



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



9th Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2022
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. EST
Hybrid: 1450 rue Guy and Zoom
Meeting MB room AB
Reception MB room F

MINUTES of an annual general meeting of members of the Concordia University Alumni Association (“CUAA”) held by teleconference call via Zoom, and in-person on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

1. Call to Order (Linda Donnini)

L. Donnini, President of the Concordia University Alumni Association (“CUAA”) acted as Chairperson of the meeting and in the absence of the Corporate Secretary M. Melfi, D. Kierans acted as secretary for the meeting.

L. Donnini welcomed attendees to the 9th annual general meeting of the members of the CUAA and called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

2. Welcome and report by the president, CUAA (Linda Donnini)

L. Donnini, President of the CUAA, welcomed all attendees to the 9th Annual General Meeting and reminded attendees of the purpose of the CUAA by presenting the CUAA’s Mission Statement as stated in the CUAA President’s Report.

She presented a summary of some of the CUAA’s accomplishments of the past year and shared some thoughts on future work and goals:

- The Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Task Force was created whose goal is to ensure that the CUAA incorporates EDI best practices in its work and that the CUAA is alignment with the University’s initiatives with respect to EDI.
- The CUAA partnered with Alumni Relations and embarked on a board review from a governance perspective. An external consultant was engaged to review board practices, board effectiveness and the relationship between the Concordia University and the CUAA and make recommendations, if any, to improve board effectiveness overall.
- **Philanthropy Team**
 - A donation was made to Emergency Food Fund on behalf of the 2022 Graduating Class.
 - A non-perishable food drive for Welcome Hall Mission was undertaken in support of Montrealers without homes.

L. Donnini thanked the volunteers, Board Members, the Alumni Relations staff, and the alumni for their support, commitment, hard work, and dedication to the CUA.

3. Report from the CUA Board of Governors Representative (Kim Fuller)

K. Fuller highlighted that due to the limited activity on the campuses during the pandemic, the University was able to accelerate key renovation projects:

- The Applied Science Hub opened last December.
- The completion of the redesign/renovation of Hall Building's 6th floor which now houses:
 - the Dean of Students offices,
 - the enlarged Otsenhákta Student Centre for Indigenous students,
 - the Sexual Assault Resource Centre,
 - an Integrated Volunteer Centre, and
 - The Link newspaper.
- Six new classrooms in the Faubourg (FG) basement.

K. Fuller highlighted some notable Concordia students. She stated that Concordia is the only university with students who have won all three awards, supported by the Student Success Centre:

- Aiden Cyr: Concordia's first Schwarzman Scholar will pursue a master's degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing.
- Sabine Plummer: Concordia's first Rhodes Scholar in a decade.
- Sage Duquette: Concordia's first McCall MacBain Scholar.

K. Fuller then highlighted awards given to Concordia University.

- The University came first for a 5th consecutive year in the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings.
- For the 3rd consecutive year, the university ranked number one in North America for the QS World University Rankings of Top 50 under 50.
- Our women's hockey team won gold at the Nationals for the first time in 23 years.
- The University also received a sustainability tracking assessment and rating system (STARS) gold ranking from the Association of Advancement of Sustainability for higher education.

4. Notice of Meeting and quorum (Linda Donnini)

Notice of this Annual General Meeting was sent on August 19th, 2022, to all members of record.

Katie O'Keefe and Tammy Akinana will be acting as scrutineers for this meeting.

The Chairperson was informed that quorum was present at the meeting. Therefore, the Chairperson declared the meeting regularly constituted for the transaction of the business on the agenda. The scrutineers' report on attendance is annexed to these minutes as Schedule A.

5. Availability of the minutes from the 2021 Annual General Meeting (Linda Donnini)

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was unanimously resolved:

THAT the meeting be dispensed from the reading of the minutes of the Annual General and Special Meeting of members held on September 21, 2021.

The Chairperson declared that the meeting be dispensed from the reading of the minutes of the Annual General and Special Meeting of members held on September 21, 2021.

6. Report by the Treasurer, CUAA and receipt of financial statements for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022 (Hanna Vineberg)

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was unanimously resolved:

THAT the meeting be dispensed from the reading of the Accountant's Report attached to the financial statements of the Corporation.

The Chairperson declared that the financial statements for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2022, together with the accountant's report, have been received by the members of the CUAA.

H. Vineberg reported that for the year ending April 30, 2022, the assets totaled CAD \$289,299, revenue was CAD \$318,573 and were within budget.

H. Vineberg further explained that due to restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, administrative and operating expenses were below budget.

She stated that some surplus funds were donated to university student causes. She explained that the details of those donations were confirmed after the closing of the fiscal year and therefore will only be reflected in next year's financial report.

The year-end cash position was very good (\$709,299) and the funds will be held in reserves for future programming.

7. Appointment of accountant for the 2021-2022 fiscal year (Linda Donnini)

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was unanimously resolved:

THAT Mizgala & Cie Inc. be appointed accountants of the CUAA to hold office until the next annual meeting of members and that the Board of Directors be authorized to determine their remuneration.

8. Report from the Nominating Committee and election of incoming directors and directors standing for re-election for 2022-2024 (Alexandre Davidson)

A. Davidson, presented the 2020-2022 proposed slate of directors and recognized the contribution of the following retiring directors:

Andréanne Biron, BEng 07
Didier Serre, BA 13
Lyn Fong, BA 02

Mario Ciaramicoli, BEng 02
Pui Sum Fong, BComm 16
Simon Foucher, MBA 16
Vicki Variantzas, BA 96

On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was unanimously resolved:

THAT the following list of six directors standing for re-election be re-elected as Directors of the CUAA to hold office for a two-year term, until the 2024 Annual Meeting of Members or until their successors are otherwise elected or appointed:

Directors Standing for Re-Election (2022-2024)

Alexandre Davidson, BComm 16
Hanna Vineberg, BA 88
Lesley Antoun, BEng 95
Nichola Dyer, BA 85
Nura Jabagi, MBA 14, PhD 21
Susannah Tam, MBA 82

THAT the following five director nominees be elected as Directors of the CUAA to hold office for a two-year term, until the 2024 Annual Meeting of Members or until their successors are otherwise elected or appointed:

Incoming Directors (2022-2024)

Bhavna Grover, BComm 01
Brandon Montour, BA 20
Fatoumata Camara, BA 12
Henry Mooney, BA 99
Hussain Shorish, BA 17, MA 18

There being no further nominations, the Chairperson declared those nominated to be duly elected as Directors of the CUAA to hold office for a period of two years until the 2024 Annual Meeting of Members or until their successors are otherwise elected or appointed.

Therefore, the complete slate of Directors is:

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Returning Directors (2021-2023)

David Kierans, BA 75
Linda Donnini, BSc 91
Miranda Melfi, BComm 86

Immediate Past President

Kim Fuller, BFA 96

Ex-officio Directors

Ian Macleod, BA 70
John Limeburner, BComm 68
Leisha LeCouvie

Representatives to the Board of Governors

Kim Fuller, BFA 96
Philippe Pourreaux, BComm 00

9. Welcome by the Vice-President, Advancement (Paul Chesser)

P. Chesser started by thanking the volunteers for their commitment, and service to Concordia.

He then reported on the return to campus – students are back in-person and that the downtown core, thanks in part to Concordia’s SGW campus, is ‘alive again’ following the pandemic.

Concordia held graduation ceremonies for the Classes of 2020 and 2021 that did not previously have the opportunity to cross the stage due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the addition of those two classes, as well as the 2022 graduates, Concordia now counts 240,000 alumni worldwide among its ranks.

P. Chesser noted that JMSB was ranked as the #2 business school in Canada. Additionally, it was revealed that every 2022 incoming undergraduate student will have at least one experiential learning opportunity; by 2025 the aim will be for everyone to have two. This will transform the experience of the students who will have in-class, and chances for hands-on, real-world learning. Additionally, Concordia is tripling the size of its cinema school, and will offer micro-credentials, to meet the growing demand for cinema professionals within Quebec.

In 2017, Concordia launched a comprehensive fundraising campaign with a goal of \$250 million, as of this meeting, Concordia has successfully raised \$241 million with the intention of closing out the campaign during its 50th anniversary celebrations in 2024/25. As such, Concordia is raising its campaign target to \$350 million. The number of annual donors has increased from 6,000 in 2017 to 17,000 in 2021.

Lastly, P. Chesser thanked everyone who works as part of the CUAA to make these achievements possible.

10. Report by the Senior Director, Alumni Relations (Leisha LeCouvie)

L. LeCouvie shared the outstanding success of the CU at Home initiative. Over the past year, CU at Home had:

- 80 events.
- 67 virtual events.
- 17,934 registrations.
- 9,603 alumni attendees.
- 2,155 student attendees.
- 3,522 alumni participants were first time attendees, and
- 80% of attendees are from Quebec.

L. LeCouvie mentioned the Fine Arts Prize, which is 100% funded through the CUAA, was a success. She further noted that the Honourable Murray Sinclair will be accepting his Loyola Medal tomorrow, originally given in 2021, with a live stream from Winnipeg.

L. LeCouvie reminded everyone of the upcoming Homecoming 2022 events.

11. Report on Engagement Goals (Temi Akin-Aina)

Concordia is starting a new campaign, over the course of which Concordia University aims to

- motivate 50,000 Concordians to get involved with the University, and
- drive one million points of alumni engagement.

and alumni engagement will be measured through event attendance, leadership and advocacy, pride and connection, volunteering, and financial support.

12. Closing remarks and adjournment of meeting (Linda Donnini)

There being no other points of order and the agenda was completed, the Chairperson asked for a motion to terminate the meeting.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was unanimously resolved:

THAT the meeting be terminated.

13. Q&A (Linda Donnini)

The floor was opened for questions which were asked and answered.

Schedule A

Scrutineers' Report on Attendance

The following members of the CUAA were in attendance representing at least twenty-five (25) members present at the Meeting:

Directors: Linda Donnini (Chair), Fatou Camara, Alexandre Davidson, Nichola Dyer, Kim Fuller, Bhavna Grover, David Kierans, John Limeburner, Brandon Montour, Henry Mooney, Hussain Shorish, Susannah Tam, Nura Jabagi, Hanna Vineberg

Members (In-Person): Agnes Laki, Sara Baptiste-Brown, Carlos Alberto Gonçalves, Niko Vergados, Didier Giovannangeli, Tannavi Gaurav, Jerry Antonyk, Harry Smith, Philippe Pourreaux, Edward Wong, Mohammadsaleh Khayyat, David Atraghji, Isaiah Joyner, Martin G. Van Kuilenburg, Paul Rosa-Del-Vecchio, Miguel A. Laursen

Members (Online): Brad Skog, Helen Mittelman, Donal Ryan, Adriana Nicoleta Manolache, Fan Zang, Fernand Mark Claveau, Milagros Salas-Prato, Joanne M. Beaudoin, Serge Bruno

Advancement Staff: Paul Chesser, Temi Akin-Aina, Leisha LeCouvie, Katie O'Keefe, Erin Mullins