

Academic Affairs Board  
Innis College Council  
Monday, October 12, 2018 at 12 pm  
Innis College, Room 310, East Wing

**Minutes**

**Present:** Sarah Chocano, Sharon English, Lucas Granger, Kate Johnson, Charlie Keil, Tony Pi, Sam Reimer, David Roberts, Bart Testa

**Regrets:** James Cahill, Corinn Columpar, Brandon Liu, Roger Riendeau

**1. ELECTION OF MODERATOR & SECRETARY**

Sharon English was elected Moderator and Bart Testa was elected Secretary, both by acclamation.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2017**

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**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None reported

**4. CALENDAR AMENDMENTS AND NEW COURSE PROPOSALS**

**A. Courses Proposals and Changes:**

- Urban Studies Program: no new courses
- Writing & Rhetoric Program: no new courses

**B. Program Changes:**

- Urban Studies: *see Appendix 1*

**5. PROGRAM UPDATES:**

**A. Urban Studies:**

- CLTA appointment: Aditi Mehta—teaching five courses, including: INI342H1 Urban Studies Research Seminar I: Qualitative research methods; INI430H1 Advanced Topics in Urban Studies II: Youth, Arts & Engagement in Cities (Regent Park and U of T). *See Appendix 2*
- Returning adjunct faculty: Emily Paradis: INI337H1 Studies in Contemporary Urban Programs; INI433H1 Special Topic in Urban Studies: Serving the City. *See Appendix 3*
- Returning sessional instructor: Patrick Adler
- Website re-imagination: We are working with a team of graduate students from the Faculty of Information course *INF2170H1F: Information Architecture*, who will be providing us with

a re-design of our website and a clickable website prototype to serve as a demonstration of the site's new information architecture, developed in consultation with representative users (students and faculty) of our website.

- We are strategizing ways of strengthening program enrolment numbers. Some ideas include:
  - Offering a first-year course to attract students to program—possibly Cities in Popular Culture
  - Reconsidering some program requirements
  - Improving the navigability and attractiveness of our website. *See above*
  - Rewording our completion and enrolment requirements to clear up common points of confusion that may be dissuading applicants. *See Appendix 1*

## **B. Writing & Rhetoric:**

- INI103H to be widened in breadth to “2”
- Roger Riendeau is retiring at the end of this year. The program will be seeking a replacement.
- Upcoming special events:
  - *Sex and Violence in Cyberspace*: a collaboration with Journalists for Human Rights on Oct 3, 2018 in Innis Town Hall
  - *“I’ve seen the future, baby/it is murder” Intellectuals and the “American” Nightmare* featuring Larry Grossberg: a collaboration with the McLuhan Centre for Culture & Technology (iSchool), and OISE on Nov 27, 2018 in Innis Town Hall

## **6. INNIS LIBRARY REPORT**

- Newly extended hours: Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm; Fri 10am-5pm; weekends 1pm-8pm
- Collections:
  - Writing & Rhetoric: The Library has received a generous donation of \$500 from an Innis alum, which will be applied to the new Writing & Rhetoric collection.
  - Cinema Studies: A review will be undertaken this year to assess materials that have not circulated in 5 - 10 years. Faculty members and graduate students will be consulted to identify which items should remain on Innis College Library shelves or transferred to U of T Libraries’ Downsview storage facility for low circulation items.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

None reported

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

## APPENDIX 1

### For discussion: Urban Studies program description changes

Completion Requirements for the major:

Adding "Another" to the requirement that students complete "0.5 FCEs from a 300-level or above course listed in Group A;" (Group A are Urban Studies courses)

Enrolment Requirements:

*Problematic wording:* Students who do not meet this criterion at the completion of year 1 (and hence are unsuccessful in their first application to the USP) may re-apply at the end of year 2 and the admission decision will be based on the completion of one of the following (in addition to INI235H1 and INI236H1) with a final mark of at least 70 percent in each:

- EC0220Y1 or
- The pairing of GGR270I1 and GGR271H1; or
- The pairing of POL222I 1 and POL232H1; or,
- The pairing of SOC202I 11 and SOC252H1

*Proposed—simplified wording:*

Enrolment in the Specialist program requires the following:

- Completion of at least 4.0 FCEs in first year courses;
- Completion of at least 3.0 FCEs from the list of 4.0 FCEs in possible First Year selections below with an average final mark of not less than 72 percent across all three and individual final marks not less than 70 percent.

Students should complete the above criteria before applying. Students who have completed the above criteria but were rejected in their first application may reapply.

For second-year applications, the admission decision will be based on the completion of INI2351-I1 and INI236H1 with a final mark of at least 70 percent each in addition to the completion of one of the following with a final mark of at least 70 percent each:

- EC0:220Y1 or
- The pairing of GGR270I1 and GGR271H1; or
- The pairing of POL222H 1 and POL232H1; or,
- The pairing of SOC202H1 and SOC252H1

The Major has quite similar enrolment requirements - the primary difference being that we only require the completion of at least 2.0 FCEs from the list of 4.0 FCEs in possible First Year selections below with an average final mark of not less than 72 percent across all three and individual final marks not less than 70 percent.

For the Specialist, Major, and Minor, we would also like to add the wording:

Students who are applying to the Urban Studies Program, specialist or major or minor, for the first time will be evaluated using the same requirements as if they were applying at the end of year 1 - regardless of year of application.

## APPENDIX 2

### **New Contract Limited Appointment (two-year contract)**

Aditi Mehta earned her Masters in City Planning and her PhD at MIT. Her research interests include technology and civic engagement, participatory planning, community development, and issues surrounding racial and ethnic diversity. Aditi's work bridges academics with community involvement and facilitates the exchange of ideas between the two.

Aditi is teaching INI234H1F: Cities in Popular Culture, INI333H1F: Critical Approaches to Urban Studies, INI236H1S: Introduction to Urban Studies II, INI342H1S - Urban Studies Research Seminar I - Qualitative Methods, and INI430H1S Advanced Topics in Urban Studies II- Youth, Arts and Engagement in Cities in partnership with Regent Park Focus Youth Media Arts Centre (<https://www.regentparkfocus.com/>). INI342 and INI430 are new courses within existing course shells.

## APPENDIX 3

### **Course description: *INI433H1F Special Topics in Urban Studies: Serving the City***

Instructor: Emily Paradis

This course will explore the history, policy context, practice models, and current debates surrounding social and health services in the city. As cities grow and change, how have governments and communities organized to meet urban dwellers' needs for settlement assistance, shelter, medical care, food, and other services? What are the connections with community development, place-making, and political change? Field trips and guest lectures will broaden the scope of students' learning.