

**Innis College Council  
309th Meeting  
Monday 2 October 2017 at 10:30 am  
Innis Residence Events Room**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Yolanda Alfaro, Elspeth Arbow, Ibraheem Aziz, Kass Banning, Sarah Burley-Hollows, Jannie Chien, Cameron Clairmont (Assessor), Corinn Columpar, Sharon English, Zakerie Farah, Helen Fu, Allie Hayes, Kate Johnson, Charlie Keil, Miranda Lees, Eyan Logan, Hugh MacDonald, Varun Malik, Troy Peschke, Tony Pi, Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, Ashlee Redmond, Roger Riendeau, Bella Rogal, Marta Switzer, Bart Testa, Joanne Uyede, Lukas van Arragon, Ben Weststrate (Secretary), Tim Worgan (Assessor), Caroline Wrobel, Carol Ye, Ethan Kim (Designate of Joel Colby), David Roberts (Designate of Shauna Brail), Angela Zimba (Assessor), Jason Daye (Assessor)

**Regrets:** Ennis Blentic (Assessor), Donald Boere (Assessor), Shauna Brail, Rita Chen, Joel Colby, Lucas Granger, Michael La Rosa, Alice Liu, Lesli Ransom, Ethan Wong, Joe Yule

## **1. SPEAKER'S REMARKS**

Council Speaker, Ben Weststrate, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2017/18 and provided an overview of the purposes, composition, and unique parity-structure of the council.

Weststrate chaired the meeting until new Speakers could be elected.

## **2. INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL'S APPOINTEES**

Principal Charlie Keil introduced his six Principal's Appointees:

1. **Jannie Chien:** A recent Innis alumna and acting frontline advisor, Innis Registrar's Office
2. **Kate Johnson:** College librarian
3. **Ceta Ramkhalawansingh:** Long-time friend of Innis College and former Manager of Diversity Management and Community Engagement for the City of Toronto
4. **Marta Switzer:** Innis alumna and mentorship and events coordinator, Innis Advancement Office
5. **Joanne Uyede:** Innis alumna and former Innis representative on the College of Electors
6. **Carol Ye:** Innis alumna, international advisor to the Principal, and frontline information assistant, Faculty of Arts & Science Registrar's Office

Principal Keil noted the mix of friends and alumni, and a generational spread, among his Appointees. This diversity demonstrates that when you cease to be a student at Innis College, your connection to the community does not stop there.

A Motion to welcome the Principal's Appointees was moved (Burley-Hollows), seconded (Testa), and carried.

### 3. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

### 4. ELECTION OF SPEAKERS

Ben Weststrate summarized the roles of the two Council Speakers, and invited nominations. Jannie Chien nominated Elspeth Arbow for Speaker representing students. Tim Worgan nominated Joanne Uyede for Speaker representing other members. There were no other nominations.

A Motion to acclaim Elspeth Arbow as Speaker of Council representing students was moved (Alfaro), seconded (Burley-Hollows), and carried.

A Motion to acclaim Joanne Uyede as Speaker of Council representing other members was moved (Arbow), seconded (Johnson), and carried.

Arbow agreed to serve as Speaker for the meeting.

### 5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2017

[Available online](#)

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

### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None reported.

### 7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Keil announced his appointment of Tim Worgan as the Chief Investigating Officer for 2017/18. The Principal nominated Roger Riendeau to serve as Chief Hearing Officer for 2017/18.

A Motion to elect Riendeau as Chief Hearing Officer was moved (Keil), seconded (Worgan), and carried.

Changes to the suite of *Weisdorf-Bell Family Scholarship* awards records (i.e., two new, two revised) were approved by the Principal during summer 2017. This decision was made at the request of the Registrar, using the discretionary authority afforded by the Student Affairs Board, so that the awards can be granted in a timely way. The reconfigured records permit more consistent awarding each year. [The award records can be viewed here.](#)

In the winter 2017 term, a series of donations were made to an as-yet-unnamed fund targeting Innis College refugee student support. The *Innis College Refugee Student Fund* has now been officially approved, and is now active: <https://donate.utoronto.ca/give/show/336>.

The 2016/17 issue of *Innis Alumni & Friends Magazine* has recently be released. Communications

officer and magazine editor, Ben Weststrate, was acknowledged for his efforts to produce this “labour of love.” [An online edition can be found here.](#)

**New administrative staff:**

- Jannie Chien: covering for Tammy Pecoski, who is seconded to Faculty of Law
- Pauline Martini: covering for Daniela Pirraglia, while on maternity leave
- Angela Zimba: covering Denise Ing, while on maternity leave

**New and returning sessional teaching staff:**

- CSI: Celine Bell, Kevin Chabot, Justin Morris, Tom Russell, and Blake Williams (all CSI PhD students); Mike Meneghetti (CSI alumnus), Adam Nayman, and May Chew
- Urban Studies: Patrick Adler (Urban Studies alumnus), Dina Graser, and Denise Pinto; David Hulchanski and Emily Paradis (from faculty of social work)
- Writing & Rhetoric: Dan Adleman (new two-year C.L.T.A. ); Roger Riendeau (returning from sabbatical)
- Innis One: Simon Lewsen (teaching new INI106H1 course), Shawn Micallef, and Adam Nayman

**Principal’s priority: Space expansion:**

The last meeting of the Project Planning Committee (PPC) resulted in a comprehensive “Project Planning Report.” This was accepted by the University’s Capital Project and Space Allocation Committee (CaPS), who gave approval to proceed with the project design phase.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued and, during the week of September 25, a group of 31 architects from various firms visited the College. These firms will submit proposals by mid-October; at least 15 are anticipated. A six-person review committee will select five submissions.

The shortlisted firms will each produce a feasibility and schematic proposal (i.e., a “vision”). The proposals will be presented to various College stakeholder groups for feedback, including a town hall-style meeting in January 2018. The outcome of this phase is the pre-approval of the project “scope” – giving tangible parameters within which actual design can manifest. The goal is to have a tangible vision set by the end of April 2018.

Clairmont clarified the following:

- The earlier phases of the project fully apprised the neighbourhood BIA; their continued cooperation is anticipated.
- At present, the Project Planning Report (aka, “secondary plan”) has not met full approval at the municipal level, but no roadblocks are expected.
- Because the Victorian wing of the College is not a designated heritage building, there is no obligation to retain the original brick façade.

Principal Keil added that we can expect a mix of proposals that preserve and do not preserve the façade.

**Principal's priority: International student experience:**

Since 2016/17, alumnae Rita Chen and Carol Ye have been formulating a series of recommendations to enhance the international student experience. Ye will maintain her involvement this year, specifically through student interviewing. The College continues to integrate this feedback by rolling out new international student-focused initiatives and reconsidering existing ones.

## 8. INTRODUCTION OF BOARDS

Arbow noted that, as the Boards have yet to meet, there were no reports, per se, to present. Instead, she invited a former member of each Board will describe its functions to Council.

Tony Pi introduced the Academic Affairs Board, and invited interested members to the first meeting of the Board at 1:00 pm that day. Jason Daye introduced the College Affairs Board. Marta Switzer introduced the Community Affairs Board. Elspeth Arbow introduced the Student Affairs Board.

Arbow instructed the membership to look for an email from Ben Weststrate, prompting each member to select Board(s) of interest.

Board selection may be submitted on this website: <http://alumni.innis.utoronto.ca/icc/boards>

## 9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Arbow described the composition and functions of the Executive Committee.

## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

### A. University Position on Students Affected by Natural Disasters

Ceta Ramkhalawansingh reported that she has initiated an inquiry with various administrators regarding an explicit effort, by the University, to identify students affected by recent natural disasters in the Caribbean and Mexico. Ramkhalawansingh implores the University to take a pro-active approach to identifying and offering support to such students, especially in light of the emphasis the University has placed such an attracting international students.

Principal Keil stated that he will convey the concerns at the next Vice-Provostial meeting.

### B. Upcoming Special Events:

- October 2: 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary screening of *In the Heat of the Night* with director Norman Jewison in conversation with Principal Keil
- October 12: Past Innis principal Peter Russell delivers a lecture to launch his recent

publication, “Canada’s Odyssey: A Country Based on Incomplete Conquests”

- October 26: Advanced screening of the finale episode of *Alias Grace* with screenwriter Sarah Polley
- November 2: “Understanding Smarter Cities: What Happens Next?” – a panel discussion with U of T faculty, hosted by the Urban Studies Program
- November 7: 2017 Harold Innis Lecture featuring Andrew Coyne, hosted by the Harold Innis Foundation
- November 22: Innis student awards ceremony
- November 28: Screening of *How Heavy this Hammer* with filmmaker Kazik Radwanski, a Canadian Film Forum instalment, in collaboration with the Cinema Studies Institute

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was moved (Columpar), seconded (Lees), and carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.