

Minutes of the UOIT Alumni Association Council (AAC) Meeting

June 20, 2018
7 to 9 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (IN-PERSON)

K. Gambier (Chair), A. Pineda (Vice-Chair), T. Bailey, S. Kell, S. Rashid, J. Seres

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (TELECONFERENCE)

W. Lee

REGRETS

R. Gomes, I. Gondal, M. Riseley

UOIT STAFF PRESENT

A. Broadworth

1. Call to order

K. Gambier called meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve agenda.

Moved by S. Rashid

Seconded by S. Kell

Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 3, 2018

Motion to approve minutes.

Moved by A. Pineda

Seconded by S. Rashid

Carried.

4. Items for Decision/Action

- a) Council Rotation Correction and TOR Updates (S. Kell)
 - o S. Kell reported that a correction is needed and that he will send the revision to Council for review.
 - o S. Kell asked member to review and send him any additional changes for a vote at the August meeting.
 - o S. Kell also reported that self-evaluation survey will be sent to members.
- b) Alumni Hall (K. Gambier)
 - o K. Gambier reported that she attended a Town Hall meeting led by Brad Maclsaac, AVP Planning and Analysis, at which he was seeking feedback on services and needs for a new building.

- o The idea that was proposed to the Council was to fundraise to establish an Alumni Hall at the university: a space that Alumni could use on campus, or rent out on campus for events. K. Gambier also proposed this idea to the Board of Governors during their AGM. T. Bailey asked if there would be restrictions on the use of the building/space. This can be addressed as plans progress.
 - o K. Gambier also noted that plans for the new building include a large Atrium that can be used for private events.
 - o K. Gambier requested that Council send a survey in the next issue of Connected and that the survey also be posted on social media.
- c) Alumni Award Submissions (S. Rashid)
- o S. Rashid reported that 21 nominations were received for the three categories of awards this year. The subcommittee reviewed and independently scored the nominations. S. Rashid thanked K. Gambier, A. Pineda, S. Kell and W. Lee for serving on the Awards Committee. The category for Philanthropic Award received one nomination and after review and discussion, it was decided that there would be no award for this year in that category.

Motion to approve Jessica Dee as the Achievement Award recipient and Janusz Kaleta and Angela Miller as the nomination Certificate recipients.

Moved by J. Seres

Seconded by S. Rashid

Carried.

Motion to not award the Philanthropic Award for 2018.

Moved by S. Rashid

Seconded by A. Pineda

Carried.

Motion to approve Chantelle Whidden, Class of 2013 as the Up and Coming Award recipient as well as the approval of presenting nomination certificates to six recipients: Eric Brown, Rami- El-Eman, Dinesh Fernando, Sayeed Ali Hosseini, Matthew Mairinger, Chris Purves and Weam Sieffien.

Moved by S. Kell

Seconded by A. Pineda

Carried.

Next steps:

1. Governance committee to send revisions to TOR and Self-Evaluation Survey.
2. A. Broadworth to review existing survey to see if any revisions are required and add to editorial notes for the next issue of Connected.
3. A. Broadworth to order plaques and certificates as well as create bios of nominees for the Alumni Day website promotion.

5. Items for Discussion

- a) AAC Elections - Electoral Officer (S. Kell)
 - o S. Kell reported that Ruth Richards accepted the invitation to serve as the Electoral Officer for the 2018 elections.

Motion to approve Ruth Richards as 2018 Electoral Officer.
Moved by A. Pineda Seconded by J. Seres
Carried.

- b) Merchandise Update (A. Broadworth)
 - o A. Broadworth reported that the sales of alumni merchandise at this year's Convocation was \$5,340.
 - o The Alumni Office work-study student has been looking for new options as discussed and A. Broadworth circulated a binder with options for new items.
- c) AGM/Alumni Day Brainstorming (K. Gambier)
 - o W. Lee, K. Gambier, S. Rashid and A. Broadworth to work on the Alumni Day programming.
 - o Potential guest speakers were discussed.
 - o Confirm speaker by mid-July to make sure they are available for October.
 - o A. Broadworth confirmed that the Regent Theatre is available for Oct. 14; however more discussion is needed to confirm if a second day should be held.

Next steps:

- o A. Broadworth to send email with merchandise suggestions and pricing for feedback from the Council.
- o K. Gambier will email the Alumni Day subcommittee to begin planning and and invited Council members to send suggestions to the committee

6. Items for Information

- a) Convocation Recap (A. Broadworth)
 - o A. Broadworth thanked A. Pineda, J. Seres, K. Gambier and S. Rashid for speaking at this year's Convocation. All did a great job and it is a special welcome for the new alumni.
 - o The Faculty Receptions were well attended this year, with over 1,000 additional guests over last year's receptions.
 - o As reported earlier, this year's merchandise sales were more than \$5,300.
- b) Connected Summer 2018 (A. Broadworth)
 - o Suggested editorial for the next issue using Summer 2017 as a guide. Connect: STAMP article – on hold for review of program. Alison asked Council members if they had been contacted by students and some said the

program works well, but that a review would be helpful.

Survey for Alumni Hall – AAC
Engage: AAC Elections
Succeed: New Alumni Profiles
Celebrate: Jays Game

- c) Receptions Update (S.Rashid)
 - o S. Rashid confirmed that he is still looking into confirming a location for the Jays game.
 - o We will not be going forward with a reception for August. S. Rashid will work on developing a speaker series program that can begin in October or November.
 - o iLaunch- K. Gambier reported that she attended the annual event that is hosted by the Career Centre to speak to alumni about the Association. A. Broadworth joined K. Gambier at the booth and it was the first chance to use the new Alumni Council business cards.

Next steps:

- o Alumni Office to work on the next issue of Connected.

7. Other Business

- a) K. Gambier reported that the Summer Transition for accessibility students takes place on Monday, August 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and asked if the Council wanted to host an activity during this event.
- b) K. Gambier has also reached out to UOIT about iBegin and Orientation.

Next steps:

- o K. Gambier to send out an email to the full group to see anyone is available and/or has ideas for what the Council can do.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.
Motion to adjourn.

Moved by J. Seres Seconded by S. Rashid