Alumni Association
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, November 06, 2025
University of Windsor
Odette School of Business, Conference Room 123

MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dorothy Leung, President**,** Gordon Orr, Past-President, Settimo Vilardi, President-Elect, Terry Roman Treasurer, Danielle Breault Stuebing, Board Member-At-Large, Jennie Atkins, Kevin Hamilton, Jennifer Johrendt, Jonathan Leung, , J.J. McMurtry President UWindsor, Carole Obeid, Amanda Orr, Brian Porter, Jake Rondot, Geri Salinitri, Judy Bornais, (VP External), Kelly Gosselin (Secretary), Katherine Simon, Nancy McMahon (recording secretary) Alumni and invited guests.

Absent: Novelette Gordon, Dwania McLarty-Peele

REGRETS: Jennifer Boyes-Garbin, Michael Chantler, Beth Ann Prince, Gisele Seguin, Martha Young

START TIME: 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMING REMARKS
Dorothy Leung, President, Alumni Association welcomed the board of directors, Dr. McMurtry, Judy Bornais, committee members and invited guests to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). D. Leung called the meeting to order and recognized the Land Acknowledgement. She thanked the Odette School of Business for hosting the AGM in the John Friedrichsen Centre for Student and Community Engagement and proudly stated that our graduates play a vital role in shaping the university community. She noted that all requirements had been met to hold the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM), reminded members of their voting privileges, and introduced the current Alumni Association Board of Directors.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR, University of Windsor

Dr. McMurtry shared his reflections on stepping into his role of President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Windsor on September 1. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to witness firsthand what makes the University of Windsor so special – the energy, the spirit, and the strong sense of community that extends beyond campus. Over the past few months, he participated in key events that deepened his appreciation for the people who contributed to making UWindsor a vibrant place to learn, work and belong. The partnerships across Windsor and Essex County are essential for our economic growth and community well-being. Successful negotiations of new collective agreements with several employee groups were made possible through collaboration and mutual respect to achieve positive outcomes that benefit the entire University community. Currently planning the launch of the Indigenous Strategic plan, prioritizing initiatives focused on student retention and curriculum development, establishing attainable goals in advancement and fundraising, advocating in Ottawa to help reinforce UWindsor's place in the postsecondary landscape, and committing to financial sustainability to further support the University's long-term success. He emphasized the importance of leadership in advancing the University's mission while actively engaged in searches for pivotal leadership roles. In closing, he thanked the Alumni Association for the dedication, generosity and ongoing support of the University campus and community. He expressed enthusiasm about engaging in future events and initiatives both on campus and beyond.

It was noted that a friendly challenge has been issued between the Chancellor Dwight Duncan (Team Gold) and President McMurtry (Team Blue) encouraging a donation to support UWindsor students. Members were invited to choose a team and make a tax-deductible contribution to student scholarships through Blue vs. Gold Scholarship Campaign.

D. Leung thanked Dr. McMurtry for his thoughtful remarks and contributions to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MOTION: To **accept the Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting.**

G. Orr/D. Stuebing
CARRIED

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
D. Leung presented the Alumni Association's activities over the past year that focused on the three strategic priorities:

To provide meaningful connections to current and future alumni for career support, mentorship, and networking:

- The Alumni Association Board, in close collaboration with the Advancement and Alumni Relations department, continues to strengthen meaningful connections that empower both current students and alumni. This collaboration has opened new opportunities for alumni to engage directly with academic faculties, contributing to classroom discussion and enriching the student experience. By combining stronger data, modern engagement tools, and a shared commitment to connection, the Alumni Association and Advancement & Alumni team are creating a more vibrant, interactive, and supportive global alumni

network-one that keeps our graduates connected to each other, to our students, and to the University of Windsor.

To provide innovative opportunities for alumni to remain connected and engaged with UWindsor, embracing any geographical location:

- Through every initiative we undertake whether through personal outreach, enhanced data systems, innovative programming, or community partnerships continue to expand our global reach and strengthen the ties that unite our alumni wherever they may be. We are building a more connected, inclusive, and engaged alumni network, one that continues to reflect the spirit and excellence of the University of Windsor.

To cultivate pride in UWindsor, inspire and recognize alumni:

- We are committed to fostering a deep sense of connection to the University, inspiring our alumni, and celebrating their remarkable achievements. The past year, we expanded the scope of this priority to include supporting fundraising efforts that help ensure the University's continued success. By combining recognition, engagement, and philanthropy, we are strengthening the lifelong bond between our alumni and their alma mater while directly contributing to the success of future generations of students.

  Show your UWindsor pride! Support the friendly fundraising challenge - Team Blue vs. Team Gold. Every contribution helps our students succeed.

D. Leung, closed with every convocation, celebrates the pride and progress of our alumni family, now with over 170,000 members worldwide. We remain deeply committed to advancing our three strategic priorities, inspiring our alumni, celebrating their remarkable achievements and strengthening the bond between the Alumni Association our students and the University.

MOTION: **To accept the report of the President as presented.**

A.Orr/C. Obeid
CARRIED

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Terry Roman, Treasurer and Chair, Financial and Alumni Services Committee, explained that the Alumni Association's budgets align with the University of Windsor's fiscal year (May 1 – April 30). He presented key financial snapshots: A review of previous year's performance ending April 30, 2025, the plan for the current fiscal year May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026, and a mid-year update showing revenue and expenditures ending September 30, 2025.

Fiscal Year End April 30, 2025:

- The opening balance is $324,521.
- The fiscal revenue collected is $635,079.
- The fiscal expenditure is $564,590.
- The fiscal cash balance ending April 30, 2025, is $395,010.
- The fiscal year deficit is $70,489.
- This past fiscal year, the Board proudly supported a variety of community organizations, partnered with student clubs, contributed to campus improvements and fulfilled standing commitments to scholarships and capital projects. These investments reflect our ongoing belief in the power of education, connection and community engagement.

Budget May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026:

- The opening balance is $395,010.
- The estimated revenue is $473,500.
- The estimated expenditure is $756,950.
- The estimated cash balance ending April 30, 2026, is $111,560.
- The estimated fiscal year ending deficit is $283,450.
- The fiscal budget was developed using the previous fiscal year as a baseline, allowing for anticipated spending and revenue. This approach reflects a proactive plan to support alumni engagement, student initiatives, and capital commitments.

Actual Budget Ending September 30, 2025:

- The opening balance is $395,010.
- The revenue collected to date is $333,030.
- The expenditure to date is $337,433.
- The cash balance ending September 30, 2025, is $390,608.
- The current deficit is $4,402.
- The budget ending September 30 reflects the revenue generated from the Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament, pre- and in-person diploma frames sales, convocation rose sales and contributions from our affinity partners. Expenditures during this period were primarily driven by capital commitments totaling $265,000 and standing committee investments of $72,433 which supported university initiatives and student-led projects. Every dollar invested underscores our commitment to education, meaningful connections and strengthening the UWindsor community.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budgeted Revenues:

- Affinity Partners account for approximately 92% of the Alumni Association's annual revenue primarily through partnership with TD Insurance and Manulife. The remaining 8% is generated from board activities, including diploma framing, rose sales, investment income and the Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament. Notably, the golf tournament raised $35,000 which was donated to the Dr. Mary Jo Haddad Leadership Scholarship reinforcing our commitment to supporting student success and leadership development.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budgeted Expenses:

- The fiscal year 2025-26 budgeted expenses are allocated primarily through commitments to FAHSS and Athletic Agreements, and major capital commitments such as the Toldo Lancer Centre, Transforming Windsor Law, HK Mondo Track Project and Educations Active Learning Centre along with the Dr. Robert Gordon Scholarship. These initiatives represent 50% of the total budgeted allocations. The remaining 50% is dedicated to the standing committee's strategic priorities, which continue to make a lasting difference for our students today and in the future.

In summary, our objective is to ensure that every initiative we undertake delivers measurable outcomes and creates a lasting impact for our students, our alumni and the University of Windsor.

MOTION: To accept the report of the Treasurer as presented.

D. Stuebing/J. Atkins
CARRIED

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Settimo Vilardi, President-Elect, reported in alignment with efforts to streamlining governance, the Nominating and Strategic Planning Committees have merged under the mandate of the Executive Committee. As part of the Annual General Meeting proceedings, the Nominating Committee recommends the election of directors to the first of three (two-year) terms:

- Ryan Donally BComm '13, MBA '15
- Marium Tolson-Murtty BComm '96, BEd '03, MEd '08
- Priyanka Philip BSc '08, MBA '10

MOTION: To accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee of three new directors as presented.

S. Vilardi/J. Leung
CARRIED

The Committee recommends the re-election of the following Director to a second (two-year) term:

- Dwania McLarty-Peele BSc '11, BA '11

The Committee recommends the election of the following as the Senate Representative:

- Carole Obeid BComm '99, BA '06

MOTION: To **accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the re-election of one director to a second (two-year) term and the Senate Representative as presented.**

S. Vilardi/G. Orr
CARRIED

In recognition of retiring board members, G. Orr expressed sincere gratitude for their leadership, commitment and volunteerism to both the UWindsor and the Alumni Association. A token of thanks was presented to each retiring member for their outstanding contributions.

- Senate Representative, Jake Rondot BHK '02
- Director, Geri Salinitri BSc '77, BEd '78 '92, MEd '98, PHd '04
- Director, Martha Young BA '74

CLOSING WORDS AND ADJOURNMENT

In closing, D. Leung expressed sincere appreciation to the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations for exceptional work, unwavering commitment, and shared passion in advancing our mission.

MOTION: That **the meeting be adjourned.**

J. Atkins/T. Roman
CARRIED