

Minutes of the UOIT Alumni Association Council (AAC) Meeting

August 2, 2017

7:40 to 8 p.m.

Public Session

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

K. Gambier, S. McNama, J. Seres, C. Mazza, K. Daize (teleconference), S. Kell (teleconference), A. Pineda

REGRETS

M. Riseley, C. Andrews

UOIT STAFF PRESENT

E. Johnston, A. Watson (teleconference).

1. Call to order

S. McNama called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

2. Approval of the agenda

- S. McNama asked to add a moment of silence for an alumnus who had recently passed away.

Motion to approve the agenda with changes.

Moved by M. Riseley

Seconded by R. Richards

3. Approval of Minutes of July 4, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes.

Moved by R. Richards

Seconded by J. Seres

4. Items for Decision/Action

There were none.

5. Items for Discussion

a) Receptions (Blue Jays and Annual General Meeting)

- The recent Blue Jays Alumni meet-up had a great turn-out. All who attended had a great time.
- The next reception will be held at Omescape in Markham on Thursday, August 24. It is free to attend for alumni.
- The Annual General Meeting has been expanded to a day of events and will now be referred to as Alumni Day.
- Live music, a guest speaker, student showcases and family events will

all be considered as activities throughout the day.

- All attendees will be invited to attend the Women's hockey game versus Queen's University.
- J. Seres has established a planning document to help council members confirm details by the end of the summer.
- Additionally, the council is planning to host a fundraising team for the Toronto Zoo Run. Anyone interested in taking part as a member of the alumni team can message alumni@uoit.ca or contact the council via Facebook.

Next steps: Alumni office to take over all logistic planning and coordinate bookings and communications for Alumni Day. Council to maintain their position as advisors and hold final approval.

b) Alumni Pins for New Graduates

- A discussion was put forward by the Alumni office regarding the use of the alumni pins handed out during convocation.
- Council members, as well as general members, discussed whether or not it is a good use of university funds to produce these pins each year.
- Some suggestions included re-allocating funds for the pins to other areas of more importance within the Alumni office budget. Other suggestions involved alumni "opting in" to receiving the pin in advance of convocation. The Alumni office would then order only the pins required.

Next steps: The Alumni office will consider these suggestions when placing the next order for alumni pins.

6. Items for Information

a) Elections planning (process update)

- All candidates have been interviewed and a slate of candidates approved by the Alumni Association Council.
- These candidates will be contacted and informed of their status as soon as possible.
- A vote to approve the slate of candidates by the general Alumni Association members will take place starting Tuesday, September 5 and will run the month of September.
- Results of the vote will be announced at the Annual General Meeting during Alumni Day on Saturday, October 14.

Next Steps: Alumni office to contact the successful candidates and inform them of the next steps in the elections process.

b) [Terms of Reference Update](#)

- The Alumni Association Council's Terms of Reference is in the process of being updated.
- Issues regarding council member rotation have been addressed and a solution found.
- The updated Terms of Reference will be available on the alumni website once the council has formally approved it at the next council meeting in September.

7. [Other Business](#)

There was none.

8. [Adjournment](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.