

UFV Alumni Association Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 26, 2025 Room A227, Abbotsford Campus

Present: Tony Dhaliwal, Chair; Bradley Menard, Vice-Chair & IDEA Officer; Tricia Taylor, Associate Vice-Chair; Alex Parkinson, Associate Vice-Chair; Harman Rathore; Aman Khinda; Michelle Vandepol; Whitney Fordham, Director, Alumni Engagement & Executive Director, UFVAA (Recording Staff)

Regrets: Matthew Kidwell; Tristan Taylor

Guests: Tarndeep Chattu, Graham Petek

1. Call to order & introductions (Tony Dhaliwal, Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- 2. Land acknowledgement (Tony Dhaliwal, Chair)
- 3. Consent agenda (Tony Dhaliwal, Chair)
 - a. March 26, 2025, meeting minutes
 - b. Executive committee report
 - c. Governance committee report
 - d. Executive Director report

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as presented

TAYLOR / VANDEPOL CARRIED

4. Business arising from the minutes (Tony Dhaliwal, Chair)

No items discussed

- 5. Chair report (Tony Dhaliwal, Chair)
 - a. UFVAA 2025/2026 Board Meeting Schedule

MOTION: To approve the UFVAA Board of Directors 2025/26 meeting schedule, as presented

MENARD / RATHORE CARRIED

b. UFV 50 Alumni & Friends Weekend debrief

- First-ever Alumni & Friends Weekend included nearly 20 events.
- A report is being compiled by Laura Authier and will be presented at a future board meeting.
- Board members encouraged to send post-meeting feedback via email using the "what worked / what didn't / areas for improvement" format.

Feedback Highlights:

- Strong positive reactions to the speaker series, especially Derek and Tristan's presentation.
- High energy and joyful atmosphere noted.
- Issues:
 - Not enough seating for featured alumni at reception.
 - Competing community events and Canucks game reduced attendance.
 - Sessions scheduled concurrently competed for audience.
- 50 Remarkable Alumni reception well-received.

c. AGM

- Tony reflected on accomplishments during his two-year term as Chair.
- Expressed confidence and excitement about Bradley Menard stepping into the Chair role.
- 6. Alumni representative on Senate report (Aman Khinda, Alumni representative on Senate)

No update, as the last Senate meeting was postponed

- 7. Other business (Tony Dhaliwal, Chair)
 - a. Stewardship of society funds
 - Discussion led by Bradley regarding UFVAA's reserve funds (approx. \$167,000).
 - Proposal to invest \$150,000 into a mix of GICs (some longer-term, some cashable).

MOTION: Executive Director to negotiate favourable GIC terms and report back in September.

MENARD / TAYLOR CARRIED

8. Director Attendance at upcoming events (Tony Dhaliwal, Chair)

- Convocation Ceremonies:
 - o Two ceremonies still need volunteers.
 - o Regalia ordered based on height; extras will be available.
- Fraser Valley Pride July 19, 2025
 - o UFV's Pride Collective to host a booth.
 - o Alumni Board members invited to volunteer and support.

The board was reminded of the expectation for full participation from directors at upcoming events.

9. End of meeting

MOTION: to adjourn the May 26, 2025, meeting of the UFV Alumni Association Board of Directors

PARKINSON / VANDEPOL CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Chair: Bradley Menard Date: September 24, 2025