

## **Meeting Minutes**

TUAA Council Meeting Alumni House Saturday, November 26, 2016

Meeting called by:	Jess Grover	Type of meeting:	222nd Alumni Council Meeting
Facilitator:		Note taker:	Sylvia Hennessy
Attendees:	Sebastian Cosgrove, Cheryl Coss, Julie Davis, Jess Grover, Lee Hays, Jessica Lee, Maile Loweth Reeves, Karen Smith, Tawny Weese Phone: Wei Lynn Eng, Charlene Holmes, Athena Flak, Steven Robertson, Diane Therrien Regrets: Danen Oberon, Herb O'Heron, Jessica Rogers, Karen Sisson		
Guests:	Julie Davis		

## **Minutes**

Agenda item:	Welcome & President's Remarks	Presenter:	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		

- Welcome everyone
- A new feature to the conference phone call in process you will be asked to state your name before joining the conference session, please speak clearly so that everyone can hear you
- Our meetings are recorded for the sole purpose of the minutes

Agenda item:	Approve Minutes of the 221st Alumni Council Meeting	Presenter	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		

- Sebastian, motion to approve the minutes
- Second, Maile Loweth Reeves
- All in favour

Agenda item:	Approval of Agenda	Presenter	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		

- Jess, motion to amend the agenda to include reports from TCSA (Trent Central Student Association), TDSA(Trent Durham Student Association) student leader representatives
- Second, Karen Smith
- All in favour
- Jess motion to approve the amended agenda
- Second, Sebastian Cosgrove

All in favour			
Aganda itamı	Committees	Presenter	logo Crover
Agenda item:	Committees	Fresenter	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		

- Do not have Chairs for the committees, Jess will contact committee members to recruit Chairs, the committee list will be distributed once the Chairs have been chosen
- · See list of committees
- Committees work is being directed/initiatives by the strategic plan

TDSA Update (Joseph Cassidy – Skof) – please see attached letter/report

TCSA Update (Alaine Spiwak) – Friendship Bench Campaign, yellow bench was installed on podium, promoting mental health, bench is named after a Carleton University student who lost their life as a result of depression, serves as a daily visual reminder to think about mental health; Healthy Living Week Nov 7 – 11, No Deep Fry Monday to promote healthy living changes: IMWell a free mental health app, access to qualified councillors, and students can continue to use after graduation

Agenda item:	VP Council Organization Update	Presenter:	Jessica Lee
Discussion:	As Below		

- Established a volunteer form, hoping to post it on the alumni web page for easy access
- Developing a description on volunteer roles
- Council Handbook will be useful to chapter champions, council members, volunteer
- Alumni Student Intern will be looking into AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act) training for chapter champions and council members
- Volunteer opportunities for alumni will be published in the spring issue of Trent magazine
- Contact Jessica with names of non-alumni volunteers they could be chosen to receive an honorary alumni membership

Agenda item:	VP Engagement & Philanthropy Update	Presenter:	Maile Loweth Reeves
Discussion:	As Below		

- Trent was named number one undergraduate university in Ontario, Maclean's University Rankings, Trent claimed top spot for sixth consecutive year; also ranked the number two undergraduate research university in Canada
- Trent launched a new School of Business program, students participating in this program will have an opportunity to take a full slate of accounting courses preparing for CPA designation or as a launch pad to M.B.A.
- "Make Trent Safe" rally at Bata Library on November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Zach Baranowski is a fourth year student and self taught photographer; he has posted photos of Peterborough, Kawarthas, Trent University on Instagram and has ten thousand followers
- York Region Chapter of TUAA is hosting a pub night on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at Archibalds Pub in Richmond Hill, Dr Asaf Zohar will be a special quest

Agenda item:	VP Campus Engagement	Presenter:	Charlene Holmes
For	As Below		

- Invited to Student Alumni Association meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>
- Jessica R and Bob Taylor-Vaisey are working on the college advisory matrix for future recruitment
- Jessica will contact former college cabinet members to invite them to participate in the mentorship program

- College Advisory Committee had meetings with alumni representatives present with the exception of Otonabee College
- Jessica Rogers will meet with Sako Khederlarian, Orientation Coordinator-Student Affairs, to discuss how alumni can be involved in Student Orientation Week 2017

Agenda item:	VP Communications & Member Services	Presenter:	Sebastian Cosgrove
Discussion:	As Below		

- No membership updates
- Communications we had an editorial board meeting to talk about the February (winter) magazine issue, the magazine will have a component related to Indigenous People, and the May (spring) edition will feature Catharine Parr Traill College
- Direction for magazine is to have relevant interesting stories, please send Sebastian any story ideas for the spring edition

Agenda item:	University Update	Presenter:	Julie Davis
Discussion:	As Below		

- Thank for volunteering for the TUAA
- Student Centre project is coming along well
- At Head of Trent we celebrated the conclusion of the matching gift challenge \$1.5 million was raised; the Student Centre Atrium will be named the "Alumni Atrium"
- Focus is on the Bata Library, second and fourth floor will be renovated, Entreprunurship & Innovation Centre and Research Centres will be in the library, it will be a very quick complicated body of work, the library will be closed for periods of time
- Giving Tuesday is approaching, Brian Davies, honorary alumni member has offered \$10,000 as a matching gift opportunity, great opportunity for alumni to give
- Attended a dinner at Traill College, \$100,000 endowment established, received a \$50,000 gift, from alumnus Greg Piasetzki
- Research Innovation Park & Lands Plan initiative moving forward on east bank, we continue to work with the city; open house on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> with architects and planners at Gathering Space, Gzowski College
- Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> Marketing & Communications will be shooting a holiday greeting video on the Faryon Bridge
- Santa Claus parade December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- BOG meeting next Friday, everyone is invited,
- Working on plan to initiate a student residence at Durham College
- Canada Research Chair position posted to study Canada's North and Arctic

Agenda item:	Alumni Affairs Update	Presenter:	Lee Hays
Discussion:	As Below		

- Thanks for everyone's amazing work, the updates were comprehensive and informative, members are very active and engaged, your support is much appreciated
- Idea of alumni ambassadors is moving along, Donald Fraser and I will meet with Kevin Whitmore, Director of Recruitment & Admissions, to promote alumni ambassadors in communities around the world
- Next year 50 anniversary of TUAA, alumnus Stephen Stohn will host an event for us in April at his condo in Toronto, hope to have 100 alumni attend, plan to have three or four alumni pop up tutorials throughout the evening related to the ideas that change the world theme, also an opportunity to make a public announcement about the Alumni Engagement Fund and encourage alumni to donate, Stephen will do a video invitation, we will send event snapshot along with minutes
- Alumni regional events Ottawa, goal was to build alumni government relations, four alumni MP's attended; Montreal, supported
  Robert Wright book launch; Leo Groarke and I attended Vancouver, Reconciliation of the Arts talk, and Calgary, dinner with
  alumni; Durham, Chancellor event, Don Tapscott had a great message to give
- Upcoming events Trudeau Mania event, December 10<sup>th</sup>; assisting to promote alumnus Jamie Doran launching his first board game; Ottawa event in late February; Working with Canadian Studies Department regarding Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- Heritage Committee has been newly revived and it is co chaired by Associate VP, Kent Stringham and Michael Eamon, Principal
  Traill College, recently hired a heritage consultant responsible for developing heritage inventory, a fund raising endowment for
  heritage buildings will be launched
- Alumni Awards Ceremony idea is to take alumni awards presentations on the road events and incorporate, take it to the regions
  for alumni award recipients, presentation of awards will change, fit them into the appropriate event, main reason is for profile, so
  that more alumni will see the award winners, pilot year for this process, a financial benefit as well
- Jess motion to approve all updates and reports
- Second, Jessica Lee

Agenda item:	Volunteer Code of Conduct	Presenter	Jessica Lee
Discussion:	As Below		

- Jess, council members are encouraged to put the council interests first
- Jess motion to approve code of conduct as a member
- Second, Sebastian
- All in favour
- Code of conduct document will be signed at Jan 28<sup>th</sup> council meeting

Agenda item:	Day of Service Initiative	Presenter	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		

- Encourage Trent alumni around the world to volunteer in their community during national volunteer week in April, the TUAA could choose a project and encourage alumni to get involved
- Lee, Jess, Jessica will be leading an initiative focused on alumni volunteering for something they are passionate about in their community, then report their experience to Alumni Association, hoping to partner with TD Insurance Meloche Monnex as sponsor to help with the cost of the initiative
- Be prepared to participate

Agenda item:	Wrap up and next meeting – Jan 28, 2017	Presenter	Jess Grover

## Discussion As below

- Next meeting Jan 28<sup>th</sup> at Durham Campus,
- Each meeting will have a committee spotlight
- Convocation coming in June, Peterborough Campus on June 6,7,8,9 and Durham Campus on June 14.
- A suggestion to think about attending the ceremonies and get involved
- Jess motion to adjourn the meeting,
- Second by Karen Smith