



UNIVERSITY OF  
**TORONTO**  
MISSISSAUGA

## **AGENDA**

### **University of Toronto Mississauga Alumni Association Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday, May 17, 2023  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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- Welcome and Call to Order
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2022
- 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 18, 2022**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Online via Zoom Webinar**

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. and with 34 members in good standing present, quorum is reached.

UTMAA President, Dania Ciampini, 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. T. Salgado/Z. Vahed.  
CARRIED

### **2) Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting**

MOTION: That the minutes as circulated be approved. T. Salgado/I. Abdullah.  
CARRIED

### **3) President's Report**

- Dania shared that UTM had more than 65,000 alumni in close to 100 countries that were a resource to help drive the growth of UTM and build its reputation national and globally through their impact and achievements around the world.
- The UTM Alumni Association Board of Directors and the UTM Alumni Relations team worked to ensure alumni knew that the University was a renewable resource that offered opportunities to foster networks, connection and support.
- She thanked the UTMAA Board of Directors for their continued dedication over the past year 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 2021-2022, 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: Socionomics, Pain and Pain Management, a Wellness series, Living Green, Asian Heritage Month programming, Restoration and Reciprocity and an Introduction to Blockchain, Cryptocurrency and Decentralized Finance. Alumni from across U of T had access to this programming and careful thought was put into avoiding duplication of other U of T events.
- A number of virtual experiential events took place, including Little Ray's Animal Adventure for alumni kids and a virtual paint night for 2021 fall graduates.
- Changes to local public health and safety guidelines allowed alumni to be invited back to in-person experiential events, including an alumni ski day at Georgian Peaks in Thornbury and an evening watching the Toronto Raptors at Scotiabank Arena. All of these events were extremely well attended as the demand for family programming was appreciated, especially over the course of the pandemic.
- The UTM Alumni Relations team was planning additional in-person experiential events for 2022, including an alumni family day at Udderly Ridiculous Ontario goat farm, the National Bank Open, and a games night. Dania invited AGM attendees to watch their inbox for upcoming invitations as these events typically filled up quickly.
- The UTM Alumni Relations team worked to broaden the number of initiatives that connected alumni with students through collaborative efforts with UTM's Career Centre, the Office of Student Recruitment, Student Engagement and Student Groups, including the Anthropology Student Society, English & Drama Student Society, the IMI Business Association and the Women in Science and Computing student club.
- Initiatives included alumni panels, a student program planning exhibition, 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, including the UTM Indigenous Centre, Theatre Erindale, the U of T Anti-Black Racism and Cultural Diversity Office and the UTM Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer.
- Virtual programming allowed UTM to engage greater numbers of alumni. As UTM Alumni Relations moved forward with offering more in-person events, both virtual and in-person programming would continue along with a mix of live and on-demand offerings to help deepen engagement of the more than 65,000 UTM alumni across the globe.
- Dania thanked the many alumni volunteers, faculty and staff who contributed to the success of the past year. She also acknowledged and thanked the UTM Alumni Relations team for the progress they made over the past year and the success they had in aligning UTM alumni activities to institutional and divisional goals.

- Dania closed her report noting that she looked forward to what would be accomplished in the year ahead.

#### 4) **Presentation of Slate of Officers**

Ziyaad Vahed, Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed slate of officers for election to the UTMAA Board of Directors for 2022-2023. Dania Ciampini would continue the second year of her two-year term as President. Ziyaad's one-year term as Past President was coming to an end as Fatima Ul-Haq took on the role of President-Elect for a one-year term.

Ziyaad proposed Farhan Ali Khan and Asif Mohammed as new members to the Board for a two-year term. Farhan was an engaged alumnus, volunteer and mentor at U of T. He had several years of experience serving on volunteer boards and would represent the interests of Commerce and Management alumni, the largest departmental cohort at UTM. Asif was also an engaged alumni mentor, event attendee and was recently appointed to serve on UTM's Campus Council. He also served on the U of T Council of Advisors for the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering and Continuing Studies. He brought a great deal of board experience from roles outside of U of T.

Dania put forward renewing the Director terms for Sarah da Silva and Teo Salgado as they were eligible to serve an additional two years on the Board.

Returning directors included: Brianna Croft, Demetra Dimokopoulos, Imre Gams, Sheliza Ibrahim, Sarah Israr and Megha Wadhwani.

MOTION: That the slate of officers as circulated be approved. S. Israr/ B. Croft.  
CARRIED

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| President       | Dania Cimpini ( <i>BCom 2007 UTM</i> )                |
| President-Elect | Fatima Ul-Haq ( <i>HBSc 2007 UTM</i> )                |
| Director        | Brianna Croft ( <i>MMI 2018 UTM</i> )                 |
| Director        | Sara da Silva ( <i>HBSc 2010 UTM, PhD 2016 UofT</i> ) |
| Director        | Demetra Dimokopoulos ( <i>HBSc 2006 UTM</i> )         |
| Director        | Imre Gams ( <i>HBA 2012 UTM</i> )                     |
| Director        | Farhan Ali Khan ( <i>BCom 2004 UTM</i> )              |
| Director        | Sheliza Ibrahim ( <i>HBSc 2001 UTM</i> )              |
| Director        | Sarah Israr ( <i>HBA 2014 UTM, MGA 2018 U of T</i> )  |
| Director        | Asif Mohammed ( <i>HBA 2001 UTM</i> )                 |
| Director        | Teo Salgado ( <i>HBA 1997 UTM</i> )                   |
| Director        | Megha Wadhwani ( <i>HBA 2010 UTM</i> )                |

## 5) Recognition of Retiring Board Members

President Dania Ciampini acknowledged and thanked retiring board member and Past President, Ziyaad Vahed. Ziyaad was UTMAA President from 2019 to 2021. He volunteered as a mentor, case competition judge and Backpack to Briefcase. He Also spoke at countless events and continued to serve as a member of UTM's Campus Council. In 2020, Ziyaad established the UTM Comparative Political Science Prize and the Politics of Islam Prize at UTM. The former supported a third- or fourth-year comparative politics student who demonstrates good academic standing and financial need. The latter recognized the top student in UTM's Politics of Islam course. Dania thanked Ziyaad for his leadership and commitment to the UTM Alumni Association.

## 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 acknowledged Dania Ciampini for her service as President over the past year and congratulated Fatima Ul-Haq. on her new role as President-Elect. She welcomed the newest Directors, Farhan Ali Khan and Asif Mohammed and warmly thanked retiring board member, Ziyaad Vahed, for his years of service encouraging him to stay involved in events and volunteer activities.
- Kristin shared how virtual programming during the pandemic changed how the UTM Alumni Relations team engaged alumni and that they would continue to embrace hybrid programming to reach alumni whom they otherwise would not have connected with. All initiatives were informed by the strategic priorities of UTM and the University as well as the needs of the alumni audience.
- In 2022, UTM developed its strategic framework, which promoted the campus's work in five priority areas that came together around a central commitment to honesty, transparency, and the building of trusting and reciprocal relationships. These priorities expressed UTM's intention to: foster student success; empower research discovery and impact; encourage collaboration and belonging; build efficient and sustainable operations; and embrace our place in the world. This framework guided UTM Alumni Relations programming to deepen alumni engagement.
- UTM Alumni Relations also looked to the Defy Gravity campaign for the University of Toronto. The Campaign was launched on December 13, 2021 and was the largest university fundraising and alumni engagement campaign in Canadian history. The Campaign harnessed the power of U of T's worldwide community, including 640,000 alumni, 95,000 students, and 23,000 faculty and staff for the betterment of humanity. Through a commitment to inclusive excellence, U of T brought together the top minds from every background to address key priorities as we educate the next generation of creative, engaged and empathic citizens.
- Key campaign themes included:

- Building inclusive cities and societies
- Supporting student success
- Driving scientific discovery
- Powering bold innovation and entrepreneurship
- Enabling healthy lives
- Speaking creative and culture, and
- Creating a sustainable future
- The campaign had two ambitious goals:
  - A fundraising goal of \$4 billion for the University's highest priorities. This reflected the ambition and scale of the U of T community and its potential for global impact.
  - And, for the first time ever, an alumni engagement target, inspiring 225,000 alumni to get involved as volunteers, mentors, donors and leaders, and contribute their time and talent to U of T one million times collectively
- UTM had an alumni engagement goal within the university-wide campaign. Kristin explained that an alumnus counted as newly engaged the first time they attended an event, a meeting, volunteer, make a donation or a bequest intention as of January 1, 2019.
- For 2021-2022, U of T had a newly engaged alumni goal of 18,000. Within this goal, UTM was to achieve 2,330 newly engaged alumni, roughly 13% of U of T's goal. At year end, U of T had achieved 20,774 newly engaged alumni bringing the University to 115% to goal. And UTM had achieved 4,212 newly engaged alumni, bringing the division to 181% to goal. Kristin noted that UTM alumni make up approximately 10% of the University's alumni and UTM's newly engaged numbers were 20% of the total achieved by the University.
- The success of the past year tied back to developing alumni programming that focused on the engagement pillars, UTM and U of T priorities, as well as alumni interests.
- This approach follows the mutual value proposition of U of T being a lifetime resources of ideas, networks, connection and support, and a renewable resource of options for alumni to explore, create and share. When alumni are engaged, they extend the reach and reputation of U of T through the scale, impact and breadth of their presence around the world, enabling U of T's mission through their involvement and financial support.
- Kristin acknowledged and thanked the UTM Alumni Relations team and the UTMAA board members for their work over the past year.
- Kristin closed her report by sharing that U of T's distinguished network of more than 640,000 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 12:28 p.m.



**Slate of Officers**  
**University of Toronto Mississauga Alumni Association**  
**2023-2024**

**EXECUTIVE**

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| Fatima Ul-Haq ( <i>HBSc 2007 UTM</i> ), <i>President</i>       | 2-year term, 2023-2025 |
| Dania Ciampini ( <i>BCom 2007 UTM</i> ), <i>Past President</i> | 1-year term, 2023-2024 |

**DIRECTORS**

**NEW**

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| Pacinte Mattar ( <i>HBA 2008 UTM</i> ) | 2-year term, 2023-2025 |
| Sarah Girgis ( <i>BCom 2019 UTM</i> )  | 2-year term, 2023-2025 |
| Joey Santiago ( <i>BSc 2011 UTM</i> )  | 2-year term, 2023-2025 |

**RENEWALS**

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| Brianna Croft ( <i>MMI 2018 UTM</i> )        | 2-year term, 2021-2023 |
| Dr. Sheliza Ibrahim ( <i>HBSc 2001 UTM</i> ) | 2-year term, 2021-2023 |
| Megha Wadhvani ( <i>HBA 2010 UTM</i> )       | 2-year term, 2021-2023 |

**EXISTING APPOINTMENTS**

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