



# Meeting Minutes

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UCAA Annual General Meeting

September 18, 2024

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. MT

Location: Zoom (link to Zoom recording)

## 1. Welcome & Call to Order

The President and Chair of the University of Calgary Alumni Association ("**UCAA**"), Kate Wong (the "**Chair**"), called the UCAA Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") to order and welcomed members to the UCAA 2024 AGM.

The Chair advised all meeting attendees that the meeting was being recorded and would be posted on the Alumni website for future access. It was noted that in accordance with the UCAA Bylaws, the Notice of Meeting and relevant materials were duly posted 21 days in advance of the meeting and confirmed that, as there was no objection, the Notice of Meeting would not be read.

The Chair requested that those present who were not graduates of the University of Calgary not vote on motions made during the meeting.

## 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

The Chair asked Alumni attendees for a motion to approve the Agenda, as posted, for the September 18, 2024 AGM.

MOTION:

Moved/seconded that the **Meeting Agenda** for the UCalgary Alumni Association Annual General meeting on September 18, 2024 be approved, as posted.

CARRIED

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Chair asked Alumni attendees for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held on October 7, 2023, as circulated.

MOTION:

Moved/seconded that the **Meeting Minutes** for the UCalgary Alumni Association Annual General Meeting on October 7, 2023 be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

### 4. UCAA Chair Report

The Chair reviewed the UCAA 2023-2024 year of the UCalgary Alumni Association activities with the meeting attendees. It is acknowledged that the Alumni community has grown to ~220,000 members.

The Chair remarked on the work of the committees and sub-committees of the UCAA Board of Directors over the past year and made the following comments:

**Awards and Recognition Committee**, led by Courtney Leblanc, works to recognize notable Alumni. This past year, the committee sent over 100 letters of recognition to Alumni who are out in the world impacting communities. On Thursday, October 17, 2024, the Arch Awards were hosted on campus recognizing exceptional Alumni in six categories:

- Dr. Asha Hollis, BHSc'17, MSc'22, MD'22 (Early Career Achievement Award)
- Dr. Monty Ghosh, BSc'03, MBT'04, MD'09 (Community Commitment Award)
- Laakkuluk Williamson-Bathory, BA'04 (Career Achievement Award)
- Joanne Cuthbertson, BEd'73, Hon. LLD'11 (Alumni Service Award)
- Dr. Karim-Aly Kassam, BA'87, PhD (International Career Award)
- Pat Carlson, BSc (Eng)'75 (Distinguished Alumni Award for Lifetime Achievement)

**Affinity Communities Committee**, led by Jessica Zutz receives applications from micro Alumni communities that are affiliated with the University through a mutual experience of their members. There are currently 20 active affinity communities:

- Regional communities:
  - UCalgary Alumni Association of Hong Kong
  - Toronto UCalgary Law Alumni Society
  - **UCalgary Lethbridge Alumni Society (NEW)**
- Shared interest communities:
  - Dinos Women's Hockey Alumni

- Dinos Women's Volleyball Alumni
  - UCalgary Black Alumni Network
  - UCalgary Alumni Connect Tutoring Group
  - UCalgary Alumni Food Security Network
  - **UCalgary Arts Access for Alumni Club (NEW)**
- Faculty of University-based groups:
    - Medicine Alumni Advisory Council
    - UCalgary Chancellor's Club Scholars Alumni Network
    - Senate Alumni Network
    - Scholars Academy UCalgary Alumni Network
    - Faculty of Kinesiology Alumni Network
    - Faculty of Law Alumni Network
    - Haskayne Master of Management Alumni Alliance
  - **New groups, established this year:**
    - **UCalgary MBT Alumni Network**
    - **UCEED Haskayne Student Fund Alumni Network**
    - **UCalgary Alumni ICBC Network**
    - **UCalgary Alumni eMBA Alliance**
  - Groups that have become inactive in the past year:
    - Dinos Women's Wrestling Alumni Group
    - UCalgary Arts & Humanities in Healthcare Alumni Network
    - Sikh Alumni Chapter
    - UCalgary Alumni Ambassador Network

The **Alumni Engagement Committee**, led by Akash Asif, spent the year assessing overall alumni engagement and with the focus on engaging current UCAA volunteers and activating our Board Directors.

The **Nominations and Assessment Committee**, led by Sabiha Zaman, focuses on how the UCAA can be an effective voice for Alumni. This committee also makes recommendations to the Board for appointments on various university governance bodies and committees. By Virtue of the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* of Alberta, the Alumni Association appoints two members to the University's Board of Governors and four members to the University Senate.

Current appointments to the Board of Governors:

- William O'Yeung, BComm '91
- Cara Wolf, BComm '97, MBA'05

Current appointments to the Senate:

- Wilma Shim, BSc'07, JD'10

- Annette Ceraficki, BA'89
- William O'Yeung, BComm'91
- Kate Wong, BN'12

Personal thanks given to outgoing Board members.

## 5. Approval of Update to the UCAA Bylaws

Mr. O'Yeung provided an update to meeting attendees regarding updates to the UCAA By-Laws, as approved by the Board of Directors at the Board meeting on June 19, 2024, which will be impacting Part 3, Section 3.1, and sub-sections 3.1a and 3.1b which were provided to the attendees via the chat function of the Zoom meeting.

Mr. O'Yeung asked for a motion to approve the recommended changes to the UCAA By-Laws, as presented.

MOTION:

Moved/seconded that the **recommended changes to the UCAA By-Laws** be approved, as presented

CARRIED

## 6. A Year in Review – Colleen Bangs, Sr. Director, Alumni Engagement

Ms. Bangs presented the Year in Review to meeting attendees and presented highlights of the past year.

Ms. Bangs outlined that over 12,000 Alumni members have remained engaged with the University, and between April and June, 712 Alumni have engaged for the very first time since graduating from the University. Of these 12,000 members, 28% continue to participate in University-based activities 2-3 times a year, with a high satisfaction rate. Over 8100 individual alumni registered for one or more of 268 programs hosted online or in-person and 2040 made a gift to the university. 1531 members of this community volunteered for one or more of 366 volunteer opportunities and the Alumni Built Business directory swelled to include over 130 alumni-owned and operated businesses.

It was also noted that the University continues to partner with TD Insurance and Manulife to offer preferred rates on insurance.

## 7. Election and Re-Election of UCAA Board Directors

Mr. O'Yeung acknowledged the Directors who would be returning to the Board to complete their terms:

- Akash Asif, BSc'15, BComm'15, MPP'18
- Kristin Anderson, BA'96
- Jaret Hargreaves, BSc'00, BSc'04, MSc'08
- Courtney Leblanc, BA'22
- Aaron Park, BSc (Eng)'07, BEd'11
- Fay Qian, MBA'19

- Jessica Zutz, BA'12, BSc'12

The following slate of Directors were then presented for an election to a two-year term:

- Jonathan Chang, BSc'97
- Harold Horsefall, BA'05
- Lorelei Lachambre, MC'05
- William O'Yeung, BComm'91
- Nina Rehill, BA'16, BA'21
- Sabiha Zaman, BSc'02, MBT'02, MSc'07

Mr. O'Yeung requested a motion to elect the members named on the slate for a two-year term expiring at the AGM in 2026.

MOTION:

Moved/seconded that the **Slate of Directors** be approved, as presented

CARRIED

## 8. Other Business

Inquiry into planning the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University.

Call to action to check out Alumni All-Access Activities.

## 9. Adjournment

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the UCAA 2024 AGM.

MOTION:

Moved/seconded the UCalgary Alumni Association Annual General Meeting on September 18, 2024 be adjourned.

CARRIED