

Present: Bradley Menard, Chair; Tricia Taylor, Vice-Chair; Alex Parkinson, Associate Vice-Chair; Michelle Vandepol, Director & IDEA Officer; Harman Rathore, Director; Aman Khinda, Director & Association Representative on Senate; Tristan Taylor, Director; Graham Petek, Director; Nikiel Lal, Director; Tony Dhaliwal, Chair Emeritus; Whitney Fordham, Director, Alumni Engagement & Executive Director, UFVAA (Staff)

Regrets: Alexandra Desautels, Tarndeeep Chattu-Reehal, Matt Kidwell

1. Call to order & introductions (Bradley Menard, Chair)

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Declaration of conflict of interest (Bradley Menard, Chair)

The Chair invited Board members to declare any actual, perceived, or potential conflicts of interest related to the items on the agenda. Members were reminded to disclose any conflicts as they arise during the meeting and to state their name and the nature of the conflict for the record, at which point the Board would determine whether recusal from discussion or voting was required.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Approval of consent agenda (Bradley Menard, Chair)

The Chair reviewed the items included within the consent agenda, including committee reports, the 2026-27 Board meeting schedule, the Executive Director's report, and approval of the March 27, 2026 Board meeting minutes.

MOTION: To approve May 26, 2026 Board of Directors consent agenda, as presented.

**TRICIA TAYLOR / LAL
CARRIED**

4. Business arising from the minutes (Bradley Menard, Chair)

No business arising from the minutes was brought forward.

5. 2026 Alumni Awards (Tristan Taylor, Chair, Awards Committee)

The Chair advised the Board that Tricia Taylor had be stepped down as Chair of the Awards Committee and that Tristan Taylor had been approved by the Governance Committee as the new committee chair effective immediately.

The Awards Committee presented its recommendations for the 2026 Alumni Awards.

MOTION: To confer the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award upon Dean Duthie.

TRISTAN TAYLOR / TRICIA TAYLOR
CARRIED

MOTION: To confer the 2026 Young Distinguished Alumni Award upon Dr. Ethan Wiens.

TRISTAN TAYLOR / RATHORE
CARRIED

MOTION: To confer the 2026 Outstanding Student Leader Award upon Angelina Joseph.

TRISTAN TAYLOR / TRICIA TAYLOR
CARRIED

The Awards Committee reported that it will continue reviewing the awards evaluation matrix and exploring potential enhancements to the awards program for future consideration.

6. Reserve funds (Bradley Menard, Chair)

The Chair invited discussion regarding the future use of reserve funds and encouraged directors to consider opportunities that would advance the Association's mandate and strategic priorities.

The Executive Director provided an overview of several potential uses of accumulated surplus funds, including future alignment of Alumni Association branding with the University's new brand identity and associated enhancements to Alumni Hall.

Directors discussed the importance of reviewing the University's new brand standards before considering any branding-related investments. It was noted that additional information will be brought forward when available.

Directors also discussed opportunities to support students through financial assistance initiatives. It was determined that interest accrued on reserved funds for fiscal year 2025-26 would be used to fund two new annual bursaries.

MOTION: To allocate reserve funds to establish two \$1,000 student bursaries, awarded annually for a period of three years, based on demonstrated financial need.

TRICIA TAYLOR / PARKINSON
CARRIED

It was noted that additional information regarding the structure, administration, and potential future growth of alumni-supported student financial assistance initiatives will be brought forward to a future meeting.

7. Summer Social (Whitney Fordham, Executive Director)

The Executive Director provided an update on planning for the annual Board summer social.

Potential dates in July were presented. Directors expressed interest in a casual and relationship-focused gathering. A survey will be circulated to determine availability and preferred activity.

8. Other Business (Bradley Menard, Chair)

The Chair invited Board members to raise any items of other business.

No additional items were raised.

9. Adjournment (Bradley Menard, Chair)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

The Chair thanked members for their contributions and participation.

Minutes approved:

Chair:  _____ Date: September 29, 2026