



Meeting Minutes

Trent University
 Alumni Association
 Council Meeting
 Oshawa Campus
 Saturday, April 2, 2016

Meeting called by:	Jess Grover	Type of meeting:	218 th Alumni Council Meeting
Facilitator:		Note taker:	Sylvia Hennessy
Attendees:	Teresa Bugelli, Cheryl Coss, Jess Grover, Garry Cubitt, Lee Hays, Adam Hopkins, Jessica Lee, Maile Loweth Reeves, Bob Taylor-Vaisey Phone - Sebastian Cosgrove, Vidal Guerreiro, Danielle Harris, Charlene Holmes, Jessica Rogers, Robin Sundstrom		
Guests:	Julie Davis		

Minutes

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

- Thank you for joining us in Oshawa
- CUPE 3908-1 Award for Excellence in Teaching presented to Shirley Williams, Award for Educational Leadership and Innovation was presented to David Newhouse, Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to Dr. Joel Baetz
- Alumni Student Centre challenge is under way, council members are encouraged to donate

Agenda item:	Minutes of the 217 th Alumni Council Meeting	Presenter	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		

- Approval of minutes
- Change; pg. 2, the word "stalk" should be changed to "stock"
- Update Information; pg. 3, more detailed information regarding Leadership Volunteers
- Jess motion to approve the minutes as amended
- All in favour

Please note – changes and updates have been made

Agenda item:	Agenda	Presenter	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		

- Jess motion to approve the agenda
- Vidal second the motion
- All in favour

Agenda item:	Appointment of New Council Members	Presenter:	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Coss as Councillor, Jess motion to approve; Jessica Lee second the motion, all in favour • Danielle Harris, as Graduate Student Representative; Jess Grover motion to appoint as councillor, Bob Taylor Vaisey, second the motion, all in favour • Vidal Guerreiro will join the council executive as VP Governance, until the Annual General Meeting in October; Jess Grover motion to approve appointment, all in favour • Note to council, there are two vacant councillor positions 			
Agenda item:	University Update	Presenter:	Julie Davis
Discussion:	As Below		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always appreciate joining the volunteers on Council for their meetings • Enrolment is up by 17% in applications • Marilyn Burns and enrolment team is working hard, increasing contact with schools, moving Trent Open House to Friday, confirm transfer credits on the spot for acceptance, other universities are copying this process • Overall entering average is 80% • Academic - Bachelor of Social Work has an accredited program, Durham applications up 14% compared to overall 17% • Student Aid - will donors stop giving because tuition is free? Provincial and federal government will simplify the application process, reduce the family income eligibility, they will not be investing more money into the program • Do donors still need to establish bursaries and scholarships? Students will always need assistance with living expenses, extra curricular activities • Sebastian Cosgrove - will Trent magazine be covering the issue of changes to the student aid process? Alumni should be informed that they need to continue donating to benefit students; Lee suggested that Sebastian should bring this subject forward at the next editorial meeting • Endowment Assets – BOG has decided that divestment from fossil fuel investments is not the best approach for Trent, a socially responsible fund has been developed, donors will have a choice to donate to the standard endowment fund or the socially responsible fund, both funds will be monitored over three years • First year in twelve years there will be no cuts to the operating budget, extra money used to fund a number of new academic program initiatives, print all three editions of the magazine • Lands Plan - city is moving ahead with reviews, assessments and studies, user group meetings will begin in the fall; Research Park, the city is developing details with the university around a management process • Leo Groarke has initiated an international review and retention review, details of the reviews are not available at this time • Trill College review, still receiving submissions, will not recommend closure, report will be reviewed in the fall 2016 • Bata Library Fund Raising Campaign – \$125, 000 has been raised, renovations will include a teaching studio dedicated to Professor Deborah Berrill, a retired faculty member who was involved in developing the teaching program at Trent, \$24,000 will be used to create a teaching fellows endowment, we will begin a fundraising initiative to raise \$120,000 to support the endowment, heavy focus on library fundraising to begin in the fall • Alumni Student Centre Challenge – \$309, 000 of the \$750,000 matched funds has been raised, we still have \$441,000 to go, it is a great opportunity to take advantage of the matching gift initiative to make a donation, make your gift and encourage others to do the same • Garry Cubitt – Board of Governors meeting took place at Trent-Oshawa on Friday, April 1st, board members and community leaders discussed community presence, increasing the profile of leadership in Oshawa and successful initiatives, we are working diligently on President Groarke’s objective to increase the profile of Trent-Oshawa; a Durham Advisory Committee has been created, everyone we approached to join the committee agreed, we have seen a significant increase in enthusiasm and interest in the profile at Durham; Career Day event planned for April 5th, alumni are coming back to share their career paths with current students 			

- Julie Davis acknowledged that Garry has been instrumental in building key relationships at Trent-Oshawa and thanked him for his ongoing support

Agenda item:	Alumni Awards Update	Presenter:	Maile Loweth Reeves
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Discussion:	As Below
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- Alumni Awards Committee members are: Bob Glossup, Jessica Lee, Jessica Rogers, Jovan Groen; with special thanks to Lee Hays for her support
- Tony Storey Alumni Volunteer Award - Kate Ramsey
- David Glassco Prize - Jenna Pilgrim
- Robert W. Stephenson Prize – Alaine Spiwak
- Young Leader Award – Diane Therrian
- Spirit of Trent Award – Lorraine Bennett, Team Trend organizers: Bill Fields, John Kennedy, David Wright
- Distinguished Alumni Award – Tim Cook, Fiona Sampson
- Alumni Awards are on Saturday, April 30th at the Great Hall from 2pm. – 5 pm.

Agenda item:	Honorary Alumni Discussion	Presenter:	Jess Grover
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Discussion:	As Below
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- Three people for nomination: Bryan Davies – Chair, BOG, Mike Allcott – Director TIP Program, Sonja Bata – Donor, Trent University; each of these individuals have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to Trent, they should be included in the Trent alumni family as Honorary TUAA Members
- Jess Grover motion to award Bryan Davies, as Honorary TUAA Member, Sebastian Cosgrove second the motion, all in favour
- Jess Grover motion to award Mike Allcott as Honorary TUAA Member, Sebastian Cosgrove second the motion, all in favour
- Jess Grover motion to award Sonja Bata as Honorary TUAA Member, Robin Sundstrom second the motion, all in favour
- Bryan Davies and Mike Allcott will receive their honorary alumni certificates at the Alumni Awards event
- Sonja Bata will visit the campus later this month and we will have an opportunity to present the award to her
- Bob Taylor Vaisey suggested that there should be a more formal process in place for selecting people to receive this award
- Jess would like to strike a committee that initiates alumni nominations for internal and external awards
- Julie Davis informed everyone of a new Trent award, Trent Community Leaders Award, will be presented at Heart of Trent event, nominations are due, April 12th, encourage everyone to look at Trent staff or faculty alumni for nomination

Agenda item:	Trent Alumni Strategic Plan Discussion	Presenter:	Jess Grover
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Discussion:	As Below
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- Jess will meet with a writing and designing team to create a reader friendly version of the plan
- Five initiatives chosen to work on as a council, and leaders
- Each leader will be asked to discuss initiatives
- Jess – Governance, major governance overhaul to do, plan to work through the constitution to gather an understating of changes to be made, will be bringing things forward for council ratification, constitution reflects the work we do
- Robin – Life after Trent, coordinating with Trent employees, council members, alumni volunteers, to discuss ways in which we can provide information regarding job and volunteer opportunities to current students and new graduates, hope to create a committee to include Joanne Sokolowski and Gary Cubbitt, data will be gathered and recorded in the second year
- Vidal - Calendar, engagement piece, what is already being done, good discussion with Joanne Sokolowski about what areas are we reaching to allow alumni participation, its not as good as we want it to be, plan to join other university events, council members can assist with the planning process, draft email to department chairs outlining what we undertook from strategic plan,

Alumni Affairs staff could take a role in events while not over extending resources, providing lectures on podcasts, outreach with departments, colleges, special interest groups

- Jess, we need to give advance notice so that people can access and participate in events
- Karen Sisson – Volunteer, Jess is reporting for Karen, we are working toward developing a volunteer plan, student employee in Alumni Affairs office is assisting, Jess has been working on a alumni councillor handbook, we are hoping to have a comprehensive plan with Trent regarding volunteer opportunities
- Colleges - Jessica Rogers, great meeting with Bob Taylor Vaisey, reviewing the Alumni College Engagement Task Force document, plan a meeting with College Heads including Traill to gain a better understanding of how the colleges engage with alumni moving forward, ensuring alumni sit on college cabinet, alumni attend HOTT, started off with framework and will meet again soon, met with new director of colleges, Stephanie, - she is enthusiastic and experience in campus life, will invite her to the May 14th council meeting
- Teresa Bugelli and Cheryl Coss will be involved in the Volunteer Recruitment Committee
- Jess will be in contact with each committee to see how things are going, if people have trouble meeting deadlines please come forward to discuss

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

- AA staff has been reduced due to the absence of Sue Robinson; Sue works with our affinity programs and supporting events; she will return to work at the end of April
- Our student employee, Olivia Sayles, will be hired to work full time through out the spring
- Three editions of Trent magazine will be printed each year, one edition will go to 25, 000 alumni, our goal is to make the magazine more edgy and controversial, also will broaden updates in our database
- Maile Loweth Reeves commented on missing the sunshine sketches in the magazine, Lee explained that alumni can submit sunshine sketches to be posted online
- Highlight and thank you for participation on alumni awards, student awards and volunteers that attended awards
- Lunch for Robert W. Stephenson and David Glassco award recipients at Alumni House, April 21st at Alumni House
- Attended a great Montreal chapter event; partnered the event with Trent recruitment team, they were able to visit two schools in the area
- Vancouver chapter is having a lot of events, Julie Davis will attend an event in April, Lee and Leo Groarke will visit in November
- Bob and Maggie Glossop hosted a successful alumni gathering and fundraising event at their home in Ottawa
- Joanne Sokolowski and Lee meet with the chair of departments to discuss how we can engage and support them with obtaining alumni contact information for department program reviews
- Stewart Wheeler '88, Canada Ambassador to Iceland - North at Trent Lecture Series
- Yuwa Hedrick Wong '71, 2016 Alumni in Residence - delivered Harry Kitchen Lecture
- Stephen Brown '86 - delivered the Last Lecture to new graduates
- Dalal, AL Wahheidi '98 - 2016 Jack Mathews Fellow
- Day of Service Volunteer Program – early stages with Olivia Sayles, TD Meloche Monnex Student Intern supporting
- Women's Leadership Assembly, Toronto - four speakers confirmed, Dakota Brant '06, Fiona Sampson '87, Carol Grey '75, Joanne Thomsen '81

Agenda item:	Looking Forward: Events and Opportunities	Presenter:	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alumni Awards event on April 30th, highlight Lady Gaga impersonator, previous Young Leader Award recipient, DJ Cunningham will be the MC at the event • Oshawa Convocation - June 3, 2016 • Sexual Consent Conference – June 2, 2016 • Adam Hopkins is fundraising for the “Paint Your Space” event at Bata Library parking lot 			
Agenda Item:	Wrap up and Next Meeting	Presenter:	Jess Grover
Discussion:	As Below		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 14, 2016 at Alumni House; Lee will be away, Joanne Sokolowski will attend • Motion to adjourn, second Garry Cubitt 			