this event to the alumni office (friends of UFV okay). Board members need to sign up for the Golf Tournament. For Convocation we want to work towards having better marketing around how the AA supports students with funds received from sales at convocation.

Office had been contacted about the integration of aboriginal culture into the AA, and Nik has reached out to Gwen Point to see what integrating in a meaningful way might be.

Motion: To receive the Alumni Office Report

**Siemens/Froese
CARRIED**

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Executive Committee (Mr. Nik Venema)

Board is at 100% giving participation

The MOU signing will be done publicly at AGM.

Our trades are to become full members of the Alumni Association

All board members are encouraged to give to the Class of 2016 giving campaign.

Presidential search committee is under way. More details will be given at next meeting.

All board members are encouraged to sell at least one foursome to the golf tournament, and if board members do this before June 22nd they will receive a bottle of commemorative wine.

6.2 Chandigarh Committee (Mr. Nav Bains)

Chandigarh at 100% board giving (annual), and have been building the ground work for that chapter of the association. They have already held a cricket tournament, and the Chandigarh Top 10 will be celebrated on June 3rd here on the Abbotsford Campus, in the SUB hosted by CICS.

They would like to eventually see tournament matching, eventually seeing the \$12500 for bursaries in Chandigarh.

6.3 Governance Committee (Mr. Derek Froese)

There have been changes to the society act, and Sherri Magson is going to help ensure we are compliant. There have also been some bylaw changes.

For board recruitment, there have been 6 persons to go through the orientation, however intake is going to be held off until the AGM. All of the candidates are strong,

and all positions will be filled. There is a possibility to reach out to these candidates for volunteer opportunities.

6.4 Engagement Committee (Mr. Yoshia Burton)

A pre-draft of the proposal for TEDx UFV was circulated. There was a proposal to go to presenting the proposal, possibly at the AGM. Some members of the board will be attending TEDx Stanley Park to experience the event.

For the speaker panel series the topics were discussed so that the homelessness should contact Darren for support, they need assistance with the agriculture department for the speaker panel on the Avian flu, and for starting a small business it was suggested to reach out to Bus 227 classes that may be running that semester. They hope to have a more solid frame work by July.

Motion: To go forward to UFV with the proposal for TEDx

**Siemens/ Froese
CARRIED**

6.5 Mentorship Committee (Ms. Rupali Gill)

Rupali will be leaving the chair position and resigning from the Board.

For 10 000 coffees, board members are encouraged to see more alumni sign up for the platform.

The post-mortem Solve-It meeting took place, with a draft of the notes outlining the challenges and positives:

- Timing was a big issue
- Could be a potential revenue source
- More resources are required
- Hoping for an e-motion before next meeting (end of June) to go forward with proposed changes. Rupali will be sending out a cohesive proposal before that time.

6.6 Awards and Rewards Committee (Ms. Ali Siemens)

Award nominations yielded 10 new, 2 old for DAA/YDAA. Peter Geller, Ali Siemens and Tricia Taylor will be selection committee. The reveal will be at the Town and Gown Gala on November 9th, with tickets staying the same price.

Motion: To accept all of the committee reports given.

**Bains / Gill
CARRIED**

7. Report from the UFV Alumni Representative on Senate (Mr. Daniel Goertz)

New programs have been announced: BA in Agriculture, Horticulture, Indigenous Studies, Education, Media Arts (applied, interactive, screen studies), and the new grading policy states that 90% = A+.

FSA selected to Presidential Search Committee by senate

BA + BGs restructured to have a "portfolio" feel and language requirement

Trades entrance requirements made "easier" (more accessible)
The new education plan for 2016-2017 was moved for approval with the focus on "Learning everywhere"

Motion: To receive report from Alumni Representative on Senate

**Kendzierski/ Vidal
CARRIED**

8. New Business (Mr. Nik Venema)

No new business was presented at this time.

9. Adjournment (Mr. Nik Venema)

Motion: To adjourn the May 25th, 2016 meeting of the UFV Alumni Association Board of Directors at 8:05PM.

**Siemens, Fillatrout
CARRIED**

Reminders: AGM September 28th, 5:30 meeting, 7 pm AGM

Minutes approved:

Chair:  Date: Oct-12-2016