

**Innis College Council
308th Meeting
Thursday 6 April 2017 at 11:00 am
Innis Residence Events Room**

Minutes

Present: James An, Elspeth Arbow, Ennis Blentic (Assessor), Donald Boere (Assessor), Sarah Burley Hollows, Rita Chen, Cameron Clairmont (Assessor), Joel Colby, Corinn Columpar, Jason Daye, Sharon English, Moa Hedlund, Kate Johnson (Assessor), Brianne Katz-Griffin, Charlie Keil, Ethan Kim, Miranda Lees, Alice Liu, Varun Malik, Patrick Marshall, Teodora Pasca, Troy Peschke, Tony Pi (Speaker), Daniela Pirraglia, Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, David Roberts (Designate of Shauna Brail), Marta Switzer, Bart Testa, Joanne Uyede, Becky Vogan, Maitri Vosko, Ben Weststrate (Secretary), Ethan Wong, Tim Worgan (Assessor), Joe Yule, Julian Zhang,

Regrets: Shauna Brail, James Cahill, Jannie Chien, Webnesh Haile, Fraser Kelly, Alyssa Kerr, Lanxin Li, Vincy Lu, Cove MacDonald, Lesli Ransom

1. SPEAKER'S REMARKS

Elspeth Arbow chaired the meeting, and Ben Weststrate recorded the Minutes.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2017

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A Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting was moved (Pirraglia), seconded (Kim), and carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None reported.

4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Charlie Keil reported the following:

- **Congratulations:** Donald Boere has been recognized by the University with a Jill Matus Excellence in Students Services Award. Only two staff members receive this award, annually, in recognition of service above and beyond their positions.
- **Congratulations:** Three Innis students, Miranda Lees, Tian Nie, and Terese Pierre, have been awarded 2017 Student Engagement in the Arts Awards (SEAAAs). Each year this award recognizes 15 students, from across the University, who have made significant leadership and/or volunteer contributions to co-curricular arts activities at U of T.
- **Farewell:** AV coordinator Laura Brown ends her 10+ year tenure at Innis College to pursue a great opportunity in the Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering as their event planning and communications assistant. Though we are sad to see Laura go, we wish her all of the best.
- **Project Planning Committee (PPC) Update:** The PPC has witnessed good progress toward the College renovation-expansion. Allan Webb, planner, campus and facilities planning, has facilitated a

series of focus groups with relevant constituent groups, including instructional services, student services, and students themselves. The next full PCC meeting will take place on April 10, 2017. Cameron Clairmont noted that the project is still on track with respect to timeline.

- **Thank You:** Later Life Learning (LLL) has been incredibly supportive of the College and its students during 2016/17 having made a series of significant donations. Special thanks is extended to Fraser Kelly, LLL president, for his highly collaborative approach with the College.
- **Innis Refugee Student Support:** An ICSS referendum regarding student levy-funding for the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Student Refugee Program has passed successfully. This positive development reinforces our collective commitment to supporting Innis' refugee students. LLL has increased likewise increased their support, and yesterday, thanks to Maitri Vosko, the College successfully launched a Faculty & Staff Campaign to generate money for this cause. Any gifts made to the Innis College Annual Fund will go directly to these students. Questions about giving options can be directed to Ennis Blentic, associate director, advancement.

5. BOARD REPORTS

A. Academic Affairs

Sharon English reported the following highlights from a Board meeting on March 30, 2017:

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- **Summer courses:** CSI will offer eight courses; Urban Studies will offer its first-ever summer course—an experiential learning opportunity focusing on community engagement and cities; Writing & Rhetoric will offer two courses, including the first summer offering of Strategic Writing in Business and the Professions
- **Faculty updates:** Cynthia Messenger will continue in her role as UTFA president in 2017/18; Roger Riendeau will return from sabbatical in fall/winter 2017/18, entering into phased retirement over two years; the Writing & Rhetoric petition for a “contractually limited term appointment” (CLTA) instructor has been approved

Ben Weststrate reported on the following past program-affiliated events:

- **Screenings:** March 20—CSI and Urban Studies collaboration, moderated by Shauna Brail; April 3—CSI and CINSSU collaboration (a Canada 150 event)
- **Panels:** March 28—Writing & Rhetoric panel, moderated by Sharon English
- **Lectures:** March 29—CSI; March 31—CSI
- **Upcoming events:**
 - April 6 and 12—CSI-sponsored screenings with Cultural Services of the French Embassy in Canada, moderated by Kass Banning and featuring James Cahill, Angelica Fenner, and Alberto Zambenedetti;
 - April 26—Writing & Rhetoric co-sponsored screening and discussion of the Canadian premiere of the series *The Handmaid's Tale*, moderated by Ceta Ramkhalawansingh and featuring Margaret Atwood

The College thanks Ceta for her instrumental role in co-organizing this event, and the Images Festival for accommodating our access to Town Hall (i.e., rescheduling).

B. College Affairs

Jason Daye noted that the Board met on April 4, 2017.

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At that meeting, the Board endorsed the proposed installation of an IT help desk/kiosk, staffed by work-study students, and located in the coat-check room outside of Town Hall. Suggestions for the types of services and features that ICC members would like to see should be emailed to Jason (jason.daye@utoronto.ca).

Cameron Clairmont reported that College lobby renovations are developing as planned. Barring unforeseen obstacles, the expected date of completion is September 1, 2017. The tender has been sent to the electricians to begin working on overhead lighting.

Tim Worgan reported that the Residence has started its annual spring cleaning and recycling/donation event. Items for donation should be dropped off prior to April 30, 2017. They will be given to *Trek for Teens*. Acceptable items for donation include household goods, gently used clothing, books, unopened food, and personal hygiene products. Toner cartridges, computer equipment, and other electronics can be recycled.

C. Community Affairs

Rita Chen noted that the Board has not met since the last Council meeting.

Chen reported the following recent and upcoming outreach activities in the Advancement Office:

- Collaborations with academic programs: March 20 and 28; April 26 (see section 5A)
- Alumni Mentorship Program wrap-up dinner: April 6
- Spring Reunion programming: June 2—Class of 1967 reunion; June 3—CSI 40th anniversary reunion

D. Student Affairs

Sarah Burley Hollows noted that the Board has not met since the last Council meeting.

Burley Hollows reported the following highlights from the **Office of Student Life**:

- All OSL and Residence-related hiring has been completed for 2017/18
- **Programming:** 6-week career engagement series in collaboration with Woodsworth College
- **Upcoming events:**
 - April 28-29: *Next Steps* conference, which Tim Worgan has been involved with, featuring a keynote by Innis alumni and brothers, Morgan and Jackson Wyatt
 - April 8: *IN2U Transitions* sessions offering student leadership training and recognition
- OSL looks forward to collaborating with the ICSS orientation coordinators (OCs) soon
- OSL is working with central Student Life on the delivery on web “modules” to supplement Orientation, given the newly truncated length of the week

Brianne Katz-Griffin reported the following highlights from the **ICSS**:

- Elections for the 2017/18 ICSS are complete, and OCs are hired
- April 5: Final ICSS meeting of 2016/17
- **Upcoming events:**
 - April 6: Athletics Banquet
 - April 7: End-of-year pub night
 - April 13: Town hall forum regarding the financial investigation of CINSSU

Joel Colby reported the following highlights from the **IRC**:

- Election and referendum period was successful: 18 amendments to the constitution passed
- Now focussed on transitioning to 2017/18

- **Upcoming event:** April 9—Marlies’ game, which marks final major event
- Lending library in the “Fish Bowl” room of the Residence is developing. Thanks to those who have expressed interest in contributing.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Constitution and By-laws

Ben Weststrate reported that two updates have been made to the ICC Constitution and By-laws, which were approved and prescribed by Governing Council.

- II.i: Concerning the definition of “Teaching Staff”: now includes “Teaching Stream” designations for Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and so on
- IV.e: Concerning the process by which Council and the Academic Affairs Board may propose modifications to academic programs, diplomas, and certificate programs: now includes three categories of “certificates”

B. Election of Secretary for 2017/18:

Elsbeth Arbow noted that, as per Section 8.A of the ICC Constitution, “a Secretary shall be elected by Council at its final regular meeting of the academic year” to serve as the caretaker of Council until it reconvenes in the fall. Ben Weststrate was acclaimed to the position.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None reported.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was moved (Colby), seconded (Liu), and carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.