



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



11th Annual General and Special Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2024

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST

Online Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES of an Annual General and Special Meeting of members of the Concordia University Alumni Association (“CUAA”) held by teleconference call via Zoom, on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

1. Call to Order (Nura Jabagi)

N. Jabagi, Chairperson of the meeting, welcomed attendees to the 11th Annual General and Special Meeting of the members of the Concordia University Alumni Association (“CUAA”) and called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

2. Welcome and report by the president, CUAA (Nura Jabagi)

N. Jabagi, President of the CUAA, welcomed all attendees to the 11th Annual General and Special 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:

Governance Review

From the Governance Review, which took place in 2022, the 18 recommendations have almost all been accepted and implemented, thus helping the CUAA build a strong and more sustainable foundation for now and into the future.

HR & Governance

HR & Governance supported the governance review process of the CUAA.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) task force became an official committee in 2023, led by Fatou Camara. This EDI team ensures all EDI practices are ingrained into each committee of the CUAA.

Alumni Recognition Awards

Alumni Recognition Awards (ARAs) honoured an exceptional group of people. N. Jabagi thanked Alexandre Davidson for heading this initiative.

Philanthropy Team

- CUAA funded more than 40 student projects across all the faculties
- \$50,000 to Canadian Scholars Fund
- \$100,000 to supporting Concordia University's 50th Anniversary

Nomination & Engagement

There will be onboarding of 4 new Board Members (organised by Nichola Dyer), and a main area of focus will be outreach and connection to CUAA members.

N. Jabagi presented the Concordia 50th Anniversary logo. The slogan, 50 Years, Forever Forward is a testament to the perseverance and progress of the University. As part of the 50th celebrations, 50 outstanding alumni have been identified as Great Concordians and will be presented to the public, weekly, for the next year.

N. Jabagi thanked the volunteers, board members, the alumni engagement staff, and the alumni for their support, commitment, hard work, and dedication to the CUAA.

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

K. Fuller highlighted:

- Gina Cody appointed to serve as co-chancellor. She will start her three year mandate as chancellor at the end of this calendar year, when Jonathan Wener's term will come to an end.
- Concordia University placed within the top 100 universities worldwide in the 2024 QS Sustainability Rankings.
- Volt-Age, one of the largest electrification initiatives in Canada, has come about after a landmark year for research funding in 2022-23.
- The President's Task Force on Anti-Black Racism released its one-year report with updates on the implementation of approximately 20 projects.
- The Indigenous Directions Action Plan guided initiatives that offered new language programs, welcomed experts-in-residence and shared best practices towards decolonising academic institutions.

K. Fuller highlighted a notable Concordia student:

- Emmy Fecteau: graduate and former captain of the women's Stingers ice hockey team was drafted for the Professional Women's Hockey League.

4. Notice of meeting and quorum (Nura Jabagi)

Notice of this Annual General Meeting was sent on August 14th, 2024, to all members on record.

As described by the General By-laws of the Corporation, N. Jabagi will be acting as Chairperson of the Annual Meeting and David Kierans will act as Secretary for the meeting. Melissa Calderisi and Amita Kumari 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 10th Annual General Meeting, held on September 28, 2023 (Nura Jabagi)

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 28, 2023.

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 28, 2023.

6. Report by the Treasurer, CUAA financial statements for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023 (Jonathan Gouliaris)

For the year ending April 30, 2024, J. Gouliaris reported that assets totalled CAD \$1,089,209, so the year saw an increase in cash.

The main point to note is that there is an increase in cash on the balance sheet compared to the previous fiscal year owing to an agreement reached between the CUAA and Alumni Engagement leading to a reduction in the long term payable.

There was an increase in revenue as the contract with the MBNA program ended, leading to a one-time payout of \$100,000.

On the expense side, the write off of the payable to Alumni Engagement sees a slight negative expense. The budget had no major surprises and all else was in-line with expected expenses.

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, 2023, together with the accountant's report, have been received by the members of the CUAA.

7. Appointment of accountant for the 2024-2025 fiscal year (Nura Jabagi)

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 authorised to determine their remuneration.

8. Presentation of the amendment to the By-laws (David Kierans)

D. Kierans presented that the previous By-laws made provision for 13 Directors. The amendment provides that there will be nomination for 15 Directors.

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

THAT the CUAA's General By-laws be ratified to allow for 15 Directors.

9. Report from the Nomination and Engagement Committee and election of incoming directors and directors standing for re-election for 2024-2026 (Nichola Dyer)

N. Dyer, presented the 2024-2026 proposed slate of directors and recognised the contribution of the following retiring directors:

Miranda Melfi, BComm 86
Linda Donnini, BSc 91

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

THAT the following list of ten (10) directors standing for re-election be re-elected as Directors of the CUAA to hold office for a two-year term, until the 2026 Annual Meeting of Members or until their successors are otherwise elected or appointed:

Directors Standing for Re-Election (2024-2026)

Alexandre Davidson, BComm 16
Bhavna Grover, BComm 01
Fatoumata Camara, BA 12
Hanna Vineberg, BA 88
Hussain Shorish, BA 17, MA 18
Jonathan Gouliaris, BComm 17, GrDI 20
Nichola Dyer, BA 85
Nura Jabagi, MBA 14, PhD 21
Susannah Tam, MBA 82
Vanessa Manroop, BComm 23

Additionally, **THAT** the following four (4) candidates be elected as Directors of the CUAA to hold office for a one or two-year term, until the 2025 and 2026 Annual Meetings of Members or until their successors are otherwise elected or appointed:

Incoming Directors

Cameron Hogg-Tisshaw, BA 11
Marie Cacchione, BComm 02
Paul Rice, BComm 11
Tseli Moshabesha, BA 11

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 one and two years until the 2025 and 2026 Annual Meetings of Members or until their successors are otherwise elected or appointed.

Therefore, the complete slate of Directors is:

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Paul Rice, BComm 11 (Term 2024-2026)

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Returning Directors (2023-2025)

David Kierans, BA 75

Ex-officio Observer

Leisha LeCouvie

Representatives to the Board of Governors

Kim Fuller, BFA 96

Miranda Melfi, BComm 86

N. Jabagi thanked Philippe Pourreaux, Linda Donnini and Miranda Melfi who step down from their respective roles.

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

L. LeCouvie shared the outstanding success of the alumni engagement programming:

122 events:

- 92 in-person events
- 30 virtual events
- 16,378 registrations
- 8,900 attendees

L. LeCouvie mentioned Alumni Zone and the FoFA Wild Talks events saw the highest number of attendees. L. LeCouvie highlighted the successes of the alumni chapters around the world, convocation and the Honorary Doctorate recipients.

Vice-President, Advancement (Paul Chesser) presented as part of University Advancement. He started by thanking the volunteers for their commitment, and service to Concordia.

He then reported on the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen Now fundraising campaign. Launched in 2017, the most ambitious campaign in Concordia history, with the aim to raise \$250m. The initial campaign goal was exceeded, so it was decided to extend the timeline to fit with the University's 50th

anniversary. The campaign will now wrap up in 2025 with the enhanced goal of reaching \$350m. The funds raised currently stands at \$305m.

L. LeCouvie reminded everyone of the upcoming Homecoming 2024 events, as Concordia celebrates its 50th anniversary.

11. Closing remarks and adjournment of meeting (Nura Jabagi)

There being no other points of order and the agenda 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.

12. Q&A (Nura Jabagi)

No questions.

Schedule A

Scrutineers' Report on Attendance

The following members of the CUAA were in attendance representing at least sixty (60) members present at the Meeting:

Directors: Nura Jabagi (Chair), Alexandre Davidson, Bhavna Grover, Fatoumata Camara, Hanna Vineberg, Hussain Shorish, Jonathan Gouliaris, Nichola Dyer, Susannah Tam, Vanessa Manroop, Cameron Hogg-Tisshaw, Tseli Moshabesha

Members (Online): Roxanne Peron, Luciana Duch, Daniel Grozdanov, Mary Sarli, Elyssa Gabriel, Lorraine O'Donnell, Bahareh Raisi, Louise Warr, Mary Perri, Andre Rudnick, Andrene Vitelli, Melodie Mograss, Mehdi Darabi, Jordan Jerome-Pitre, Ahmed Nour, Lonimi, Alicia Herrera, Katherine McMorrow, Stephen Webster, Milan Nguyen, Marian Pinsky, Barbara Ross, Rosa Lam, Sajad Mohammadrezkhani, Daniel Herrera, Lisa Iannuzzi, Jorge Flores, Rashina Geddes, Mahida Ahmad, Shirley Black, Mostafa Asadi Khanouki, Richard Brayley, Danielle Carter, Cass Simons, Vatsa Shah, Anastasia Llewellyn, Maria-Isabelle Noel, Mohamed Naiel, Mike Mirolla, Marguerite Imbleau-Clarke, Sharon Vien, Sara Baptiste-Brown, Liangliang Gao, Rashida Geddes, Anna Young, Adam Ashton, Tanvir Ahmed, Shwetha Janakiraman

Advancement Staff: Paul Chessier, Leisha LeCouvie, Melissa Calderisi, Amita Kumari