

**Community Affairs Board
Innis College Council
Friday 3 March 2017 at 4:00 pm
Room 310E, Innis College**

Minutes

Present: Ennis Blentic (Assessor), Shauna Brail, Rita Chen (Moderator), Kate Johnson (Assessor), Charlie Keil, Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, Marta Switzer (Secretary), Joanne Uyede, Tim Worgan (Assessor), Ben Weststrate (Assessor)

Regrets: James An, Elspeth Arbow, Donald Boere, Joel Colby, Sharon English, Webnesh Haile, Brianne Katz-Griffin, Fraser Kelly, Cove MacDonald, Troy Peschke, Tony Pi, Lesli Ransom, Ethan Wong

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2016

A motion to adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting was moved (Uyede), seconded (Ramkhalawansingh), and carried.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None reported.

3. ADVANCEMENT OFFICE REPORT

Ennis Blentic reported the following:

- A recent bequest has been made to the College by alumnus Robert Patrick (INNIS '67).
- Two new scholarships have been created: The Wendy Rolph Memorial Scholarship, and another named after past Innis Principal Peter Russel.
- A Class of '67 Award is in the process of being established. The creation of this award is largely volunteer driven by Robert Patrick and Noel Simpson, the class ambassadors.
- The Canadian Film Forum has brought filmmakers Stephen Dunn, Nathan Morlando, Atom Egoyan, and Dilip & Deepa Mehta to the College. It will continue to grow and, hopefully, become a staple of the College as well as a funding source.
- Upcoming events include the book launch of instructor Shawn Micallef's *Frontier City*, scheduled for March 7, a screening of *The Stairs* with filmmaker Hugh Gibson on March 20, and the first (in ~10 years) Writing & Rhetoric event scheduled for March 28. The latter is a panel discussion, entitled "Writing in a Time of Ecological Unravelling".

A. Communications

Ben Weststrate reported the following:

- Digital and print materials were created for the Later Life Learning Week of Giving, making for an interesting multi-media communications strategy for the campaign.
- Advancement is continually being encouraged to collect feedback from event registrants. This process is being facilitated centrally by the Division of University Advancement, which has created a template survey to gather feedback on an upcoming Innis event of our choosing. There will also be a survey created and sent out locally to collect feedback on the Canadian Film Forum. Weststrate will collaborate with Advancement Events & Programs Coordinator, Marta Switzer, on the delivery of these communications.
- The upcoming issue of the Innis Alumni & Friends magazine is well underway. The magazine will no longer be polybagged and distributed with the *UofT Magazine*. Instead, it will be distributed on its own, but the timeline will remain the approximately the same (i.e., late Spring). In future issues, the magazine will be crafted to better cater to a digital platform.

B. Mentorship Program

Marta Switzer reported the following:

- The university-wide Mentorship Week took place from February 6-10. On February 9, Innis mentees were invited to attend a “Goal Achieving” leadership workshop facilitated by Career Educator, Kate Bowers, and Mentorship & Peer Programs Coordinator, Erin Clifford. Students had the opportunity to share the challenges and successes of their mentorship experience with their peers as well as with Sarah Burley-Hollows and Switzer.
- On February 13, mentors from across the University were invited a central Mentor Recognition event that took place at the Four Seasons.
- The program is set to close at the end of the month.
- Some mentors have expressed a desire to learn best practices from other mentors. This feedback will be integrated into next year’s programming.

C. Innis College Alumni Network

Ennis Blentic reported the following:

- In December 2016, 12 Innis alumni attended a dinner hosted by the Chancellor. Blentic and Principal Keil also attended. During the event, the alumni provided positive feedback about their lingering relationships with Innis.
- In the spring, there will be a “pre-campaign launch” event, likely taking place at the home of alum Beverly Gordon. This event will, hopefully, gather a large group of alumni and friends, providing the opportunity for Principal Keil to speak about his plans for the College in the coming years, including the new build.
- U of T Spring Reunion is taking place this year from May 31 to June 4. Innis will host two events: a Class of ’67 Reunion on June 2 from 4-7 pm, and a CSI Alumni BBQ on June 3 from 2-5 pm.

4. LATER LIFE LEARNING REPORT

Principal Keil reported the following:

- Keil expressed appreciation to LLL and their President, Fraser Kelly, for the growing relationship between their organization and Innis, both in rhetoric and in action.
- Recently, LLL made a donation of \$5,500 to student Jon Thon to support his residence costs for next year. Thon came to Canada as part of World University Services Canada's (WUSC) Student Refugee Program. This donation will alleviate some financial burden for his second year of study. Innis students pay a levy of \$7.00 per academic year, which goes towards supporting the first 12 months of living expenses for a student coming to Innis through the Student Refugee Program.
- LLL has also donated \$15,000 towards the Lobby Renovation project. The organization is continuing to raise funds for this project through the LLL Week of Giving campaign, taking place on March 3 and 6.
- LLL is looking for a new Speaker Coordinator, as Peter Harris is leaving the position.
- LLL will be hosting "planned giving" workshops for the membership and community.

5. HAROLD INNIS FOUNDATION REPORT

Foundation President, Ennis Blentic, reported the following:

- The Board is scheduled to convene in the near future.
- Blentic will be meeting with George E. Clarke to officially thank him for the lecture that occurred on Nov 9, 2016.
- Andrew Coyne is secured to deliver the 2017 Lecture, which will occur again in the month of November.
- There will be a launch of past Innis Principal Peter Russell's new book. The event will be partially supported by the Foundation and be a part of the College's celebrations of Canada's sesquicentennial.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Class of '67 Reunion Committee Report

Blentic reported the following:

- The Class of '67 Reunion and Award are primarily volunteer driven, with Robert Patrick and Noel Simpson as the class ambassadors. Patrick and Simpson have already begun to reach out to members of the class.

B. Student Life Alumni Engagement

Tim Worgan reported on the following activities:

- The Woodsworth & Innis Career Exploration Series has hosted a number of Innis alumni over its six-week run. Innis alum Ylona Long spoke to students about internship opportunities. Alumni Madison Winters, Ryan Lamers, and Jaclyn Hodsdon are scheduled to

be panelists for an Employment Seminar on March 10.

- Alumni, entrepreneurs, and brothers, Morgan and Jackson Wyatt, are scheduled to provide a keynote at the Next Steps Conference on April 28-29.
- Two engineering alumni, who lived in the Innis Residence as students, will be hosted for a small reception in May. These alumni were a part of the classes that raised money to build the current residence.

C. 2017 Gordon Cressy Leadership Awards

Ben Weststrate reported that eight Innis students will be awarded the 2017 Gordon Cressy Leadership Awards, five names of which were put forward by the College directly. The remaining three students were nominated by other divisions.

D. Library Collaboration

Kate Johnson, Innis College Librarian, encouraged all Board members to reach out to the Library when opportunities for collaboration arise.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved (Keil), seconded (Blentic), and carried.