

# UC Irvine Alumni

## UC Irvine Alumni Association 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 21, 2023  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Susan & Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences

### I. Welcome Remarks and Call to Order – Melissa Beck, MBA '12

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

- Melissa welcomed everyone to the annual meeting. She highlighted how this meeting is a testament to the power of UCI and the transformative education that students get during their time here. Reflecting on this past year, coming out of the pandemic, it is a year of hope for the future. She has a sense of optimism as she stands here today for her last annual meeting as president of the association. She cannot be prouder for what we have accomplished during her presidency. We came into and out of a pandemic with the university coming out strong on the other side due to the leadership we have here. We have deepened our bond with one another and become more and more of an anteatr family.

### II. Acceptance of the 2022 Annual Meeting minutes - Melissa Beck, MBA '12

**Motion:** To accept the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes of the UCI Alumni Association. (First) John Lenell '90, M.S.'92, (Second) Derek Sabori '96, MBA '02

**Vote:** Passed unanimously

### IV. Recognition of the Board members ending their term – Melissa Beck, MBA '12

- Melissa recognized eight incredible board members who have completed their term. The board members who have completed their service were: Soa Kang '92, Nithin Jilla '13, John Lenell '90, M.S.'92, Tim Patz MBA'11, and Sean Vali '89, MBA '94. Each of the board members joined during Melissa's time with the board and she highlighted their impact on the board. As a token of appreciation each member received a commemorative plaque during a previous board meeting.
- The representatives who have completed their service this year are Raj Parekh '19, Reginald Gardiner, and Sarah Seeman.
- The Young Alumni Council, a great group of anteatrs who have graduated in the last decade, also have two members who have completed their service: Bryce Roberto '15 and Chris Nelson '13.

- Melissa then addressed all the chapter leaders who were completing their service and thanked them for the huge impact that they played in strengthening the alumni community.
- Now that Melissa has completed her tenure as president, she recognized the next president of the alumni association, Derek Sabori. Derek is a double alum that completed his Bachelor of Arts in 1996 and his M.B.A. in 2002. He is the founder at The Underswell and The Underswell School of Understanding, crafting sustainability talks and online courses to help students and professionals better understand sustainability and social responsibility so they can integrate both into business and life.

## V. **Installation of new board members – Melissa Beck, MBA '12**

- The nominations committee, chaired by Laura Yeager, worked diligently to engage candidates for the alumni board with diversity across class year, school, industry, ethnicity, degrees, and types of student experiences. The committee has nominated five new board candidates who will bring great, passion experience and perspective to the board to further UCIAA's mission. These outstanding new board candidates include:
  - Directors: Mia Fujii '84, Johnny Hou '06, Karl Tokita MBA '20, Calvin Wheeler M.D. '77
  - Chapter Representatives: Peter Clayton MBA '06

**Motion:**           **To accept the 2023-2024 UCI Alumni Association Board of Directors slate as presented. (First) Mike Arias '11, (Second) Lee Exton '87**

**Vote:**               **Passed unanimously**

- Invites Associate Vice Chancellor of University Advancement and Alumni Association, John Baker, to report on UCIAA's year in review.

## VI. **Executive Director's report on the 2022-2023 year- John Baker**

- John took a moment to thank the staff of the alumni association, the board of directors, and our countless volunteers that made our success in the last year possible. The association's mission is to engage our alumni community, create opportunities with programs, initiatives, and events. To connect alumni back to their alma mater. We currently serve over 241,000 alumni at UC Irvine. Our success is evident through the strengthened connection and affinity to our alma mater.
- The goal for the campaign was to engage 75,000 unique alumni. So far, almost 64,000 alumni have been engaged. This year alone the university has engaged almost 10,000 unique alumni. There were 123 events hosted worldwide with more than 16,600 attendees.
- In supporting our future alumni, the association has awarded close to \$177,000 dollars in scholarships to 88 students and fellow recipients composed of 81 undergraduate and 7 graduate fellows. 29 of the students are

endowed scholars. On our mentorship platform, the Anteater Network, we have 11,648 users.

- On April 18<sup>th</sup>, the university had a record-breaking Giving Day this year. With over 2,800 supporters from 42 states and 15 countries we received 3,638 gifts that resulted in \$2,165,065 raised in 24 hours.
- Introduced Vice Chancellor of Health Affairs, Dr. Steve Goldstein.

## **VII. Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Steve Goldstein, Vice Chancellor of Health Affairs**

- Dr. Goldstein explained UCI's One Health approach to health. Instead of working in silos like many healthcare facilities do, all the different sectors work together in synchrony. This allows the university to be competitive in the marketplace of ideas and in offering the best healthcare. This creates a future of healthcare that is team based, data driven, patient-centered, and equitable. In the last year we are projected to receive over \$360 million in research awards, \$102 million in philanthropic support, and have been approved for 2.5 million square feet of growth by the UC Regents.
- On the north edge of campus, construction is underway for the new medical center that will be comprised of the Center for Advanced Care, and extension of the Comprehensive Cancer Center & Ambulatory Care, and a specialty hospital. This extension allows the university to provide advanced and tertiary care. The proximity of the medical center to campus perpetuates our "discover, teach, heal" mission. The Falling Leaves Foundation Medical Innovation Building is also being built for basic and translational medicine. This is where discovery will move from the bench to the animal model to the human model.
- Introduced Associate Vice Chancellor of College of Health Sciences, Dr. Sahista Malik

## **VIII. Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Sahista Malik '00, Associate Vice Chancellor of College of Health Sciences**

- Dr. Malik discussed how integrative health or whole-person care focuses on the multiple dimensions of health that may not traditionally be discussed in a doctor's office. These dimensions include physical, mental, spiritual, and social. Acupuncture, mindfulness, nutrition counseling, and physical therapy are a few of the integrative health treatments options offered at our clinics.
- With over two decades of acupuncture research and evidence-building supporting its effectiveness against hypertension, the university is home to one of the country's first founding integrative centers. Dr. Malik shares some of the research and discoveries made by the university over that time.
- In the clinics, individualized whole-person care is provided with personalized treatment plans. This is a combination of conventional medicine, complementary therapies, and self-care. This state-of-the-art building (Susan & Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences) was built with activity rooms that don't normally exist in medical office such as the Mussallem Nutritional Education Center and provides a space for mindfulness activities such as yoga and tai chi.

- UC Irvine is the only university in the nation to adopt integrative health throughout the College of Health Sciences and the enterprise.
- Dr. Malik invited any with questions to reach out to her or Dr. Goldstein after the meeting.
- AVC John Baker thanked Dr. Goldstein and Dr. Malik for their insightful presentations and taking the time to present to our alumni community. John also took a moment to recognize Melissa for her last meeting as president and highlighting the accomplishments we were able to achieve during her tenure.

**IX. Adjournment – Melissa Beck, MBA '12**

- Melissa thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as alumni board president. It has been a privilege for her to work with the alumni team, advancement, and leadership for the last five years. She has been a part of many organizations and committees and the alumni association has always been the most meaningful to her.
- Melissa then asked everyone to welcome Derek as the incoming president.

**Motion: To adjourn the 2023 Annual Meeting of the UCI Alumni Association (First: Lynn Hemans '98, Second: Nithin Jilla '13)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:56p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Vo  
Strategic Analyst, Alumni Relations and Board Operations

Minutes approved by:

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Melissa Beck  
President

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Laura Yeager  
Secretary