

Meeting called by:	Jess Grover	Type of meeting:	216th Alumni Council Meeting	
Facilitator:		Note taker:	Sylvia Hennessy	
Attendees:	Lee Hays, Sue Robinson, Joanne Sokolowski, Maile Loweth Reeves, Karen Sisson, Vidal Guerreiro, Jessica Lee, John Igiebor-Isoken, Jessica Rogers, Teresa Bugelli, Sebastian Cosgrove Conference Phone Participants: Bob Taylor-Vaisey, Robin Sundstrom			
Guests:	Julie Davis, VP External Relations & Advancement			
Minutes				
Agenda item:	Welcome & Introductions/Council Organization	Presenter:	Jess Grover	
Discussion:	As Below			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending her first meeting as Trent University Alumni Association President; the new strategic direction plan is the beginning of a wonderful chapter • Jess recognized new members on council, and suggested that each person introduce themselves • Karen Sisson motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jess – motion approved, all in favour • Jess motion to approve the TUAA 214 Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Karen Sisson – motion approved, all in favour • There are a number of vacant positions on council • Important to focus on three council committees moving forward: Communications Committee, Awards and Recognition Committee, Governance Committee • Communications Committee - Trent magazine is experiencing an overhaul, it is important for one council member to sit on the magazine editorial board, this committee member would be responsible to share the views and suggestions of the TUAA Council with the editorial board; responsibilities would include: scheduling and leading committee meetings, overseeing follow up outcomes and recruiting committee members; transition for new magazine format will take place in the winter edition 				

- Jess motion to appoint Sebastian Cosgrove as chairperson of the Communications Committee, Teresa Bugelli seconded the motion, all in favour
- **Awards and Recognition Committee** - this committee is particularly important as it recognizes the accomplishments of our alumni; members of the committee will work collaboratively with Alumni Affairs staff to follow through the selection process and select award recipients; Jess is currently a member of this committee, she will remove herself from the committee
- **Governance Committee** - Vidal expressed interest in getting involved in this committee; Jovan Groen will continue as a committee member; Jess will reach out to council members not in attendance; Jess moved to strike governance committee, all in favour
- Jess motion that there be a change to the TUAA Constitution, Article III, Membership – change to: “the following are considered members in good standing of the association”, seconded by Karen Sisson - motion approved, all in favour; motion discussed at this time – ratification of this motion will take place at the next TUAA Annual General Meeting, October 2016

Agenda item:	University & Alumni Update	Presenter	Lee Hays
Discussion:	As Below		

- Update will be an orientation/ re-orientation of the university and information on what Alumni Affairs is currently working on
- Trent has placed second overall in the undergraduate category in Canada and first in Ontario in the Maclean’s rankings; there are 6,784 undergraduate students, 480 graduate students, 603 international students from over 100 countries, 308 self identified Indigenous students; 83% of students on campus are from outside the area; Trent has been offering courses in Durham for 40 years, the new Durham facility opened doors in 2010 and currently has 856 students; the university has 695 full and part time permanent employees, plus 1200 contract, approximately 1/3 of staff and faculty are Trent alumni

University Developments

- Trent Lands Plan projects include: twin pad arena, baseball diamond, rectangular sports field; Student Centre is a \$15 million project, students will fund \$10 million, university will raise \$5 million, the centre will open in 2017; Research & Technology Park will include 85 acres for students to use as co-op opportunities
- New programs introduced for 2015/16 include: Masters in Educational Studies, Bachelors in Social Work, Water Sciences, Kinesiology, Communication & Critical thinking
- **Overview of External Relations & Advancement/Alumni Affairs**– Alumni Affairs is a component of the ER&A department; Alumni Affairs staff are: Lee Hays, Director, Alumni Affairs; Donald Fraser, Communications & Digital Initiatives Coordinator; Sue Robinson, Alumni Engagement & Services Coordinator; Sylvia Hennessy, Alumni Affairs Assistant; Joanne Sokolowski, Manager Convocation & Alumni Relations; please see attached a complete ER&A organizational chart

- **Community Engagement** – the university’s goal is to be an economic, recreational, social and cultural engine for our communities; Trent has a \$387 million economic impact annually on the Peterborough community; provides 4260 direct and indirect jobs in the area; raised \$1.7 million for United Way since 1965; provides volunteers and community leaders; support faculty and student research; public discourse (Trent Idea Exchange), many lectures open to the community; the campus provides community facilities; there are approximately 8000 alumni in the Peterborough Region; approximately 3,000 alumni in Durham Region
- **Alumni Impact at Trent** - recognition to Bob Taylor-Vaisey for his involvement in promoting more alumni to join the Trent University Board Of Governors, 55% of the BOG are alumni; Trent students receive 14 TUAA awards annually that include: scholarships, prizes, medals; alumni were credited for giving 50% of overall gifts to the university in 2014 -15 that totalled \$1,688,778.99; 50 in 50 Campaign, goal to raise \$50,000 in 50 hours, total raised \$91,000
- **Alumni College Engagement**, alumni participation for 2014-15 in college life includes: Life after Trent, Pan-Colleges Programming Fund Committee, LEC Celebrates Music, Your Trent Student Symposium, Three Minute Paper, the Last Lecture, “What Does Undergraduate Research Look Like”, Why Act(ivism) Series, Alumni Hall of Fame, 50th anniversary reunions (Traill, PRC), Alumni-College Engagement Task Force – online access to report <http://www.trentu.ca/colleges/documents/FinalReport-ACEtaskForce-June2015.pdf>
- **Alumni Current Initiatives** - the re-designed of the alumni website will launch soon, our goal is to make it more user engaging; new electronic alumni newsletter will be introduced in December ; life after Trent mentoring program will begin in January 2016; 2016 Alumni – in - residence will be Professor Harry Kitchen, lecture Yuwa Hedrick Wong, February 29th – March 2nd: the Jack Matthews fellow arriving in January is a Trent alumni; Alumni Strategic Plan is almost completed; the new design for the magazine will be ready for the winter 2016 issue.
- **Upcoming Events**: Life after Trent Net-working sessions, November 17th & 18th in Peterborough; GTA Alumni Social – November 13th, Edmonton Alumni Social – November 21st, PSB Wilson Lounge re-dedication – November 21st. The Big Picture – November 24th, Business Alumni Focus Groups – Toronto Nov. & Dec., Ottawa Chapter, Tony Storey Alumni Service Award – December 2nd, Montreal Chapter event – February 11th, Indigenous Alumni Reunion – February, Team Trend 40th Reunion – February, College graduation dinners and awards – April, Alumni Awards – April 30th in Peterborough, Convocation, Peterborough & Durham - June
- Jess suggested that council members should think about attending and assisting at the college award events, and Convocation. We need council representation to speak at these events

Action Item: Lee will confirm number of full time students at Trent for council members

Action Item: Jess will send upcoming event list to council members

Agenda item:	Volunteer/Leadership Workshop	Presenter	Julie Davis
Discussion:	As Below		

- Please see the attached PowerPoint presentation – Volunteers; Passionate, Personal, and Productive

- Julie suggested that everyone should create a list of what they expect to give as a volunteer on one page, and on a second page list what they expect to get from volunteering; each councillor should give their suggestions to Jess, as a future reference tool
- Organizations may assume or expect that their volunteers will want a role/position related to their profession - this is not always the case. The volunteer may want to do something that is totally unrelated to their profession. It is important to be comfortable and satisfied with your volunteer role.
- Councillors would like to know what is expected of them, and to be informed between council meetings
- Jess plans to be in touch with council members each month

Agenda item:	Lunch; Review Meeting Dates	Presenter:	
Discussion:	As Below		
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Agenda item:	Strategic plan review & discussion; Approval; Sign up for initiatives/committees	Presenter:	Jess Grover
Discussion:			
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Agenda item:	AOB	Presenter:	
Discussion:	As Below		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting 			