

Agenda

Welcome and Updates - Jacqui Bashford

- Coming to the end of tenure as Chair and Vice Chair of AAB
- Continuing with same 2022 theme and initiatives this year

Past/Upcoming AAB Events

Masterclasses

- 16th February with Jennifer Wiltshire - Randstad Recruitment
- 5th April with Michael Chulu - Journey into Law
- June date TBC – Rhyana - Mental wealth and health
- August date and host TBC

'In Conversation with'

- Danielle Jawando
 - Hoping to re-do this event virtually
- 25th May with Dr Vasiliki - Journey into Bioscience

Showcases/Open Mic Night

- 31st May Showcase
 - Allowing all Alumni to showcase their talents
- July/August – more Theater shows
 - Hilary Malcolm's proposal needs confirming

Mentoring Sessions

- Missed two semesters – trying to make it a UEL legacy

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Team Updates

- Now and Then 2023 – 125th Anniversary Edition
- Alumni Awards planning starts from now – will take place in October
- Annual Alumni Survey is out and closes in June
- Over 90,000 members of the UEL Alumni community which we have worked hard to keep engaged with activities and events
 - Since December 2022 till date:
 - 4 Webinars
 - 3 Interest Groups
 - 1 Masterclass
 - 1 International Women's Day Panel
 - January graduation - 6 ceremonies over two days
 - Physical Networking in December – Bowling Event
 - Net promoter score has gone up from -6 to plus 15 – shows that we are moving in the right direction

Upcoming Events

- 30th March – Sip and Paint Physical Networking Event
 - Huge increase in attendance of physical networking events
 - Currently oversubscribed over 100 alumni registered their interest
 - Trying to build a community through such events
 - Seeing a mix of new and similar faces
 - Host and DJ, painting, drinks, and networking
- 31st May – Alumni Showcase
 - New event that has been introduced
 - Callout to wider Alumni community, if you or anyone would be interested in performing, please contact the Alumni team
 - 6-8 students to showcase their work/themselves
 - Looking though submissions next week
- 4th – 5th August – Alumni Big Weekend
 - Expression of interest/Save the Date form is out
 - Option to stay overnight in accommodation, several types of tickets to choose from (group booking, single occupancy, weekend tickets etc.).
 - Speakers, roundtable talks, school specific workshops
 - 2nd week of April, actual tickets to be released
 - Cost towards this event (covered by university) however the money raised will go towards the Alumni Hardship Grant

AAB Appointments and Handover

- AAB was founded in 2018
- Chair and vice chair tenures are ending in September (2 years) – focus is on the new appointments and handover process
- Changes in the way that the board is run – which will be in a more formal manner
 - This has been agreed and confirmed by the University and the new structure will come into effect in September 2023
 - Aim is to ease the workload by having school specific board members to take on responsibilities

New AAB Structure

- There will be 6 members will be aligned to the 6 UEL schools
 - Allows for AAB to integrate into the university, as each school is also creating an Advisory Board with space for a UEL Alum
 - Board acts a sounding board for the university – allows more alumni to become more active
- Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis
 - Members to attend when they can across the year
- Collaborating with an External Agent to work with AAB Terms of Reference and T&C's which will be posted in advance of appointments being advertised – should have an update by next AAB meeting in June

Work around Recent Graduates

- Graduate Outcomes Survey – sent to 'Post 18 month' graduates
 - Getting feedback and to learn about what our graduates are doing
 - 59.72% in graduate level job

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- Remaining potentially need help from us – aim to create activities to help them get into graduate level employment
 - 51% didn't think their qualification links with what they are currently doing
 - 60% agree that their current activity fits with future plans
 - 70% say that their current activity is meaningful

Dates for your Diary

- Looking to create a monthly events calendar
- 27th March – Interest Groups
- 30th March – Physical Networking
- 5th April – AAB Masterclass
- TBC April – Virtual Networking
- TBC - Mental Health Awareness Panel
- 31st May – Alumni Showcase
- 22nd June – AAB Meeting
- 4th-5th August – Alumni Big Weekend
- TBC October – Alumni Achievement Awards

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Fundraising

- How to start a fund for students who are having financial difficulties?
 - Fundraising review has been done but is in the hands of the University Executive Board to figure out the logistics of this
 - Can be discussed within the board but it will be managed by the University internally with staffing put behind this initiative
 - Looking at what would be a topic of interest within fundraising
 - Careers
 - Passport cards payments go towards the student hardship fund in summer
- Checking to see if all alumni are receiving correspondence from the Team