Student Affairs Board
Innis College Council
Thursday 29 November, 2018, 4:00 pm
Room 310, East Wing, Innis College

Minutes

Present:
Arbow, Elspeth, Principal’s Appointee
Choi, Andrew, Student Representative
Granger, Lucas, Student Representative
Keil, Charlie, Principal
Kim, Ethan, Student Representative
Li, Daniel, IRC President
Liu, Annie, Student Representative
Masse, Steve, Dean of Students (assessor)
Pi, Tony, CSI Graduate Assistant and Urban Studies and Writing & Rhetoric Program Assistant
Pirraglia, Daniela, Associate Registrar
Redmond, Ashlee, Student Representative and ICC Speaker
Weststrate, Ben, Communications Officer and ICC Secretary (assessor)
Wong, Ethan, Undergraduate Don
Wong, Paxton, Student Representative
Wrobel, Caroline, Student Representative
Zhao, Andrew, Student Representative

Regrets:
Boere, Donald, Assistant Principal and Registrar (assessor)
Chien, Jannie, Frontline Advisor
Fernando, Dianthi, Residence Don Representative
Ha, Didier, Student Representative

1. ELECTION OF MODERATOR & SECRETARY
Lucas Granger was acclaimed as Moderator.
Andrew Zhao was acclaimed as Secretary.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2018
A motion to approve the Minutes was carried unanimously.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
None reported.

4. OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE REPORT
Steve Masse, Dean of Students, reported the following:
• Orientation was very successful this year. This year the OSL introduced a new format for international students’ orientation which went very well.
• The orientation survey closed at the end of October, and the OSL is working to analyze the data.
• IN2U was successful this year, with about 100 students in attendance to learn about leadership, power, and perception.
• The alumni mentorship program is in its fifth year, and demand is still high. There are about 30 mentor-mentee matches, with around 60 participants total.
• The Registrars’ Office now has on-site advisors from Health and Wellness, CIE, etc.
• The OSL’s partnership with The Agency continues. The OSL is hosting four workshops with The Agency this year: two in the fall semester, two in the winter semester. So far in the fall semester, the two events have been a living library and a field trip.
Weststrate added that the OSL newsletter is performing well this year, with a readership of 47%.

5. RESIDENCE LIFE REPORT
• The Residence’s new cannabis policy approved and subsequently sent out to residents. The University is also in the process of approving a smoke-free policy on campus property. The University’s approach is rooted in education and harm prevention: Campus Police will be working to inform smokers on campus about where they can and cannot smoke.
• Residence dons completed their annual two-week training at the beginning of the academic year.
• Students and staff are currently being consulted about the structure of the residence don team to see if it is adequate for supporting students.
• On December 17, the OSL will be posting openings for around 40 student staff positions.

6. ICSS PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Brandon Liu, ICSS President, was not present to give his report.

7. IRC PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Daniel Li, IRC President, reported the following:
• The IRC’s annual Semi-Formal was very successful. It was moved to the fall semester this year to avoid conflicting with the ICSS’s annual Formal.
• Li is already thinking about IRC executive elections. The dates for IRC elections will depend on the ICSS election dates. Li promised to coordinate with the ICSS and the RLC on election dates.
• The IRC held a residence forum in coordination with OSL, consulting residents about their concerns and suggestions. The forum was generally successful, and generated useful feedback for the OSL.
Granger inquired about whether the IRC has asked the University if the IRC could conduct ranked ballot voting online.
Li responded that past requests for online voting were rejected by the University because the IRC’s constituency was too small to qualify. Kim confirmed this. Li promised to follow-up with the University on this issue.

Weststrate offered to let IRC use the OSL website for voting in elections.

8. RECRUITMENT, ADMISSIONS, AND AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT
It was noted that RAAC has not yet been struck this term. Redmond briefly explained the role of RAAC for new Council members unfamiliar with the Committee.

9. STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT
It was noted that the SSC has not yet been struck this term. Arbow briefly explained the role of the SSC for new Council members unfamiliar with the Committee.

10. OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR REPORT
Daniela Pirraglia, Associate Registrar, reported the following:

- Merit-based awards have been completed and given out. Many more students are receiving awards this year than last year. This is good because more students are being recognized, but also a problem because the college only has so much money to be given out as awards.
- A number of scholarships were created last year. This scholarships will be discussed in more detail at the RAAC meeting in January. The admissions scholarship process will also be reviewed at the RAAC meeting.
- The registrar’s office has been handing out many grants to students in need. Grants are separate from merit-based awards, and whether or note students receive merit-based awards does not affect their applications for grants.

Weststrate inquired into the status of the Russell Canada Prize.

Pirraglia responded that a separate application for the Russell Canada Prize will be coming out with the rest of the leadership-based awards applications.

Principal Keil noted that college scholarships for students in Innis College programs are often only available to Innis College students. This significantly narrows the pool of eligible students for these scholarships. This information is not well-advertised to prospective Innis students.

11. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Art Committee: Report & Re-establishment
- Lesli Ransom graduated last year, leaving Art Committee’s chair vacant. Those interested in helping out with Art Committee can contact Ashlee.
- The previous goal of art committee was to keep art in the college rotating and changing. It used to be its own ICC committee, but there have been discussions about ICSS Equity & Outreach picking it up, or the Art Club at the residence.

Weststrate inquired into the ownership of the existing art, and whether contracts were signed stipulating terms for ownership, sale, return, etc.
Redmond responded that no contracts were signed by the artists. The artists gave permission for their art to be sold last year at the ICSS art gala, but the ICSS was never notified so the art was not sold. No artists have emailed the committee to reclaim their art thus far. Principal Keil suggested that there should be contracts moving forward, as the college needs to be sure of ownership. Keil proposed that artists should also have the right to reclaim their art through the contract. Redmond also brought up the question of ownership of the art versus ownership of the frames. Principal Keil explained that depending on who did the framing, the cost of framing also involves labour, not just the materials for the frames. Redmond suggested that the Alumni Committee take it over. Keil insisted that the proceeds from a potential silent auction of the art go towards a charitable cause. That way, people would be more willing to pay for the art. Weststrate suggested that the Community Affairs Board set up a separate committee to deal with this issue. That Board contains the Council’s alumni member and a representative of the advancement office, who would both be well-suited to handle this question. Redmond noted that she will not be present at the next CAB meeting, and Weststrate offered to represent her on her behalf at that meeting.

B. College Bracket
Arbow asked that it be noted in the record that Innis College was the winner of an intense bracket challenge on the “U of T Memes for True Blue Teens” Facebook group.

12. ADJOURNMENT
A motion to adjourn was moved (Granger), seconded (Zhao), and carried.