

Innis College
Minutes of Meeting
Recruitment, Admissions, and Awards Committee

Wednesday, November 9th, 2016

Innis Residence Events Room

4:45 PM to 5:30 PM

In Attendance:

Tim Worgan, Dean of Students & Residence

Donald Boere, Assistant Principal and Registrar (? Not sure)

Daniele Pirraglia, Associate Registrar

Tony Pi, Urban Studies, and Writing & Rhetoric Undergraduate Program Assistant

Troy Peschke, VP Finance, ICSS

Miranda Lees, Treasurer, IRC

Ethan Kim, Secretary, IRC

Lesli Ransom, Residence Don

Elsbeth Arbow, VP External, ICSS

1. Approval of Moderator

Donald Boere called for a motion to approve Jeff McBride as the moderator of this meeting

Motion: Approve Jeff McBride as Moderator

Boere/Liu

Carried Unanimously

2. Approval of Secretary

Motion: To name Ethan Kim as Secretary of this meeting

Boere/Lees

Carried Unanimously

3. Discussion of Gary Spencer Award

- James Chapman was nominated for the Gary Spencer award; however, it was brought up that James has already won an award from last year. Due to this, other names that were brought up as possible candidates for the award were Sara Liu and Thomas Hayes. Tim will reconsider the award, and take into consideration involvement at the Residence and their contribution.

4. Taddle Creek Award

- **History of the Award**

- Prior Dean, Gary Spencer, made sure that the sale from the last House went to Innis College. The money from the sale was kept for Innis College as a scholarship. The award was never matched by the Ontario Government. 2 students were involved in deciding what to do with the money. This award should go for financial aid, and for those who will live in the residence and demonstrate student leadership. In 1997, the University introduced guaranteed funding that is required to study at this university, granted that they followed their provincial funding. Since then, the University has helped students with financial aid when from Ontario. However, it is much more difficult for international students to prove their financial need.
- Last year, there were only 4 applicants, with 1 that did not have financial need. It was concluded that advertising for the award could be improved, since number of applicants were very low; usually, there are more applicants than there are awards.
- It can only go to 1st year if no upper years applied who met the requirement. It could not go to international students. The award always given out in time for 2nd installment for residence fee.
- It is meant for the residence and for those who contribute to the Residence community.

- **Timing of Award**

- When other leadership awards giving out, it could be done in April instead of May; Taddle Creek Award could be done in April as well. Advertise it with the leadership awards, with the eNewsletter from the Registrar. If moved to April, could be made available for possibly international students, off-campus students. It was brought to attention that it can be very hard to see if the recipient of the award still in residence, as well as their involvement in residence. Thus, it would have to be a retroactive award if done in this fashion.
- There was consideration for applications to be given out sooner. The earlier application would give incentive for students to be more active in the Residence.

- Additional time would be good for questioning the criteria of the award.
 - RAAC members can promote the award and if the date is moved, RAAC would need to meet earlier.
- **Concerns for changing the timing of the Award**
 - There was a concern that since the award is for helping students pay their second installment of residence fees, it would not have the same impact as giving the award later. If student is getting financial assistance, to be fair and equitable as possible, the amount of money will be subtracted from their account before the giving of an award. If there are extreme financial needs, there are financial bursaries which would help and this would not disqualify them from eligibility from the Taddle Creek Award.
 - Recommendations will be put together in January, and RAAC should have everything (like applications) ready by then because the schedule for January will be very tight. There will need to be a second RAAC meeting at some point before the exam period.

5. Moving the Award Date to April

Motion: Move the award date to April and have second meeting sometime before semester

McBride/Worgan

Carried Unanimously

6. Cinema Studies Award

- Grad students do not really have financial need unless they have extreme needs. The award must also go to someone with outstanding academics, but financial need as well. The condition of financial need should be eliminated since proving need is near impossible. There was a suggestion for a motion to remove the requirement for financial need for the 30th anniversary cinema studies

Motion: To remove requirement for financial need for 30th Anniversary Cinema Studies Award

Boere/Kim

7. Adjournment

Motion: Adjournment

Lees/Ransom

Carried Unanimously