

Ontario Tech Alumni Association Council

Annual Meeting of General Members

Virtual: Zoom

Saturday, June 25, 2022

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Muhammad Mahad (Chair)

Kaitlynn Gambier (Vice-Chair)

Amber Morley

Astrid DeSouza

Brian Lieuw Kie Song

Ijlal Gondal

Keiver Goodwin

Patil Mksyartinian

Suroy Thamothearam

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matthew Fawcett

Anthea Ariyajeyam

Dinesh Fernando

Hailey Cameron Wyman

Edyta Chorostkowska

Erin Rutkowski-Jones

Chris Jacob Alex Lalonde

Choudhury Naser

Luisa Rojas

M. Senthilkumar

Andrew Seto

Dwight Thompson

Justin Trach

Tyra Gordon

Chantelle Whidden

ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY STAFF PRESENT:

Alison Broadworth

Carolynn Howard

1. OPENING REMARKS

M. Mahad, Chair of the Alumni Association Council (AAC), called the Annual General Meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

M. Mahad welcomed everyone to the 2022 Virtual Annual General Meeting and introduced the AAC members who were present: Muhammad Mahad, FEAS, Class of 2016, FESNS, Class of 2020; Chair, Kaitlynn Gambier, FBIT, Class of 2013, Vice-Chair; Astrid DeSouza, FS, Class of 2015, Governance Committee Chair; Suroy Thamoatham, FBIT, Class of 2017, Finance Committee Chair; Patil Mksyartinian, FHS, Class of 2020, Engagement Committee Chair; Amber Morley, FSSH, Class of 2019; Brian Lieu-Kie-Song, FBIT, Class of 2017; Ijlal Gondal, FEAS, Class of 2016; Keiver Goodwin, FESNS, Class of 2020; and Rathiban Raveendran, FEAS, Class of 2019.

M. Mahad requested a motion to approve the Agenda for the 2022 Annual General Meeting. Moved by Dwight Thompson and seconded by Keiver Goodwin. Carried.

M. Mahad requested a motion to approve the Minutes for the 2021 Annual General Meeting. Moved by Patil Mksyartinian and seconded by Suroy Thamoatham. Carried.

2. ANNUAL REPORT

M. Mahad presented the Annual Report, beginning with the reminder of the AAC's vision: Connect. Engage. Succeed. Celebrate. This was followed by the mission: Inspire Ontario Tech's global alumni community to feel connected and supported through programs and services designed to promote the spirit of lifelong success and alma mater pride.

P. Mksyartinian presented AAC 2021-2022 Accomplishments. The Alumni Office worked with the Career Centre to establish a Career Speaker Series in Fall 2021. The Alumni Office offered three sessions on LinkedIn, Interviews, and Resumes to alumni. The Alumni Office also ran two Sketching for Self-Care sessions, one in November 2021 and another in January 2022. The AAC held their first ever alumni movie watch party in December 2021. Alumni Office also partnered with the Pathwise Credit Union to create a financial session in February. In May, Sarah Habibi shared her experiences as a social influencer as part of our Speaker Series. Finally, the AAC held their last speaker event with today's AGM and our guest speaker, Shannon Galea, from the Faculty of Education. All the events were virtual and although we want to be in person to help networking, we are pleased to see alumni from other provinces and countries participating.

New merchandise was added with the new university branding, such as new clothing and accessories. The AAC also continued with the Ontario Tech Hub with a third year of

funding from the RBC Future Launch, and continued to use Ten Thousand Coffees as our mentorship platform. The platform allows users to highlight what you would like to learn and also what you can share with others. The Program then suggests introductions to alumni to have a conversation.

S. Thamotharam presented the financial report of the AAC. Revenue in 2020-2021 had increased to \$40,744 due to increased revenue from the Affinity Partnership with Johnson Insurance. Merchandise sales were low due to the affects of COVID-19.

The AAC also had a good budget for engagement opportunities. The Council redirected half of the Reception budget (\$3,500) to the newly established Faculty awards as part of our contribution to Pi Day. We re-directed funds to our AGM budget, as we had more attendees than anticipated for last year's AGM and we covered the food expenses.

The budget for fiscal 2020-2021 was \$18,000 and Council spent \$7,359. The majority of the budget was spent on the Alumni receptions and AGM.

Council kept the 2020-2021 budget at the same level anticipating continued reduction of in-person events.

Questions were received during the Annual Report

Attendee asked about if we over-exceeded our revenue.

C. Howard shared that our Affinity Revenue is based on the quotes that are issued by Johnson Insurance and we do receive a portion when alumni request a quote.

M. Mahad presented the goals for the 2022-2023 year.

The AAC wants to seek out additional affinity partners for increased revenue (e.g., credit cards, other discounts programs for direct savings, etc.).

The AAC would like to add 100 new alumni to the Ontario Tech Hub and Ten Thousand Coffees to help connect alumni and students. Visit alumni.ontariotechu.ca for information.

Increase our social media engagement by posting more content and engaging with Alumni.

Continue to improve our events offering. With the hope of COVID restrictions to be soon lifted, the AAC would like to host more in-person events in the next year.

3. Governance Committee Report

A. DeSouza, Chair of the Governance Committee outlined the Nomination Process for members. The Council has a maximum of ten members and works on a rotating schedule to ensure knowledge transfer by avoiding a full transition of new members in any one year.

This year, there were three positions available to be filled. The Governance Committee continued to use a hybrid elections model. The call for nominations was sent in the Spring and Summer for candidates to apply. Following a thorough review of all applications received, each candidate was interviewed by members of the Governance Committee who recommended a slate of candidates to be approved by the Council. After a thorough review of the online applications, each candidate was interviewed by members of the Elections Committee who recommended a slate of candidates to be approved by the Council. The Council approved the Elections Committee's recommendation for the slate and brought forward this slate to the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Tyra Gordon, Class of 2020, Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science

A. DeSouza requested a motion adopt the slate of new members as presented. K. Goodwin moved that the slate of new members be adopted as presented. M. Mahad seconded the motion. Carried.

A. DeSouza thanked everyone for participating and welcomed the new member.

M. Mahad acknowledged and thanked the following AAC members who will not return to the Council next year: Suroy Thamoatham who served as the Finance Chair for the past two years. Suroy was a huge part of the new merchandise, and his keen eye for financials has been greatly appreciated. Brian Lieu Kie Song is also departing the Council. His unwavering positive attitude and willingness to help his fellow Council members will be greatly missed. The Alumni Office will be sending both of you a thank you package with some of our merchandise.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

M. Mahad invited other business from the general members assembled, and invited members to use the chat function to post questions.

M. Mahad delivered closing remarks. As our organization grows, there are many opportunities to get involved both as Council members as well as in more informal and short-term roles such as mentors, alumni ambassadors, working groups and with the Alumni Networks.

Within the Alumni Association Council, membership on the Engagement Committee is open to the general alumni community to assist with specific activities, obtain insights on the operations of the council, and inspire them to become future Council members.

M. Mahad thanked everyone for attending and celebrating our alumni community on this date, and for their participation in these proceedings.

Noting no other business, M. Mahad called for a motion to adjourn the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Tech Alumni Association. P. Mksyartinian moved that the Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association be adjourned. The motion was seconded by A. DeSouza. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.