

Innis College Council
311th Meeting
Wednesday 28 February 2018 at 11:30 am
Innis Residence Events Room

Minutes

Present: Yolanda Alfaro (ICSS President), Elspeth Arbow (Speaker), Ibraheem Aziz, Ennis Blentic (Assessor), Donald Boere (Assessor), Sarah Burley Hollows, Rita Chen, Jannie Chien, Cameron Clairmont (Assessor), Joel Colby, Corinn Columpar, Sharon English, Allie Hayes, Kate Johnson, Charlie Keil (Principal), Ethan Kim (Assessor), Miranda Lees, Alice Liu, Eyan Logan, Varun Malik, Troy Peschke, Tony Pi, Lesli Ransom, Ashlee Redmond, David Roberts (on behalf of Shauna Brail), Marta Switzer, Bart Testa, Joanne Uyede (Speaker), Ben Weststrate (Secretary), Caroline Wrobel, Carol Ye, Jordan MacQuarrie (on behalf of Tim Worgan)

Regrets: Kass Banning, Shauna Brail, Zakerie Farah, Helen Fu, Lucas Granger, Michael La Rosa, Hugh MacDonald, Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, Roger Riendeau, Bella Rogal, Lukas van Arragon, Ethan Wong, Tim Worgan, Joe Yule

1. SPEAKER'S REMARKS

Speaker Elspeth Arbow chaired the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 27 NOVEMBER 2017

A Motion to approve the [Minutes of the previous meeting](#) was moved (Arbow), seconded (Switzer), and carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None reported.

4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Charlie Keil provided the following update on the capital renovation project:

- A town hall session was held on 2 February 2018, where a provisional design concept was presented by the architects. Feedback can continue to be provided on the artwork in lobby (i.e., post-it notes) or by email.
- On Mon 5 March, there will be a meeting between the architects, Principal Keil, and the City, where a discussion of the heritage designation will likely take place. Should the City assign a heritage status it will have implications on the renovation design. Heritage preservation determination is based less on occupant needs, and more on contextual factors (i.e., neighbourhood-streetscape form). A second point of potential heritage value is that the College represents an early example of merging Victorian and modern (i.e., 1970s) architecture.
- Principal Keil clarified that the east wing of the building does not have structural capacity for vertical expansion.
- A cost estimate will follow this current "feasibility study" phase of the project.
- A fundraising phase will follow that—the duration of which is hard to predict as it is dependent upon the generosity of the alumni and friends community. Communications materials will, in large part, focus on the benefits of the build upon the student experience.

- Blentic noted that “naming opportunities” for lower- to mid-level donors will be considered, under the guidance of the Division of University Advancement. Higher-level naming opportunities are more obvious (i.e., large rooms/spaces). Blentic encouraged the Council to provide creative suggestions for naming opportunities.
- Principal Keil reported that a sustainability-focussed meeting took place prior to Reading Week, and the project is still on track to achieve [LEED Platinum certification](#). All stakeholders present, including those from central facilities offices, felt that this was an achievable target. The proposed green roof will be a major asset toward that certification. The [“WELL” designation system](#) will also be targeted, which emphasizes inhabitant wellness and has a longer-term focus.
- Clairmont added that we are also aiming for [City of Toronto Green Standard Tier 2](#).

5. BOARD REPORTS

A. Academic Affairs

The Board did not meet since the last Council meeting.

Principal Keil reported, on behalf of the Urban Studies Program, that the Contractually Limited Term Appointment (CLTA) instructor hiring process has recently completed. The candidate has extensive experience with community engaged learning, and so will be an asset to the Program’s experiential learning opportunities. She will begin on 1 July 2018.

B. College Affairs

The Board did not meet since the last Council meeting.

Moderator Kate Johnson followed up on a previous Board report to confirm that the College Library did have extended hours for the December exam period. This will be the case again in the April exam period.

C. Community Affairs

The Board did not meet since the last Council meeting.

Principal Keil reported that Blentic and he went to London, UK for one week in January 2018 for alumni engagement/outreach. This coincided with a U of T President’s event there. The initiative was successful. It was a positive engagement experience for a broad range of alumni (i.e., ages and career types).

Blentic added that this initiative was hopefully the first in a series of global outreach events. New York and Los Angeles are slated for the not-too-distant future. Blentic encouraged Council to advise himself and Principal Keil on alumni living in these areas. Identifying names and current contact information can be very challenging. Blentic clarified that these dinners are largely hosted and paid for by key alumni, who live in these locations. The College thanks alumnus Rob Hain (BA 1976 INNIS) for his generosity in hosting the three dinners in London.

D. Student Affairs

Lesli Ransom reported that the Board has not met since the last Council meeting, but is scheduled to do so on 2 March 2018.

On behalf of Dean Tim Worgan, Assistant Dean–Administration Jordan MacQuarrie reported the following

highlights from the Innis Residence operations:

- Upcoming renovations: Elevator controls, fall 2018; floors two and four, summer 2018.
- Offers to incoming first-year students will be administered soon; target of 20:80, first- to upper-year.

On behalf of the Office of Student Life, Burley Hollows reported the follow highlights:

- The annual *IN2U Transition Day*—a one-day conference for students in all leadership roles will take place on 7 April 2018. This is a day of leadership training, transition, and reflection, and it closes the loop on the final requirement of the Co-Curricular Record for each role.
- The student life community development team, work-study, and casual staff hiring process is underway for summer 2018 and fall/winter 2018/19
- Guidance/directives stemming from the [Decanal Report on Indigenous Initiatives](#) at U of T is eagerly anticipated.

Sexual Violence Education, Prevention, and Support on Campus

As per Principal’s Keil statement at the previous meeting, time at each Council meeting will be dedicated to discussing a topical issues at the University. In this case, it is the issue of sexual violence on campus.

Assistant Dean–Student Life Sarah Burley Hollows shared a [statement regarding the recent *Student Voices on Sexual Violence* survey](#) being administered across the Province. She described the policy context behind the survey (i.e., Bill 132, U of T Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment) and circulated a [list of resources regarding sexual violence at the University](#). Two focusses of the survey are personal experiences and understanding of services available on campus. Locally, this survey is being promoted via direct email, social media, and poster campaigns. Burley Hollows reminded Council that the Office of Student Life and the Registrar’s Office are available first-stops for students. Both offices can refer to central, specialized offices. An [online training module](#) is also available to faculty, staff, and students.

Principal Keil echoed the importance of the survey, and encouraged Council to spread the word. He noted that some of the questions may be sensitive, and so it is especially important that Innis students be aware of the local resources.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Weststrate informed Council that, in keeping with our commitment to discussing topical issues at meetings, at our final meeting in April we will explore “freedom of speech” in the university/college context. Principal Keil will invite a guest speaker (e.g., law/ethics faculty member, Office of the VP Students).

Principal Keil added that the conversation will aim to address practical, local considerations, including implications upon event delivery at the College.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None reported.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved (Redmond), seconded (Ransom), and carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.