



Meeting Minutes

Trent University
 Alumni Association
 Council Meeting
 Alumni House
 Saturday, May 14, 2016

Meeting called by:	Jess Grover	Type of meeting:	219 th Alumni Council Meeting
Facilitator:		Note taker:	Sylvia Hennessy
Attendees:	Jess Grover, Jessica Lee, Maile Loweth Reeves, Diane Therrien, Bob Taylor Vaisey Phone: Sebastian Cosgrove, Charlene Holmes		
Guests:	Joanne Sokolowski		

Minutes

Agenda item:	Welcome & President's Remarks	Presenter:	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground breaking ceremony at student centre on Friday, May 13th, students, staff, and board members attended, less than \$80,000 away from reaching the \$750,000 matching donation • Plan to discuss the nomination process for honorary alumni members in the future • Alumni Association Spring Summit in June at Queens University, Joanne and Jess plan to attend. 			

Agenda item:	Minutes of the 218 th Alumni Council Meeting	Presenter	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve minutes, seconded by Jessica • All in favour 			

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<p>Motion to approve agenda as presenter, seconded by Maile All in favour</p>			

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Agenda item:	Appointment of New Executive Member	Presenter:	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Igiebor has stepped down as VP Membership • Jess Grover nominated Jessica Lee as VP Membership until the next AGM; seconded by Diane. Jessica accepts • All in favour 			
Agenda item:	University & Alumni Affairs Discussion	Presenter:	Joanne Sokolowski
Discussion:	As Below		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob suggested that the university could give a donation of \$100 to Fort Mack in name of the Alumni Association – support would go to the Red Cross - Bob motion to approve, seconded by Jess, all in favour <p>Joanne Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio includes working with TUA Council and Alumni Volunteer Program, chapter volunteer work as well, Convocation Manager • Trent University Durham will have its own Convocation at the Ajax Convention Centre on June 3rd, Convocation for Symons Campus will be on June 7th, 8th, 9th, honorary degree recipients are Kathleen Taylor, Michael dePencier, Linwood Barclay, Roy MacGregor • Alumni Awards event on April 30th went very well • Don Tapscott re- appointed as Chancellor for three years • James Orbinski received Physicians of Canada Award • Justin Chiu donated \$1.5 to the new International Institute for Environmental Studies • Sonja Bata received an honorary alumni membership certificate, announced new scholarship in honour of her husband, Thomas J. Bata • Trent applied for infrastructure grant for library development, also private donation for the library from David and Joan Moore, bringing it up to better environmental standards • Invitation to Council members to attend Convocation, volunteers needed to pass out welcome packages to new graduates 			
Agenda item:	Trent Alumni Strategic Plan & Discussion	Presenter:	Jess Grover & Council Members
Discussion:	As Below		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob suggested that Dan Longboat should attend a council meeting to update members on the Indigenous Environmental Program • Bob - Colleges Update – three initiatives: alumni member on each college cabinet, college advisory committees, college cabinet heads and college heads to discuss how council members can be involved with college life; more alumni involved in orientation week, Sako Khederlarian would like to return to introductory seminar week; have alumni events during introductory week • Joanne - the colleges will have summer students that could help research college cabinet member information • Bob - there are no records in the colleges about previous cabinet members, university does not have policy for keeping records • Maile - suggestion to research the annual year book for college cabinet information • Jess - Colleges are going to use our Alumni Strategic Plan as a template for their own • Jess reporting for Robin: moving forward, Life after Trent group will research what other universities do, other ways that focus on the value of alumni relationships; Mentoring Program, clearly there are some issues with this program, this group will research other universities with similar programs • Joanne - networking events have been successful, a lot of departments are holding their own network sessions 			

- Vidal - goal to have an alumni calendar completed in January 2017, to be in a central location, also send information through email broadcasts, alma matter messages
- Jessica - mentoring international students can be difficult, they have questions, do we have international alumni who could support this program
- Jess - TUAA should focus on number of resources, use technology more to our advantage, self serve hub
- Jess - Jessica Lee will take lead on the Volunteer Recruitment Management Plan, I have drafted a volunteer handbook, conclude that we need a process to inform and manage volunteers in and out of the surrounding area; re-visit the constitution, re-image the roles on council; suggestion to introduce an alumni committee liaison representative; want to hear from council about what is working; these and other topics will be discussed at the retreat in August

Agenda item:	Retreat Discussion	Presenter:	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		

- Gzowski College – 7 rooms reserved for August 19, 20, 2016
- Council meeting on August 20th, at 10 am
- Retreat discussion will continue on Saturday
- Sunday morning breakfast, will be done by noon

Agenda item:	Looking Forward	Presenter:	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		

People should do AODA training, send to Jess confirmation that is completed

Agenda item:	Wrap Up & Next Meeting	Presenter	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		

Sebastian – enjoyed presenting the PGC Alumni Recognition Award, offer to become a student mentor; will include an article in the magazine about why alumni/university friends should continue to donate to Trent

Next meeting – August 20, 2016- location to be announced

Motion to adjourn, seconded by Diane Therrien