

Members present: Tony Dhaliwal (Chair), Bradley Menard (Vice-Chair & IDEA Officer), Tricia Taylor (Associate Vice-Chair), Aman Khinda (Director), Alex Parkinson (Director), Harman Rathore (Director), Michelle Vandepol (Director), Derek Froese (Chair Emeritus), Whitney Fordham (Director, Alumni Engagement; Executive Director, UFV Alumni Association), Anthony Biondi (Digital Engagement Strategist, Alumni Engagement), Bryan Candy (Manager, Alumni Engagement), John Pankratz (Chair, UFV Board of Governors), Tarndeeep Chattu-Reehal (Director), Aakash Dean, Philip Dahm, Stacey Dawn Irwin (Chair Emerita), Sandra Menard, Graham Petek (Director), Jordon Prokuda, Addy Schneider, Nasrin Soleymani

Guests: Joanne MacLean (President & Vice-Chancellor, UFV), Susan Mide Kiss (Vice-President, Community Engagement, UFV), James Mandigo (Provost & Vice-President, Academic, UFV), Al Wiseman (University Secretary, UFV), Devon Bailey (Manager, Donor Engagement, UFV), Luisa Torres (Auxiliary, Alumni Engagement, UFV), Richard Menard, Brent Taylor, Rebecca Taylor

1. Call to order (Tony Dhaliwal, Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Tony Dhaliwal, Chair.

2. Land acknowledgement (Stacey Irwin, Chair Emerita)

3. Approval of agenda (Tony Dhaliwal, Chair)

Motion: That the UFV Alumni Association 2025 AGM Agenda be adopted, as presented.

**TAYLOR / PARKINSON
CARRIED**

4. Approval of minutes from the 2024 AGM (Tony Dhaliwal, Chair)

Motion: That the 2024 Annual General Meeting minutes of the UFV Alumni Association be approved, as presented.

**RATHORE / VANDEPOL
CARRIED**

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

The Chair asked if there was any business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

No matters were raised. The meeting proceeded with the agenda as presented.

6. Welcome and updates (Dr. Joanne MacLean, UFV President & Vice Chancellor; Susan Mide Kiss, UFV's Vice President Community Engagement)

Dr. MacLean reflected on the strong partnership between UFV and the Alumni Association and shared that this AGM marked her final one before retiring in June.

She expressed gratitude for the support of the alumni community and highlighted recent university achievements, including:

- Construction of a new student residence
- Renovation of the dining hall
- Revitalization of the Mission campus
- Launch of a UFV property trust
- Expansion of health and wellness supports
- UFV's designation as a smoke-free campus
- Continued focus on creating inclusive, student-centered learning environments

She introduced incoming President Dr. James Mandigo and encouraged alumni to remain engaged in shaping UFV's future. Dr. MacLean concluded with heartfelt thanks for the alumni's continued dedication and impact.

Susan Mide Kiss greeted the Association and began by thanking Dr. Joanne MacLean for her words and leadership, expressing her gratitude for the opportunity to be part of the evening.

She emphasized the strong and collaborative partnership between UFV and the Alumni Association, describing it as one of co-creation and shared purpose. Key highlights from her remarks included:

- Celebration of the inaugural UFV Alumni & Friends Weekend, which marked the beginning of a renewed era of alumni engagement
- Recognition of alumni as ambassadors, mentors, leaders, and change-makers whose impact is felt across the institution
- Alignment with UFV's "50 Years Forward" direction, focused on intentional leadership and community-building
- Acknowledgement of the "St'elt'elawtexw Community Report", which captured the power of alumni-student-community collaboration
- Appreciation for the dedication of the Alumni Engagement team and the UFV Alumni Association Board
- Special thanks to Tony Dhaliwal for his leadership as Chair, and congratulations to Bradley Menard, incoming Chair

She concluded by encouraging continued involvement from alumni as UFV moves forward, thanking them for their ongoing contributions to the university and the broader community.

7. Auditor waiver (Tricia Taylor, Associate Vice-Chair)

Motion: That the audit of the UFV Alumni Association’s 2024–2025 financial statements be waived, in accordance with the bylaws.

**DHALIWAL / D. FROESE
ABSTENTIONS: ONE (1)
CARRIED**

8. 2024-2025 Financial statements (Whitney Fordham, Executive Director, UFV Alumni Association; Director, UFV Alumni Engagement)

The Executive Director, Whitney Fordham, presented the financial statements for the 2024–2025 fiscal year and noted that they are included in the annual report on pages 18 and 19.

She highlighted the following key points:

- Total revenue was \$80,511, representing a 20% increase over the previous year, driven by convocation, affinity programs, and interest income
- Total expenditures amounted to \$65,637, supporting the Association’s core programs and initiatives
- The year concluded with a net positive balance of \$14,874, bringing the organization’s net assets to \$167,227

Motion: That the UFV Alumni Association’s 2024-2025 fiscal year financial statements be approved, as presented.

**FORDHAM / TAYLOR
CARRIED**

9. Report from the Executive Director (Whitney Fordham, Executive Director, UFV Alumni Association; Director, UFV Alumni Engagement)

The Executive Director delivered her annual report, reflecting on the year’s achievements and the continued advancement of the Association’s mission to engage, support, and celebrate alumni.

Key highlights included:

- UFV’s 50th anniversary celebration, including the “50 Remarkable Alumni” campaign (featured on pages 14–15 of the annual report)
- The launch of the first-ever Alumni & Friends Weekend, featuring nearly 20 activities and drawing strong community participation
- Completion of the Association’s three-year governance enhancement plan ahead of schedule, strengthening inclusive and responsible leadership
- Expanded collaborative programming across UFV departments and community partners to enhance alumni and student engagement

- Progress in building an alumni community rooted in connection, mentorship, and shared purpose, with a focus on equity and accessibility
- Ongoing work to provide alumni with resources to succeed, while offering platforms to give back and inspire future generations

The Executive Director expressed heartfelt thanks to the Alumni Engagement Office team as well as the Alumni Association Board, outgoing Chair Tony Dhaliwal, volunteers, and community partners for their dedication and support.

She concluded by encouraging all alumni to stay engaged and help co-create UFV's next 50 years.

10. Report from the Chair (Tony Dhaliwal, Chair)

Chair Tony Dhaliwal shared highlights from the past year and reflected on his two-year term leading the UFV Alumni Association Board.

Key points included:

- Participation in the UFV 50 Program Committee, contributing to anniversary celebrations
- Support of the "50 Remarkable Alumni" campaign and launch of the inaugural Alumni & Friends Weekend in April 2025
- Recognition of Jada McIntyre, recipient of the Outstanding Student Leader Award (featured on page 8 of the report)
- Celebration of the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients: Keenan Beavis (YDAA) and Adam Currie (DAA)
- Continued focus on fostering a global alumni network of over 52,000 members, centered on connection, mentorship, and inclusion
- Acknowledgement of UFV's increased investment in alumni engagement, including UFV's four permanent staff in this department, all UFV alumni
- Warm welcome to Bryan Candy, Bachelor of Arts 2008, as the new Alumni Engagement Manager

The Chair also noted progress on advancing the Association's strategic pillars - engagement, advocacy, philanthropy, governance, and stewardship - and shared his involvement in welcoming UFV Chancellor Dr. Jo-ann Archibald and supporting Kim McLandress's appointment to the UFV Board of Governors.

He concluded with gratitude to fellow board members, volunteers, and the broader alumni community, encouraging continued engagement to strengthen the Association's future impact.

11. Appointment of Chair (Tony Dhaliwal, Chair)

The Chair invited Bradley Menard to the stage and formally introduced him as the newly appointed Chair of the UFV Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The Chair Emeritus Dhaliwal spoke to Menard's leadership and contributions to the Association, including his service as Chair of the Governance Committee, his commitment to equity, accessibility, and good governance, and his efforts to strengthen philanthropic support for alumni and students. The Chair Emeritus reflected positively on their collaboration during his term and expressed confidence in the Association's continued leadership.

The Chair Emeritus thanked Menard for his partnership and leadership, and the membership joined in welcoming Bradley Menard as the new Chair of the UFV Alumni Association.

12. Elections (Bradley Menard, Chair, Governance Committee)

The Chair reported on behalf of the Governance Committee regarding nominations for the Board of Directors.

Election of Vice-Chair

The Governance Committee put forward Tricia Taylor as the sole nominee for election to the office of Vice-Chair for a two-year term, or until replaced, in accordance with the bylaws.

As there were no further nominations from the floor, the Chair instructed the Recording Secretary to cast a single ballot for the nominee.

Tricia Taylor was declared elected by acclamation.

Election of Directors-at-Large

The Governance Committee put forward the following nominees for election as Directors-at-Large, each for a two-year term ending at the adjournment of the 2027 Annual General Meeting:

- Tarndeeep Chattu
- Aman Khinda
- Matt Kidwell
- Graham Petek
- Tristan Taylor

The Chair instructed the Recording Secretary to cast a single ballot for the slate of nominees.

The nominees were declared elected by acclamation.

The Chair noted that the Governance Committee continues to review nominations for future Board vacancies in accordance with the bylaws.

13. New business & questions (Bradley Menard, Chair)

No new business or questions were raised by attendees.

14. Adjournment (Bradley Menard, Chair)

Motion: That the 2025 UFV Alumni Association AGM be adjourned.

**PARKINSON / S. MENARD
CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Minutes approved:



Chair:

Date: May 26, 2026