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AGENDA

University of Toronto Mississauga Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 2022
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Welcome and call to order
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2021
- President's Report
- Presentation of Slate of Officers
- Recognition of Retiring Board Members
- Director of Alumni Relations Report
- Closing remarks and adjournment

Minutes of the UTMAA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom Webinar

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. and with 36 members in good standing present, quorum is reached.

UTMAA President, Ziyaad Vahed, welcomed everyone, gave a land acknowledgement, explained procedure for a virtual annual general meeting and reviewed who was a voting member of the UTM Alumni Association as per the constitution.

1) Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda as circulated be approved. D. Dimokopoulos/S. da Silva.
CARRIED

2) Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: That the minutes as circulated be approved. S. da Silva/D. Ciampini.
CARRIED

3) President's Report

- Ziyaad reflected on his final year as president and shared what was accomplished over the past year.
- He thanked the UTMAA Board of Directors for their continued dedication to advance the priorities identified within UTM's Alumni Relations Strategic Plan, which consisted of deepening alumni engagement across five key pillars;
 - Alumni-Student Connections
 - Alumni Personal Growth and Professional Development
 - Regional and International Alumni Relations
 - Alumni Achievements, Service and Contributions, and
 - Alumni Communications
- Over the course of 2020-2021, UTM showcased the expertise of UTM professors, alumni and other external speakers at a number of online events in collaboration with departments across UTM and the broader U of T. Topics included: Change Management, Cannabis & Coping, the 2020 U.S. Election,

Sustainability, Personal Finance, U of T's Black History Month Programming, Online Privacy and Security, and Resiliency in Times of Crisis.

- A number of virtual experiential events took place, including a tri-campus trivia night, a series of fun and educational videos for kids called *Holiday Camp*, and two Mad Science presentations for alumni kids. All of these events were well attended as a demand for family programming grew during the pandemic.
- The number of initiatives that connected alumni with students increased over the past year through collaborative efforts with UTM's Career Centre, the Office of Student Recruitment, Student Engagement and Student Groups, including the Anthropology Student Society, the Institute for Management and Innovation Business Association, and the Women in Science and Computing student club.
- Other initiatives included alumni panels, job shadowing opportunities, student recruitment events, three mentorship programs and a variety of keynote speaking opportunities.
- Additional collaborations took place within UTM, U of T and with the external community. All of these collaborations created a diverse range of programming that reached alumni who might not otherwise be engaged with the University.
- Although virtual programming allowed more alumni to engage with the University, future planning included in-person events according to public health and safety guidelines, and hybrid programming that allowed for in-person and virtual participation to deepen engagement of the more than 62,000 UTM alumni across the globe.
- Ziyaad thanked the many alumni volunteers, faculty and staff who contributed to the success of the past year. He also acknowledged and thanked the UTM Alumni Relations team for their dedication and quick thinking to redesign programming for the 2020-21 year and still manage to far exceed their annual goals.
- He closed his report noting that although it was a time of challenge, it was also a time of opportunity for alumni to come together and be creative in their support of and involvement with the University.
- He looked forward to what would be accomplished in the year ahead.

4) **Presentation of Slate of Officers**

Dania Ciampini, President-Elect and Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed slate of officers for election to the UTMAA Board of Directors for 2021-2022. Ziyaad's role as President was ending and Dania had been selected as President for a two-year term. Ziyaad would take on the role of Past President for a one-year term.

Dania proposed Sheliza Ibrahim Khan and Sarah Israr as new members to the Board for a two-year term. Sheliza was an engaged alumni and volunteer at UTM. She was an experienced educator, researcher and speaker with an extensive background

working in higher education. She worked as Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education at Brock University. Sarah served as an alumni mentor in the UTM Alumni Mentorship Program and was scheduled to be an alumni panelist at an upcoming event for students and alumni in the fall in collaboration with the English & Drama Society. Sarah was an Intelligence Analyst at the Canadian Bankers Association.

Dania put forward renewing the Director terms for Brianna Croft, Demetra Dimokopoulos, Imre Gams, Fatima Ul-Haq and Megha Wadhvani as they were eligible to serve an additional two years on the Board.

Returning directors include: Sara da Silva and Teo Salgado.

MOTION: That the slate of officers as circulated be approved. I. Y. Abdullah/ S. Khan. CARRIED

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| President | Dania Cimpini |
| Past President | Ziyaad Vahed |
| Director | Brianna Croft |
| Director | Sara da Silva |
| Director | Demetra Dimokopoulos |
| Director | Imre Gams |
| Director | Sheliza Ibrahim Khan |
| Director | Sarah Israr |
| Director | Teo Salgado |
| Director | Fatima Ul-Haq |
| Director | Megha Wadhvani |

5) Recognition of Retiring Board Members

President Dania Ciampini acknowledged and thanked retiring board members, Manny Bettencourt and Hana Tariq. Manny was a dedicated member of the Board for four years. He also served on the Governing Council College of Electors and was a keynote speaker for the UTM Alumni Mentorship Program. Hana was a dedicated Board Member for six years. In addition to her time on the Board, she was an alumni mentor for the UTM Alumni Mentorship Program, moderated the Q&A for an alumni lecture and shared her experience as a lawyer with students as an alumni panelist.

Dania also thanked Ziyaad Vahed for his leadership as President of the UTMAA over the past two years.

6) Director of Alumni Relations Report

- Kristin Lovell, Director of Alumni Relations at UTM welcomed the alumni participants watching from across the world. She expressed her gratitude to the UTMAA Board of Directors for their leadership and commitment to UTM.

- She congratulated Dania Ciampini on her new role as President, acknowledged Ziyaad Vahed for his service as President over the past two years, welcomed the newest Directors, Sheliza Ibrahim Khan and Sarah Israr, and thanked retiring board members Manny Bettencourt and Hana Tariq.
- Kristin shared how the UTM Alumni Relations team worked to adapt programming to the virtual environment over the past year. By taking a thoughtful approach that avoided duplication of the many online offerings at U of T, the team expanded unique programming to alumni worldwide and deepened alumni engagement across five key engagement pillars.
- The five key pillars included: Alumni-Student Connections, Alumni Personal Growth and Professional Development, Regional and International Alumni Relations, Alumni Achievements, Service and Contributions, and Alumni Connections.
- This careful approach produced great success in achieving UTM's alumni engagement goals. The University introduced alumni engagement metrics in 2018-2019 to measure alumni event attendance, giving, meetings and volunteering. Alumni who had not engaged with the university since 2010 were considered newly engaged alumni. For 2020-2021, UTM had a goal of 1,220 newly engaged alumni and achieved 2,504 newly engaged alumni—205% of the fiscal year goal.
- Kristin shared how the Alumni Communications pillar developed over the past year with the hiring of Alumni Communications Officer, Negin Neghabat-Wolthoff.
- Negin grew the UTM Alumni Relations social media and LinkedIn presence by tracking engagement to determine which topics were of interest to alumni and provided a monthly analytics report. She redesigned the Alumni Relations website and developed an e-newsletter, the *Alumni Minute*, that launched the first week of June 2021. She also wrote a number of alumni Q&As and stories and developed an alumni news section on the website. All of this work had a significant impact on alumni engagement.
- Kristin shared an update on the development of the Alumni Achievements, Service and Contributions pillar. Alumni were recruited over the past year to participate as mentors, moderators, panelists, speakers, student award application reviewers, case competition judges, student recruitment events and advisory roles. This type of engagement was highly valued by the university and one of the most meaningful ways alumni engage with the university. This alumni volunteerism benefited students and set an example to motivate students to give back as members of the alumni community. As involvement deepened, volunteers could progress towards involvement towards governance and advisory roles.
- The university also celebrated the professional achievements and service of alumni to the University through UTM's annual Alumni Awards of Distinction and the U of T Arbor Awards, the highest honour granted by the university for volunteers. All UTM alumni had received an invitation to attend the virtual Alumni Awards of Distinction ceremony on June 2, 2021.

- In alignment with U of T's institutional priorities to leverage our location, UTM continued to play an active role as a city builder through community relations as part of the U of T, Mississauga and Peel Region communities. UTM delivered human talent, research, and commercialization opportunities that aligned closely with the City of Mississauga's aspiration to become a global business magnet. UTM was an important collaborator in major economic clusters such as life sciences, advanced manufacturing, financial services, and information and communications technologies. The launch of the Mississauga Academy of Medicine helped shape the campus' narrative with its community.
- Kristin highlighted three major initiatives that took place in 2021 that related to UTM's role as a city builder:
 - On March 1, 2021, Peel Region's first mass vaccination clinic opened at UTM. The clinic was overseen by Peel Public Health and administered by Trillium Health Partners. The location provided convenient community access and accelerated vaccination capacity in Peel Region. The UTM campus was uniquely resourced to support the clinic with specialized freezers to store the vaccines safely and securely. At the time of the meeting, the clinic had delivered 158,975 doses, approximately 20% of the doses administered so far across the Peel Region. UTM alumna, Reen El-Ajou, worked as a project analyst with Trillium Health Partners to help shepherd the clinic through setup and operational phases.
 - On April 29, 2021, Professor Alexandra Gillespie was formally installed as U of T Mississauga's tenth principal. All alumni were invited to the virtual ceremony, a significant milestone that recognized new leadership and direction, and officially signaled the campus' historic first step in a new chapter. Professor Gillespie assumed the role of Principal on July 1, 2020 for a five-year appointment. An internationally renowned scholar, Professor Gillespie built on the momentum of UTM's past growth with a special focus on enabling excellence in student and faculty research, developing inclusive communities and sustainable spaces, and inspiring academic innovation for student success. Kristin invited alumni to watch the recording on YouTube.
 - On February 24, 2021, U of T announced a combined \$40-million-dollar investment with Novo Nordisk to establish the Novo Nordisk Network for Healthy Populations. Housed at UTM's new science building, the network will help address type 2 diabetes, obesity, and other chronic diseases in the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel. The new network is a partnership between the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, the Temerty Faculty of Medicine and UTM. It will bring together researchers from across U of T, setting the stage of critical advancements in research and community outreach efforts that have the potential to impact millions of individuals across the globe.

- Kristin acknowledged and thanked the UTM Alumni Relations team for their work over a challenging year.
- Kristin closed her report by sharing that U of T's distinguished network of more than 600,000 alumni were making valuable economic, social and cultural contributions around the world. U of T continued to be the highest-ranked Canadian university and one of the top-ranked public universities in the five most closely watched international rankings. She looked forward to an exciting year ahead as the Board and Alumni Relations team worked together to create meaningful opportunities for alumni to stay connected and engaged with UTM.

7) **Adjournment**

Dania thanked the Board members and attendees for joining the annual general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



Slate of Officers
University of Toronto Mississauga Alumni Association
2022-2023

EXECUTIVE

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| Dania Ciampini (<i>BCom 2007 UTM</i>), <i>President</i> | 2-year term, 2021-2023 |
| Fatima Ul-Haq (<i>HBSc 2007 UTM</i>), <i>President-Elect</i> | 1-year term, 2022-2023 |

DIRECTORS

NEW

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| Farhan Ali Khan (<i>BCom 2004 UTM</i>) | 2-year term, 2022-2024 |
| Asif Mohammed (<i>HBA 2001 UTM</i>) | 2-year term, 2022-2024 |

RENEWALS

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| Sara da Silva (<i>HBSc 2010 UTM, PhD 2016 UofT</i>) | 2-year term, 2022-2024 |
| Teo Salgado (<i>HBA 1997 UTM</i>) | 2-year term, 2022-2024 |

EXISTING APPOINTMENTS

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| Brianna Croft (<i>MMI 2018 UTM</i>) | 2-year term, 2021-2023 |
| Demetra Dimokopoulos (<i>HBSc 2006 UTM</i>) | 2-year term, 2021-2023 |
| Imre Gams (<i>HBA 2012 UTM</i>) | 2-year term, 2021-2023 |
| Dr. Sheliza Ibrahim (<i>HBSc 2001 UTM</i>) | 2-year term, 2021-2023 |
| Sarah Israr (<i>HBA 2014 UTM, MGA 2018 U of T</i>) | 2-year term, 2021-2023 |
| Fatima Ul-Haq (<i>HBSc 2007 UTM</i>) | 2-year term, 2021-2023 |
| Megha Wadhvani (<i>HBA 2010 UTM</i>) | 2-year term, 2021-2023 |