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AGENDA

University of Toronto Mississauga Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Welcome and Call to Order
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2023
- 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 17, 2023

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom Webinar

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. and with 37 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. J. Beeler/H. Ansari. CARRIED

2) Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: That the minutes as circulated be approved. P. Su/L. Glynn. CARRIED

3) President's Report

- Dania shared that the number of UTM alumni had reached over 69,000 in close to 100 countries and would surpass 70,000 graduates after the spring convocation ceremonies. Across U of T there were more than 660,000 alumni in over 140 countries who built U of T's reputation nationally and globally through their impact and achievements around the world.
- U of T remained one of the most prestigious global institutions not only in traditional measures of academic excellence but also in newer measures of institutional strength, such as environmental sustainability and innovation, thanks to U of T's commitment to inclusive and accessible excellence through welcoming students around the world from all cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.
- Another key dynamic driving U of T's success was the dedicated volunteer support from the alumni community who helped sustain the development of students, inform governance processes, and elevate U of T's profile and stature around the world.
- Dania thanked all the alumni volunteers over the past year, including the UTMAA Board of Directors, for their continued dedication to advance the

mission of the university. She specifically thanked internationally based alumni around the globe for their support in student recruitment initiatives.

- Over the course of 2022-2023, UTM Alumni Relations partnered with numerous departments and student groups to create new programming and promote existing programming on important topics such as inclusivity, sustainability, infant and child studies, and Black excellence initiatives.
- One of the largest initiatives included the planning of an All Nations Powwow hosted at UTM in March. Despite an ice storm that morning, over 1,500 people attended the event that was co-hosted by UTM's Indigenous Centre and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The event marked another step in realizing UTM's central commitment to reciprocity and answering the Calls to Action for Truth and Reconciliation.
- UTM Alumni Relations partnered with offices across U of T to promote Black History Month programming, organized family events and recommended alumni speakers for student events. Alumni played a role in all the initiatives whether as a speaker or panelist to share their knowledge and experience with fellow alumni, students and the broader community.
- U of T was proud to celebrate graduation ceremonies for the classes of 2020 and 2021 who missed out on the opportunity to convocate in person due to the pandemic. Over two days, thousands of graduates returned to U of T to walk across the stage at Convocation Hall in front of proud family and friends.
- Dania highlighted the UTM International Alumni Cookbook entitled, "The Table We Share." The cookbook was created through voluntary submissions by UTM alumni to celebrate the global alumni community through the universal language of food. The cookbook was digital and free to alumni around the world. It was downloaded over 1,300 times and continued to generate interest and enthusiasm from alumni.
- Dania thanked the many campus partners at UTM for their collaboration to help broaden the number of initiatives that connected alumni with students. She encouraged alumni to share their feedback on programming or suggestions for event concepts.
- Dania closed her report noting that she looked forward to what would be accomplished in the year ahead.

4) **Presentation of Slate of Officers**

Fatima Ul-Haq, President-Elect and Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed slate of officers for election to the UTMAA Board of Directors for 2023-2024. Dania Ciampini's two-year term as President had come to an end. She would continue as Past President for a one-year term. Fatima Ul-Haq's one-year term as President-Elect was complete and she would assume the role of UTMAA President for a two-year term.

Fatima proposed Pacinthe Mattar, Sarah Girgis and Joey Santiago as new members to the Board for two-year terms. All candidates were engaged U of T alumni volunteers for several years and brought various areas of experience to the Board.

Fatima put forward Brianna Croft, Sheliza Ibrahim and Megha Wadwani as Directors who were eligible to renew their terms for an additional two years on the Board.

Returning directors included: Sara da Silva, Teo Salgado, Asif Mohammed and Farhan Ali Khan.

MOTION: That the slate of officers as circulated be approved. D. Ciampini/ D. Dimokopous. CARRIED

President	Fatima Ul-Haq (<i>HBSc 2007 UTM</i>)
Past President	Dania Ciampini (<i>BCom 2007 UTM</i>)
Director	Brianna Croft (<i>MMI 2018 UTM</i>)
Director	Sara da Silva (<i>HBSc 2010 UTM, PhD 2016 UofT</i>)
Director	Sarah Girgis (<i>BCom 2019 UTM</i>)
Director	Farhan Ali Khan (<i>BCom 2004 UTM</i>)
Director	Sheliza Ibrahim (<i>HBSc 2001 UTM</i>)
Director	Pacinte Mattar (<i>HBA 2008 UTM</i>)
Director	Asif Mohammed (<i>HBA 2001 UTM</i>)
Director	Teo Salgado (<i>HBA 1997 UTM</i>)
Director	Joey Santiago (<i>BSc 2011 UTM</i>)
Director	Megha Wadhwani (<i>HBA 2010 UTM</i>)

5) Recognition of Retiring Board Members

President Dania Ciampini acknowledged and thanked retiring board members Imre Gams, Sarah Israr and Demetra Dimokopoulos for their years of service.

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 two years and congratulated Fatima Ul-Haq on her new role as President. She welcomed the new Directors to the Board and warmly thanked retiring Board members for their years of service encouraging them to stay involved in events and volunteer activities.
- Kristin shared the strategy behind UTM Alumni Relations programming and initiatives and how it tied into larger priorities at U of T.
- UTM was home to 16,500 students and had become an international powerhouse in teaching, research and entrepreneurial innovation. UTM united its community around a commitment to creativity, communication and constructive social change.
- Kristin noted that UTM was one campus in U of T's unified tri-campus system, connecting Peel with Toronto and Scarborough, and extending the

university's world-leading programs in research, teaching, cultural entrepreneurship, and innovation across new communities.

- UTM pursued its mission in the sense of responsibility embedded in the history of the land it resides on. It was entrusted with educating generations of critical thinkers and courageous innovators, with discovering solutions to pressing problems, with stewarding natural environments toward sustainable futures, with building stronger communities of wellbeing and justice, with listening to the trust that comes before reconciliation and practicing good kinship with one another.
- As the heart of Canada's supply chain, and the centre of Canadian industries in life sciences and advanced manufacturing, Peel linked intellectual and material communities from coast to coast. UTM enabled discoveries that resonate everywhere, inspire students locally who flourish globally and advance knowledge, truth and innovation across the region to do the same around the world. UTM embraced its role of regional leadership, recognizing that the focus on local communities would create widening circles of impact.
- UTM focused its agenda on addressing the inequalities that affect every aspect of the region's life. UTM's Strategic Framework, "Empowering Communal Flourishing" guided long-term decisions and investments and defined a set of interconnected, mutually reinforcing priorities. These priorities expressed UTM's dedication to inspire creative collaboration for student success, to enable impactful discovery in student and faculty research, to develop inclusive spaces and sustainable operations, and to embrace our location for connection, wellbeing and care. These actions revolved around a commitment to truth, openness and reciprocity. This applied most urgently to relations with Indigenous people as UTM strived to answer national and institutional calls for truth and reconciliation.
- In 2021, U of T launched its tri-campus Defy Gravity campaign that sought to leverage U of T's location, strengthen international partnerships, and reinvent undergraduate education through a commitment to inclusive excellence. In partnership with donors and others, UTM aimed to advance: drug discovery for rare cancers and other orphan diseases; robotics for an increasingly automated workforce; mental health for an increasingly unwell youth; improved health outcomes for increasingly aging and marginalized populations; sustainability for an increasingly warming planet; justice for Indigenous communities; and the power of the arts and cultures to increase flourishing, lifting the voices and experiences of members of our diverse communities and enriching our education, scholarship and creative endeavors.
- The goal for the Defy Gravity Campaign was \$4 billion. Accomplishing this goal required the support of a strong and invested U of T community. For the first time ever, U of T created an additional goal for the campaign aiming to involve 225,000 alumni in more than 1,000,000 unique engagements such as attending events, mentoring students, serving on a committee or any other contributions that enabled U of T to fulfill its teaching and research mission.
- The institutional and campus priorities were built into alumni communications and activities to encourage the alumni community to invest in U of T's

priorities and support the institution's mission as donors and volunteers or by extending the reach and reputation of U of T locally, nationally and globally.

- Kristin reported that UBI Global in Sweden recognized U of T as one of the world's top-five university business incubators out of 2,000 organizations in 90 countries. The QS ranking from the UK placed U of T second in the world for sustainability out of more than 700 universities. Times Higher Education ranked U of T 18th globally and number one in Canada. Among public universities, U of T was ranked 8th in the world alongside Oxford and Cambridge. In North America, U of T was ranked 2nd behind only UC Berkeley.
- Kristin highlighted UTM's alumni engagement performance that year had a goal of 1,320 newly engaged alumni but achieved 2,519 newly engaged alumni. Overall, U of T exceeded its goal of engaging 19,000 first time alumni participants as it achieved a total of 25,439 newly engaged alumni. Kristin noted that this achievement reflected the mutual value proposition where the university benefited from the achievements and respect attained by alumni after graduation while ensuring that U of T remained a lifetime resource of ideas, networks, connections and support, and a renewable resource of options for alumni to explore, create and share.
- Kristin closed her report by thanking the UTM Alumni Relations team, work study students, Board members, and campus partners and colleagues who supported the initiatives throughout the year.

7) **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.



Slate of Officers
University of Toronto Mississauga Alumni Association
2024-2025

EXECUTIVE

Fatima Ul-Haq (<i>HBSc 2007 UTM</i>), <i>President</i>	2-year term, 2023-2025
Teo Salgado (<i>HBA 1997 UTM</i>), <i>President-Elect</i>	1-year term, 2024-2025

DIRECTORS

NEW

Mohamed Sidibé (<i>BCom 2016 UTM</i>)	2-year term, 2024-2026
Sohaib Tariq (<i>BCom 2003, MBA 2009 Rotman</i>)	2-year term, 2024-2026

RENEWALS

Farhan Ali Khan (<i>BCom 2004 UTM</i>)	2-year term, 2024-2026
Asif Mohammed (<i>HBA 2001 UTM</i>)	2-year term, 2024-2026

EXISTING APPOINTMENTS

Brianna Croft (<i>MMI 2018 UTM</i>)	2-year term, 2023-2025
Sarah Girgis (<i>BCom 2019 UTM</i>)	2-year term, 2023-2025
Dr. Sheliza Ibrahim (<i>HBSc 2001 UTM</i>)	2-year term, 2023-2025
Pacinte Mattar (<i>HBA 2008 UTM</i>)	2-year term, 2023-2025
Joey Santiago (<i>BSc 2011 UTM</i>)	2-year term, 2023-2025
Megha Wadhvani (<i>HBA 2010 UTM</i>)	2-year term, 2023-2025