

**Recruitment, Admissions, and Awards Committee
Innis College Council
Thursday, December 8th, 2016 at 12:30 PM
Innis College, Room 310
Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance:

Donald Boere, Assistant Principal and Registrar
Brienne Katz-Griffin, President, ICSS
Ethan Kim, Secretary, IRC
Miranda Lees, Treasurer, IRC
Moa Hedlund, Student Representative, ICC
Jeff McBride, Residence Don, OSL
Joel Colby, President, IRC
Jannie Chien, Student Representative, ICC
Alice Liu, Student Representative, ICC
Tony Pi, Urban Studies, and Writing & Rhetoric Undergraduate Program Assistant
Daniela Pirraglia, Associate Registrar
Vincy Lu, Student Representative, ICC
Lanxin Li, Student Representative, ICC
Charlie Keil, Principal
Marta Switzer
Tim Worgan, Dean of Students and Residence
Rita Chen
Joe Yule, Vice President, IRC

1. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TADDLE CREEK RESIDENCE LIFE AWARD

In advance of the meeting, the RAAC received a report from Donald Boere entitled "Regarding amending the Taddle Creek Residence Life Award." The report followed upon the 9 November 2016 meeting of RAAC, where one motion was carried (to move the application deadline to April) and five action items were raised:

- Review the intentions of the donors;
- Review the condition of financial need for this non-OSOTF award;
- Review the condition under which 1st-year students are eligible for the award;
- Review the promotion of the award;
- Consider the fact that international students are excluded from the award.

The report explored each of the five action items in detail, and each item was discussed at length in the meeting. The report can be found here: <http://alumni.innis.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2016-12-07-Report-Regarding-Amending-the-TCRL-Award.pdf>

- a. Intentions of Donors
 - i. The University of Toronto has largely addressed the financial need of students.
- b. International Students
 - i. Currently excluded from the Taddle Creek Award because international students have to demonstrate their financial stability (?) to get their visa.
 1. Methods of proving financial need from other countries is often difficult

- ii. If we take away the financial need aspect, then international students who actually have financial need will be able to apply. Removing this requirement would go against the intention of the donor; however, this requirement was presented at a time where the international student population was 10% whereas now it is over a third.
- iii. Possibility of removing the financial need aspect, but allow presentation of supporting documents where they demonstrate financial need.

Motion: To make financial need a supporting factor, rather than a requirement

Katz-Griffin/Lees
Carried unanimously

c. First Year Eligibility

- i. First years could also apply but it would not restrict them staying at Residence for their following year

Motion: To remove the condition that first year students may be considered only in the absence of a sufficient number of outstanding upper-year candidates.

Katz-Griffin/Kim
In favour: 16 | Opposed: 1

Motion: To remove the last sentence of the requirement of the Taddle Creek Award which specifies that recipients must live in Residence in the succeeding year.

Lees/Boere
Carried unanimously

d. Value of the Taddle Creek Award

i. Impact of the number of Applications

- 1. The possibility of a better sorting system for the awards was discussed, as well as better promotion of said award to students so that they will be more aware that the award exists. It was brought up that there was a need to have an interactive Web tool to promote the awards.

ii. Number of Awards

- 1. Rather than having the awards be a set amount, division of annual income by the number of awards was discussed as a solution.
- 2. Reference letters for other awards should also be a requirement if the number of awards increases.

Motion: To have up to 10 awards, with an upper limit of \$2500 per individual award, with the annual income divided equally amongst the recipients.

Colby/Lees
Carried unanimously

2. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Changes to Award Records

i. Daniela Pirraglia proposed the following changes to specific award records:

- 1. Innis College Admission Scholarships – value changes from “\$750 to \$1,250” to “\$2,000 and \$4,500”, which brings award record into alignment with current practice; remove range of award value from notes
- 2. Innis College “Kitchen Sink” Award – value changes from “\$1,000” to “up to \$500”; remove the final academic average requirement
- 3. Cinema Studies 30th Anniversary Award – remove financial need and application requirements, approved at 9 November 2016 RAAC meeting

4. Mark & Lorraine Weisdorf Family Scholarship for Programs at Innis College – change name of award to Weisdorf Bell Family Scholarship for Programs at Innis College, as requested by donor
5. Mark & Lorraine Weisdorf Family Scholarship for Programs at Innis College (OTSS Award) – change name of award to Weisdorf Bell Family (OTSS) Scholarship for Programs at Innis College, as requested by donor

Motion: To accept the changes proposed to the abovementioned award records.

Colby/Boere

Carried unanimously

3. ADJOURNMENT