

Trent University Alumni Association

Annual Report 2006-07

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President's Message

Dear fellow alumni,

The 2006-2007 year has been an exciting one for the Trent University Alumni Association.

Council members and Tony Storey '71 and Kathleen Easson '78, the dedicated staff at the Alumni Office, continued to provide leadership and hundreds of volunteer hours that supported both new and ongoing Alumni Association activities, such as the Head of the Trent Reunion Weekend, the Alumni Awards Dinner and various Chapter events across the country.

Working closely with the External Relations and Advancement Department, we have been able to develop a solid partnership with the University. Trent University Vice President External Relations and Advancement, Dianne Lister '71, has committed to providing resources, expertise, and support for the Association. Services such as the Trent Magazine are an example of the positive results of this type of collaboration.

Finally, the Council has been working hard this past year to develop a brand-new draft strategic plan that will guide the Association's activities for the next 10 years. Among other things, the plan will seek to actively engage our alumni membership to target areas of activity and services to be provided, and to plan for the University's 50th anniversary in 2014.

This year's Annual Report again demonstrates our progress through the use of "Results-based Reports," which illustrates the numerous achievements of the Alumni Association for the 2006-2007 year. Four key areas are highlighted:

- Internal and Campus Affairs
- External and Chapter Relations
- Communications
- Support for Students

As always, should you have any questions, comments or want to become involved in the Association please feel free to contact me at mgriem@trentu.ca or the Alumni Office at alumni@trentu.ca.

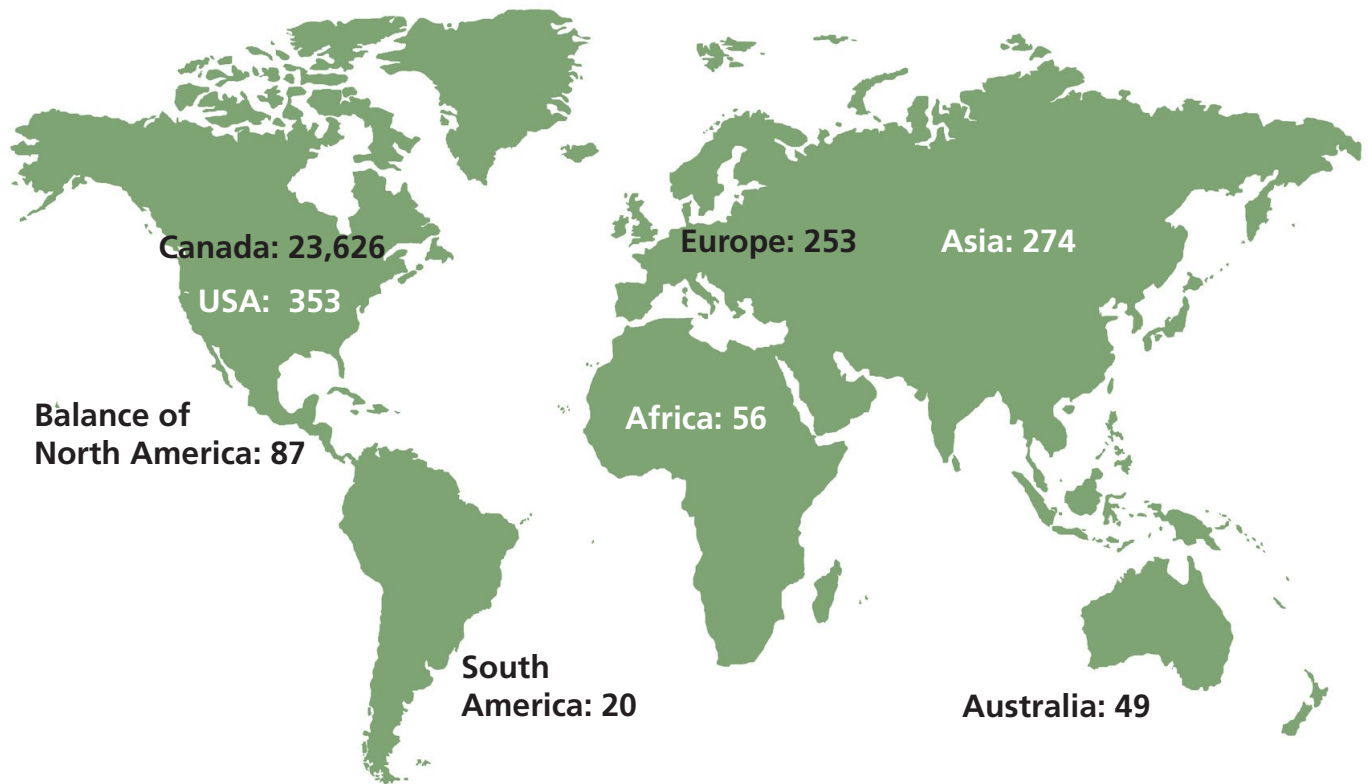
We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Matt Griem '97
President
Trent University Alumni Association

Alumni Demographics

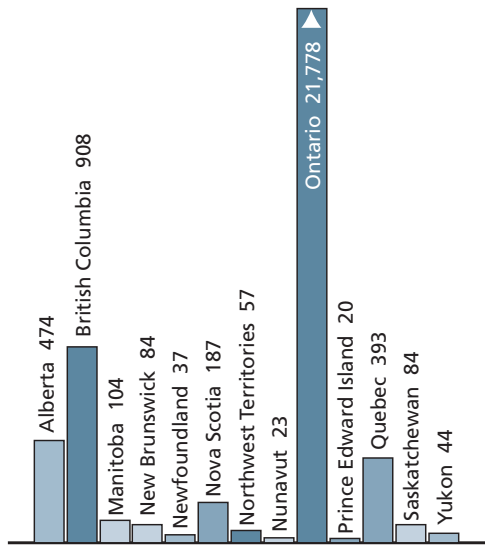
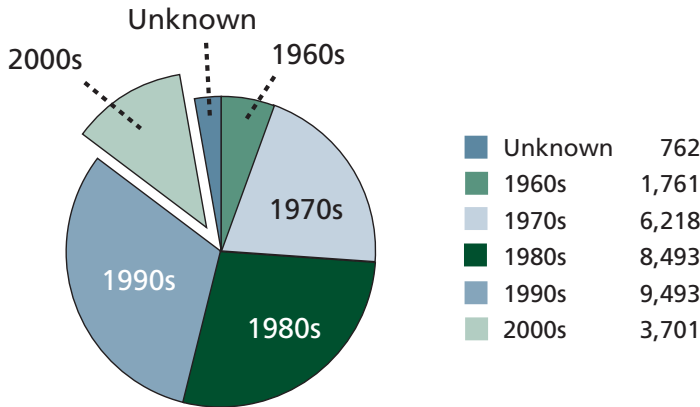
Where in the world are Trent alumni?



Alumni Demographics *continued*

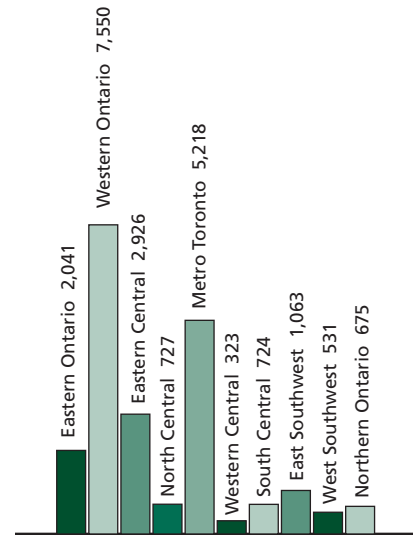
Grads by Entry Year Decade

As of April 30, 2007



Alumni by Province

As of April 30, 2007



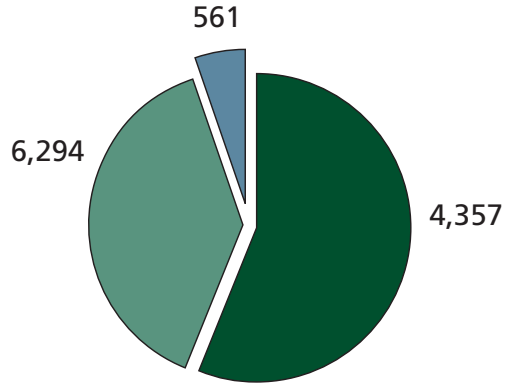
Alumni in Ontario

As of April 30, 2007

Alumni Demographics *continued*

Alumni Directory Usage

May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007

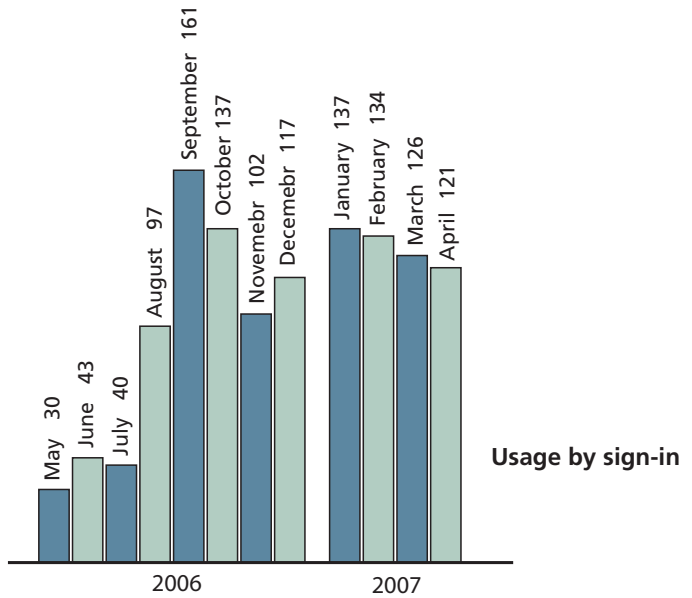


- mentoring
- in directory
- using directory

Mentoring Usage – 793 searches

Online Directory

May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007



Alumni Demographics *continued*

Alumni by Majors

DESCRIPTION		DONORS		NON-DONORS	
		Female	Male	Female	Male
Unknown	Unknown	441	611	725	769
ADMN	Business Administration	148	189	326	936
AMNS	Applications in Modelling	0	0	3	3
ANTH	Anthropology	642	248	864	405
BIOL	Biology	491	388	941	551
CAST	Canadian Studies	131	40	115	63
CDST	International Development Studies	98	50	216	96
CEPY	Physics	15	57	19	67
CHDS	Canadian Heritage	2	1	5	1
CHEM	Chemistry	99	122	149	149
CLHI	Ancient History & Classics	33	28	65	57
COSC	Computer Science	46	131	96	291
CSNS	Canadian Studies	0	0	5	0
CUST	Cultural Studies	271	116	413	200
ECON	Economics	175	432	253	480
EDUC	Education	51	10	442	165
ENGL	English	1,284	413	1,606	569
ERCE	Environmental Science/Studies	189	237	357	301
FREN	Modern Languages	311	43	410	66
GEOG	Geography	216	289	326	316
GLBL	Globalization	1	0	8	5
HIST	History	601	587	804	635
MATH	Mathematics	82	94	91	118
METH	Methodologies	1	1	2	1
NAST	Indigenous Studies	204	76	367	132
NURS	Nursing	6	1	161	6
PHIL	Philosophy	82	121	103	170
POST	Politics	119	202	161	257
PSYC	Psychology	933	235	1,579	271
SOCI	Sociology	528	162	759	191
SPEC	Special Emphasis	9	3	61	20
WEGP	Watershed Ecosystems	12	20	44	57
WMST	Women's Studies	0	0	17	0

Results Based Report:

Internal and Campus Affairs

Report prepared by: Dave French '80, Vice President Internal and Campus Affairs

MAJOR INITIATIVE	RESULT/STRATEGIES	DATE
Governance	TUAA membership approves new by-laws and governance strategy at AGM.	Sept. 2006
	TUAA Council approves a new "Committee Strategy" for reorganization of council committees.	January / March 2007
	Created a TUAA Council-approved "History, Heritage and Campus Affairs" Committee.	March 2007
	Developed a TUAA Council-approved mandate for the History, Heritage and Campus Affairs Committee.	June 2007
	Developed a TUAA Council-approved mandate for the Nominations and Recognition Committee.	March 2007
	Developed a TUAA Council-approved nominations and selection policy for the alumni-designated positions on the Trent University Board of Governors.	March 2007
Campus Enrichment	Alumni House renovations commence.	Spring 2006
	200 separate usages of Alumni House occur by 30 different departments/groups totaling 1600 guests.	2006-2007
	TUAA volunteers staffed information and refreshment booth at Trent Convocation ceremonies and distribute Trent logo pewter pins as part of "exit kits."	June 2007
Alumni in Residence	Two volunteer alumni donated their time to be part of the alumni in residence program, with the support of the TUAA:	
	1: Paul Delaney '64 2: Donal Doyle '91: Champlain College Guest in Residence	Fall 2006 Spring 2007

Results Based Report: Internal and Campus Affairs *continued*

MAJOR INITIATIVE	RESULT/STRATEGIES	DATE
Alumni Service	<p>A number of alumni, with the support of the TUAA, volunteered their time on University Committees, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board of Governors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Len Vernon '64 • Kate Ramsay '71 • Larry Popofsky '71 • Pete Lafleur (MSc 1991) 2. Senate Representation: Dave French '80 3. Athletic Advisory: Karen Sisson '78 4. University Honours: David Lasenby '64 5. Teaching Awards: Kim Fielding '98 6. Advisor to CASSC: Jamie Fleming '76 7. Significant input by alumni into the Strategic Planning Process 	2006-2007
Alumni Speaker	<p>Alumni returned to campus as guests in a variety of roles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alumni Lecture: Prof Fanny Dolansky '93: Women in Ancient Rome 2. John Thorp '66: 40th anniversary of Philosophy 3. Richard Harrison '76 poet 4. History Departments Canada on Display: a full roster of alumni speakers (approx.15) 	2006-2007
Nominations and Recognition	TUAA Council establishes "Young Leaders Award."	Spring 2007
	<p>TUAA hosts the first fully-blended alumni awards dinner in Toronto on the set of "Degrassi: The Next Generation." Awards given out include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguished Alumni • Spirit of Trent University • inaugural Young Leaders Award • attended by approx. 80 individuals 	Spring 2007
	TUAA Council supports inaugural reception for the Robert Stephenson Award.	Spring 2007

Results Based Report: Internal and Campus Affairs *continued*

MAJOR INITIATIVE	RESULT/STRATEGIES	DATE
Activities at Alumni House	1: Receptions for LEC and Champlain College Cabinets	Fall 2006 & Winter 2007
	2: Key Planning meetings for Head of Trent homecoming	
	3: Honourary Graduates Dinner hosted by President Patterson	June 2007
	4: Summer Student Employee BBQ	July 2007
Strategic Planning	TUAA Council members attend weekend-long annual planning retreat, facilitated by alumnus John Butcher.	June 2007
	TUAA Council develops a draft strategic plan to help guide its actions for the next 10 years. The final version of the plan is expected to be released in Winter 2007.	Summer 2007



Alumni chapter gathering in England

Results Based Report:

External and Chapter Relations

Report prepared by: Leneae Dupuis '91, Vice President External and Chapter Relations

MAJOR INITIATIVE	RESULT/STRATEGIES	DATE
External Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Created a TUAACouncil-approved “External and Chapter Relations Committee.”	January 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a TUAACouncil-approved mandate for the External and Chapter Relations Committee.	March 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a group webpage on the social networking site “Facebook” to reach out to alumni throughout Canada and around the world.	June 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As of September 2007, 292 people have joined the group.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Four Trent alumni representatives attended the weekend-long 2007 Ontario Alumni Association Conference.	August 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a draft “External Relations” strategy that will focus on outreach to other alumni councils, and building partnerships with other groups (including the Trent International Program).	August 2007
Finance and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reorganized the Council “Finances and Services Committee” into the “Finance, Services and Advancement” committee.	March 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a TUAACouncil-approved mandate for the Finance, Services, and Advancement Committee	March 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Established a partnership with Harris Publishing for a new alumni directory.	Summer 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continued to explore options for alumni winemaking program and licence plate program.	Summer 2007

Results Based Report: External and Chapter Relations *continued*

MAJOR INITIATIVE	RESULT/STRATEGIES	DATE
National Capital Chapter Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized Trent alumni@gc.ca – May Day reception, in which there were 20 people in attendance. 	May 2007
Peterborough Chapter Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 events held in Peterborough, including the annual Garden Party. 40 in attendance at the November Open House event. 60 in attendance at the June event. 	November 2006 June 2007
Montreal Chapter Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted 2 “soiree aperitifs.” 12 in attendance at the March event. 11 in attendance at the April event. 	March 2007 April 2007
York Region Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted a social/“pub night” in York Region, 10 in attendance 	Sept 2007
Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Chapter Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GTA Chapter hosted annual social at Toronto “Beer Bistro.” 30 in attendance. 	June 2007
UK Chapter Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted a social/pub night. 6 in attendance. 	April 2007
Kingston Chapter Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted a social/pub night. 20 in attendance. 	April 2007
Halifax Chapter Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathleen Easson from the alumni office travelled to Halifax to attend Chapter event. 12 in attendance. 	October 2006
Singapore Chapter Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted a social/pub night 6 in attendance 	February 2007
Kitchener / Waterloo Chapter Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted a social/pub night. 22 in attendance. 	April 2007
St John’s and area Chapter Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted a social meeting with VP Dianne Lister, 2 in attendance 	August 2007

Results Based Report: External and Chapter Relations *continued*

MAJOR INITIATIVE	RESULT/STRATEGIES	DATE
Specific years/discipline related events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LEC class of '98 reunion.• 15 in attendance.	June 2007
Newly created Chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established a working group for Cornwall area Chapter.	Sept. 2007



Results Based Report:

Communications 2006-2007

Report prepared by: Jan Carter, Vice President Communications

MAJOR INITIATIVE	RESULT/STRATEGIES	DATE
Communications and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All alumni, regardless of year of entry, now have access to a "trentu.ca" email address. Our goal last year was to make this available to Council members; however, this was extended out to all alumni, even if email didn't exist when they attended Trent!Instructions found under "How Do I...?" on the alumni website.	Feb. 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Communications Committee was set up in Spring 2007 with five participants. We are currently recruiting volunteers. A TUAAs council-approved mandate was developed to provide advice to the Council on content as well as media for alumni communications. They will also suggest story ideas, audit current communication tools, and provide support to Chapters and other portfolios.	May 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Digital technology continues to be the tool of choice for alumni communications.Special events (i.e. the Distinguished Alumni Dinner, May 2007) are promoted by printed invites; however, some chapter and general interest events are communicated by targeted email.In addition, events are announced on the alumni website, either on the home page or under the relevant sub-directory pages and via general "@Trent" e-newsletter.Younger alumni continue to push Council to seek new tools. This resulted in the establishment of an official Council group on Facebook ("Trent University Alumni Association") with links to unofficial alumni sites set up by enthusiastic alumni. We have 290 participants now, and would like to see that grow to over 1,000 by next year.	2006-2007

Results Based Report: Communications 2006-2007 *continued*

MAJOR INITIATIVE	RESULT/STRATEGIES	DATE
Trent Magazine <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter 2007 issue: focus on "Spencer Harrison (MA 2003): 'A Place for You,'" named after artwork donated to Alumni House in honour of Rob DeJong. The article shows Spencer's passion for Trent, even though he has moved on (momentarily) to OCAD. Other stories included Jennifer Sipos '91, the new DNA building, and internationalization at Trent. • Spring 2007 issue: focus on "The Students of Alumni House," showcasing "the best job a student can have" at our new Alumni House at Champlain College (former Master's Lodge). Other stories included Harry Kitchen celebrating 40 Years at Trent, and Don Tapscott '66 and "Wikinomics." • Fall 2007 issue: focus on "Darren Murphy '96: Defining the Finish Line": his metaphors for life, his role as publisher, & his Young Leader Award. Other stories included Gordon Teskey '72 "35 years," teaching excellence, and social awareness at "Free the Children." 	Feb. 07 June 07 Sept. 07
Traill College KRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two e-mail broadcasts were sent to alumni association members asking them to provide input into the University's consultations on the University's facilities strategy. • TUAAC Council adopted resolutions to support a continued Traill College presence in downtown Peterborough. • A letter was sent to Trent University Board of Governors expressing support for a continued Traill College presence in downtown Peterborough. 	Spring 2007 January 2007 Spring 2007
General Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alumni Association President Matt Griem addressed new graduates at all five Spring convocation ceremonies. 	June 2007



Results Based Report:

Support for Students

Report prepared by: Tony Storey '71, Director of Alumni Affairs

RESULT/STRATEGIES	DATE
2 entrance scholarships for children of alumni valued at \$1,500 (\$1,000 + \$500)	September 2006
Special projects funding for 7 initiatives totalling \$2,270 (\$500 + 500 + 400 + 300 + 250 + 200 + 120) – TCSA live band, Canada On Display, Model UN conference, student travel to United Arab Emirate Conference, Symons Graduate Studies Seminar, TIP banquet, Walk Home Program	2006-07
Recognition of student achievement: 7 recipients of Alumni Recognition Award at all colleges; 2 medal recipients at Otonabee College; Cheryl & Bryan Davies Award at Champlain College plus RWF Stephenson Award (\$250)	March/April 2007
Alumni House – Alumni-hosted Student Leadership Receptions for CC and LEC cabinets – 60 guests; 23 student bookings with over 700 student guests	2006-07
Alumni Golf Tournament generates over \$20,000 for PSB Wilson Bursary Fund; 2 Bursaries at \$1,500 each to male and female varsity rowers (Dan Coholan Rowing Bursary); Gary Wolff Leadership Cup to 1 student athlete	September 2006, March 2006
Over \$50,000 in bursary support to approximately 65 students through Alumni Bursary Funds	March 2007
396 students registered in On Line Directory with potential access to Alumni Mentors	2006-07
\$3,500 in student wages to 6 student assistants	2006-07

Appendix A

2006-2007 Council Members and Chapter Presidents

TRENT UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COUNCIL HONORARY PRESIDENT

T.H.B. Symons

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT

John E. Leishman

PRESIDENT

Matt Griem '89

PAST PRESIDENT

Rod Cumming '87

VICE-PRESIDENT, CAMPUS & INTERNAL AFFAIRS

David French '80

VICE-PRESIDENT, EXTERNAL & CHAPTER RELATIONS

Lenae Dupuis '91

VICE-PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS

Jan Carter '87

COUNCILLORS

Adam Feather '95

Kim Fielding '98

Luann Ford '76

Francis Fung '97

Brandi Gillet Woods '93

Jovan Groen '01

Iain MacFarlane '95

Tom Miller '82

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Larry Popofsky '71

SENATE REPRESENTATIVE

David French '80

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Peter Stephenson '04

DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Tony Storey '71

ALUMNI AFFAIRS ASSISTANT

Kathleen Easson '78

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Lenae Dupuis '91 (Golden Horseshoe)
vacant (Kingston)

Holly Stardom '95 (National Capital)

Maile Loweth Reeves '79 (York Region)

Caleb Smith '93 (Niagara Region)

Greg Burnett '90 (Oshawa/Durham Region)

vacant (Belleville/Quinte)

Michael '69 & Ingrid Nolan '73 (Peterborough)

Brandi Gillet Woods '93 (Southwestern Ontario)

Joanne Callaghan '97, Joshua Mills '97 (Toronto)

Shelley Pinder '90 (Calgary)

vacant (Edmonton)

Cynthia Loveman '77 (Vancouver)

vacant (Vancouver Island)

Derrick Farnham '83 (Montreal)

Mary Elizabeth Luka '80 (Halifax/Dartmouth)

Richard Gardiner '73 (London/Middlesex)

Debby Barsi '89 (Fredericton/NB)

Melissa Quesnelle '99 (Georgian Triangle)

Mindy Willett '88 (Yellowknife)

Gordon Copp '76 (United Kingdom)

Patrick Lam '86 (Hong Kong)

Mas Dati Samani '82 (Malaysia)

Aznan Abu Bakar '93 (Singapore)

Andrew Homer '86 (Tokyo)

Appendix B

Nominations & Appointments, AGM 2007

EXECUTIVE

President, Matt Griem '97, 2007-09
Past President, Rod Cumming
Vice President Campus and Internal Affairs,
David French '80, 2007-09
Vice President External and Chapter Relations,
Lenaee Dupuis '91, 2006-08
Vice President Communications,
Jan Carter '87, 2006-08

HONORARY

T.H.B. Symons, Honorary President
J.E. Leishman, Honorary Vice-President

COUNCIL

Stephan Donald '99, 2006-08 (completing the term
following resignation of B. Gillett Woods)
Adam Feather '02, 2006-08
Kim Fielding '98, 2007-09
Luann Ford '76, 2005-07
Francis Fung '97, 2006-08
Jovan Groen '01, 2007-09
Iain MacFarlane '95, 2006-08
Dave Powrie '96, 2007-09

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVES

Brian Hamlin '84
Larry Popofsky '71, 2006-08

SENATE REPRESENTATIVE

David French '80, 2007-08

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Scott Dempsey '03 2007-08

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Vancouver Island – vacant
Vancouver – Cynthia Loveman '77
Edmonton – vacant
Calgary – Shelley Pinder '90
Halifax/Dartmouth – Mary Elizabeth Luka '80
Fredericton – Debby Barsi '89
Montreal – Derrick Farnham '83
Yellowknife – Mindy Willett '88
National Capital – Holly Stardom '95
SW Ontario – vacant
Niagara Region – Caleb Smith '93
London/Middlesex – Richard Gardiner '73
Oshawa/Durham – Greg Burnett '90
Kingston – Rich Cowan '99
Peterborough – Ingrid '73 & Michael '69 Nolan
Toronto – Josh Mills '97
York Region – Maile Loweth Reeves '79
Golden Horseshoe – Lenaee Dupuis '91
Belleville/Quinte – vacant
Georgian Triangle – Melissa Quesnelle '99
Hong Kong – Patrick Lam '86
Malaysia – Mas Dati Samani '82
Singapore – Aznan Abu Bakar '93
Tokyo – Andrew Homer '86
United Kingdom – Gordon Copp '76

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES 2007-08

Athletics Advisory, Karen Sisson '78
Teaching Awards, Kim Fielding '98
University Honours, David Lasenby '64
Student Services & Colleges,
Jamie Fleming '76 (consultant)

Appendix C

Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting

September 30, 2006

10:30 am

Alumni House, Champlain College, Trent University

Annual General Meeting

President and Facilitator: Matt Griem

Note taker: Jan Carter

Attendees:

Matt Griem, Jan Carter, Lenaee Dupuis, Dave French, Jovan Groen, Paul Delaney, Paul Wilson, Adam Feather, Peter Stephenson, Robert Stephenson, Tony Storey, Michael & Ingrid Nolan, Tom Miller, Iain MacFarlane, Brandi Gillett Woods, Dianne Lister, Luann Ford, Francis Fung

Regrets: Kim Fielding, Larry Popofsky

Guests: University President, Bonnie Patterson

Minutes

Agenda item: President's remarks

Presenter: Matt Griem

Discussion

- Congratulations to Luann who has just gotten married, and to Maureen who just gave birth to a little boy named William Jeremiah.
- This is an historic meeting – it's our first AGM in Alumni House and our first Council meeting here.
- We're going to discuss the Council's strategic plan, moving forward, beyond what we said we would do.
- Would like to highlight our results-based reports this year: key highlights include distinguished alumni, reinvigorated events, more affinity agreements, the Commoner reunion, and a new governance strategy.
- We're looking forward to building better relationships, recognizing alumni successes, and fostering development.

Agenda item: Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Trent University Alumni Council

Presenter: Matt Griem

Discussion

- Move to adopt the minutes: Iain MacFarlane.
- Seconded by Jovan Groen.
- Any amendments? None. Motion passed.

Conclusions: Minutes are adopted

Agenda item: Trent University President's remarks

Presenter: Bonnie Patterson

Discussion

- We are bursting at the seams – this is the first September we haven't been worried – exceeded our targets
- 8,100 students: increased participation rate driven by parental desire
- Strategic goal is to stay in 7,000-8,000 range by 2010
- \$115 million year enterprise
- We're a significant player in economy: 1,700 employees, incl. students (800 full time employees)
- Trent spent \$7.7 million on scholarships and bursaries (under \$1 around 7 years ago)
- Over \$6.3 million comes from operating budget
- Try to ensure students can be here if they want Trent
- We've got a balanced budget for sixth year
- \$9.5 million down to \$5.4 of cumulated debt, while still making strategic investments in infrastructure
- Hosted reception for 21 new tenure-track faculty
- State of transition of faculty base not insignificant – faculty from all over the world, with a commitment to teaching – the nexus of teaching and research is important
- Grad studies important – have 280 grad students, goal is to get back to proportions of 5-years ago. The government is funding that growth. We've introduced new programs for Fall 07, but are still limited to build depth to Ph.D. level
- We have a new Ph.D. in Cultural Studies, our M.A. in Canadian Studies is oversubscribed, an M.Sc. collaboration with UOIT in Materials Science (Phys Chem.), an M.A. in History, and an M.A. in English in Public Text
- Doubling attendance by 2012-2014
- Posted on web a 4-page document progress report/report card, 2010 strategic progress
- Consultation in community to take us through to 2014, embraced notion of Trent's 50th anniversary of a planning horizon
- New accountability framework, doesn't cover inflation, but gap between funding quality ed. and what the government provides. This "three-legged stool" ensures strategies show we are identifying new revenue streams, using our assets in strategic ways. Endowment lands demonstrate that we will pick particular areas to invest in to bring money back into the university, while retaining assets and continueing our on core mission
- We also have new focus on developing our philanthropic capabilities while demonstrating excellence
- We participated in first North American study on student engagement – NASE – 4,000 students, what they believe about the education here, on core 5 indicators, we are tracking above Ontario average, and compare to univeresities in U.S.
- We will analyze the feedback and look at where the students feel we could do better
- New facility on south of Otonabee College: DNA building, new home for Forensic Sciences, Biology, a few Anthopologists, with a few classrooms, private sector, and collaboration with Ministry of Natural Resources

Agenda item: Trent University President's remarks

Presenter: Bonnie Patterson

Discussion *continued from previous page*

- Questions?
- *Concern about the erosion of the college experience: the informal interaction with the faculty and staff: (Tom Miller) could you comment on direction the university is going in?*
 - Bonnie: established a cross college committee to look at this issue: as the colleges transform, what do students value most, what could we be doing, discuss with student leaders, they are quite astute; have to use college space better, how is the micro environment used, under VP Academic
 - Challenge, Bonnie says, many of our students don't hit drinking age until they graduate. Society with a new consciousness about underage drinking puts a very different dimension in college activities, pubs used to be a large part of social gathering, as interface with student tutors, etc. second issue: significant: 1,250 student living space, 1,800 new students per year, many from first day live in town, not on campus, get a very different dynamic in terms of college focus. Value of athletics or library: is as highly valued as the interface with the college
- *We have got 1,300 part-time students, how do the colleges reach out and embrace the part-time students?*
 - Need to keep college system invigorating, within every college there's a different "college" – the mission is to get students out of their rooms and participating, and even the students say that is the biggest challenge
 - Students still think their college is best, but we need a re-engagement of faculty and all
- *How do you mentor 93 people around the issue of student experience?*
 - Dianne: intent of alumni house to create a meeting place and to espouse the essentials
 - TIP students still like to take smaller sense of community of like-minded individuals, even at a level smaller than Trent itself
 - Sense of connection, creating space, virtual and real
 - Important to go to the students right now
 - Blessed with physical plant and history of collegial system
 - Michael: no continuity of college experience: only 10% stay on campus
 - Bonnie: almost exclusively a first-year experience, government doesn't fund student space, invest academic not living experience
 - Michael: it's changing
 - Dianne: focus on collegial versus college

Appendix C: Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting *continued*

Agenda item: Trent University President's Remarks

Presenter: Bonnie Patterson

Discussion *continued from previous page*

- *Loved the strategy of communications this year (Lenaee Dupuis): did it contribute to enrolment?*
 - Bonnie: it was an awareness piece.
 - Dianne: we're going to do an evaluation, do some research what impact of the advertising, training with liaison officers, brand new booth, visuals and feeling, using the consultant to develop the campaign, have we raised the level of awareness? We had such a low level of awareness, but we do know that additional resources in Oshawa market we can see a direct correlation and seeing numbers enrol – up 25%
 - Alumni are so important: people will be influenced through mentoring, Andy Rodford's experience out west has shown correlation
 - 20,000 people come through the university fairs
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Agenda item: Overview of Annual Report

Presenter: Matt Griem


Discussion

- Communications: we want to be driving people to the web
 - Chapter Relations: reinvigorate Toronto chapter, (i.e. beerbistro event), established some chapter president meetings with poor turnout, takes time to build, people still prefer to go to Tony
 - Dave: new headquarters of Alumni House, we have a fair amount of alumni contributing every day into the living reality of the university, quite profound
 - Michael: very professional, congrats
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Agenda item: Governance Strategy

Presenter: Iain MacFarlane

Discussion

- Iain to set up the scenario: came out of the strategic planning retreat in Nov. 04, identified one of five or six key areas, there have been issues with succession planning and people wanted more clearly defined duties and responsibilities, and needed examination in detail
 - Worked for last year or two: through consultation with council and other participants, have approved a number of recommendations that we'll go over
 - Tony: copies of bylaws,
 - Matt: this has been extensively worked on, talked to former councillors, talked to chapter presidents
 - There are a couple of key principles: succession issues: can't be achieved by simply changing the constitution. Instead the strategy says success breeds success, more people will be interested the more we get people interested. Two: baby steps. Need to provide small opportunities to start.
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Agenda item: Governance Strategy

Presenter: Ian MacFarlane

Discussion *continued from previous page*

- Current council structure: wasn't fundamentally flawed, liked chapters, current practices good
- Heard from numerous chapter presidents that the council work (i.e. members of council), so many said they didn't want to have to be on council, strat says keep them informed.
- Tactics: council adopted many things. No constitution bylaw changes. Continue portfolio work. Strengthen the use of Council Committees, open it up to everyone in the Association and encourage participation
- Executive: most radical reform. Amend constitution to refocus how we have the exec. Current: two VPs. Proposed: Three VP's with areas of "Specialization," including External and Chapter Relations, Internal and Campus Affairs, and Communications.
- Proposal for removing President from voting purpose: he or she can participate but doesn't need to vote
- Council adopted it, but the AGM has to approve. Bylaws online for a month.
- Draw your attention to bylaws: bit different in terms of how they are organized. Had a lawyer look at them. He explained what the Association is: a committee. Not changing what we are, just clarifying the existence.
- Comments
 - *Lenaee: how do the three chapter presidents feel about not participating?* Greg: positions seemed temporary
 - Matt: motion to adopt bylaws? Iain: motion. Tom second. Everyone voting: yes, incl. chapter presidents.
 - Passed new bylaws.
 - Thank you to Iain. For all his hard work.
- Nominating committee report: director of association and alumni office is also our chief electoral officers
- Kim absent, but Tony will provide report. Focus on names in red & blue:
- We just passed the new exec structure
- We try to have a staged structure to maintain Council
- Matt: small correction: BYLAWS Dave is OK until next year: Dave's should read 2005-2007. He's continuing his current term. Please amend.
- Amended.

Conclusions:

- Move to adopt the appointments and elections: Luann Ford. Seconded by Michael Nolan.
- All in favour? All. Any opposed? None. Election passed.
- Congrats to new council members.

Agenda item: Special Report

Presenter: Paul Wilson

Discussion

- Thanks, arrived 40 years and one month ago, Champlain College was non-existent. Cannot think of a better use of this facility as a holder of memories and history
- Privileged to be termed as alumni ambassador, rigorous requirements (beer and golf), but over that time, the remuneration for this is meeting alumni across the country and in UK and talking about old war stories. Am privileged to share these with alumni, hugely dynamic organization, my impression: 99% had a hugely positive experience with this university.
- Visited chapters in Calgary, Edmonton, Fredericton, Victoria, Halifax. Plus UK and various Ontario. Hosted a garden party for last three or four years in spring with good turnout.
- Have been a rep at Trent at functions where no one else wants to go or no one will go: mayor's golf, Laurier's homecoming and hall of fame,
- Highlight: Distinguished Alumni Dinner. Outstanding event; those who selected the recipients did a great job. Portrayed their accomplishments in an appropriate and encouraging way.
- Two funds established in PSB's name: I do get quite emotional about this. Wilson Fund \$174,000 now. Entirely alumni giving for athletics. Interest in last four years, been able to donate \$20,000 to specific athletic projects that would not have happened but for that fund. Incredible. Two weekends ago: alumni golf, 50 people. I like the format and enjoy it. This year the proceeds went to Wilson Bursary Fund, raised \$10,000, so it's at \$35,000 to assist three students next year. I'm humbled.
- Alumni magazine as good as any other magazine I've seen. Liz Fleming has done a magnificent job on that! Wish whoever follows good luck.
- Thanks for allowing me to be a part of this organization. Tremendous value!

Agenda item: Special Report

Presenter: Paul Delaney

Discussion

- I've been very involved with international students (TIP) for last three years.
- The international students organized Olympics, asked PSB to perform athletes' oath, and PSB was brilliant.
- Wanted to have him back this year, and it's next Saturday (on Thanksgiving every year), plus we have a Canadian team this year for the first time in three years.
- We/they are trying to make Canadian students realize that international programs are there for them too.
- Am enjoying this immensely, as a retired teacher, feel very fortunate for this intellectual stimulation.
- At the African forum yesterday, we had a forum on the "brain drain," i.e. we have 55 graduates in Africa, but there must have been hundreds coming through the university ... why did so few go back?

Appendix C: Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting *continued*

Agenda item: Special Report

Presenter: Paul Delaney

Discussion *continued from previous page*

- I'm here to show the human face of alumni, "What do you do around here?"
- I second what PSB said: Kathleen and Tony have done an excellent job. I was the first person in the Alumni House to stay overnight. They've done a wonderful job. Talked to fellow peers and have told them about the rooms. Think you'll have a lot of people coming to visit.
- Want to thank Bonnie and Dianne: I think the university is so lucky to have administrators who are so approachable and open, and it's wonderful to bring students by (international and Canadian). Last year, the head of TISA was fellow from Bahamas.
- Been asked to contact Rotary Clubs to set up a mentor system. Trying to find people to be mentors.
- Tom Miller has already agreed to help a student from Jamaica who wants to be a doctor.
- Don't want to step on toes, but I can go out and do it. Tony is the closest I have to my boss.
- Wonderful people here at Trent.
- Tom: last year at this AGM you commented that you noticed faculty involvement with students seemed to be a lot less involved.
- Met Lauren Carter at Wanapitei who's just published a book of poetry
- Matt: we appreciate everything!!! Excellent and thanks for being an awesome ambassador, Paul

Agenda item: Any Other Business

Presenter: Matt Griem

Discussion

- Dave: three things from Senate that we need to know:
 1. New TA award.
 2. Distinguished Teaching Award. Criteria: this award is for faculty or staff but also for people who are not strictly involved in academic forum.
 3. Everyone is panicking about the *Freedom of Information Act*. Can't do anything: that way you're safe. They are recommending email not be used. We at the Association need to be more informed. Starting to show up right now so we might need to start to chat.
- Tom: two things:
 1. Business arising from report. Question about alumni giving history: what does this represent?
 - Tony: receipts to the alumni fund in any giving year. Alumni and spouse giving.
 2. As number of alumni are going up, why isn't it going up?
 - Matt: let's get Sherry Booth into a meeting and get her to explain
 - Tom: what do they want to give to?
 - Matt: let's chat about further.
- PSB: detects a new appreciation of alumni support and a new appreciate for Tony's efforts
- Ingird: described the wonderful carpet in the main room of the new Alumni House: I have the great good fortune to bring some heart into the building. The carpet has an august history – it was partially donated by a Toronto gentleman, and Tony's got art donations coming, keeping with the House's architecture.

Motion to adjourn.

- The members of the AGM unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Appendix D

AGENDA

MEETING	39th Annual General Meeting of the Trent University Alumni Association
DATE	29 September 2007
TIME	10:30 a.m.
MEETING PLACE	Champlain College – Alumni House
MEETING CALLED BY	Trent University Alumni Association
ATTENDEES	All Association Members, All Association Council Members, University President Bonnie Patterson, Vice President External Relations and Advancement Dianne Lister

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	TIME
1. President's Remarks	Matt Griem	10 min.
2. Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting	Tony Storey	5 min.
3. Welcome from University President Bonnie Patterson	Bonnie Patterson	15 min.
4. Overview of Annual Report	Various	15 min.
5. Officers of the Association	Kim Fielding	
	Matt Griem	20 min.
6. Nominating Committee Report and Elections	Kim Fielding	
	Tony Storey	20 min.
7. Any Other Business	Tbd	Tbd
8. Adjournment	N/A	N/A



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