

**Student Affairs Board  
Innis College Council  
Monday, November 25, 2019 at 4 pm  
Innis Residence Events Room**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Aliza Aziz, Donald Boere (assessor), Sarah Burley Hollows, Mira Chow, Grace Choi, Dianthi Fernando (guest), Didier Ha, Joyce Hahn (assessor), Kate Johnston, Paul Kaita, Charlie Keil, Alexandra Hu, Megan Lees (guest), Kim Lin Chin, Daniel Li, Annie Liu, Steve Masse (assessor), Josie Meza-Silva, Jenny Owens (guest), Daniela Pirraglia, Ashlee Redmond, Bart Testa, Ben Weststrate (secretary), Jeffrey Ye, Louisa You, Andrew Zhao

**Regrets:** Winston Chan, Lucas Granger, Daria Mancino, Joanne Uyede, Carol Ye, Nancy Zhao

**1. ELECTION OF MODERATOR & SECRETARY**

A motion to elect Daniel Li as secretary was moved (Zhao), seconded (Boere), and carried.

A motion to elect Annie Liu as moderator was moved (Li), seconded (Johnson), and carried.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2019**

Motion to approve [the minutes](#) was carried unanimously.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None reported

**4. OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE & RESIDENCE LIFE REPORT**

Steve Masse, dean of students, reported the following:

- Jenny Owens was recently hired to fill the position of Assistant Dean, Admissions & Operations.
- Tyler Schilz, who previously held the position of Residence Life Coordinator, is now at the Faculty of Music as the Student Services Coordinator. In Tyler's place, Anica Dang is the new Assistant Dean of Residence Life.
- The residence don team has now expanded to 11 residence dons, adding 5 additional positions. This has reduced the don to student ratio to 1:30, allowing dons to be more accessible and available to students.
- Opt-out rates from this semester were distributed. Masse and the OSL is aware that the Student Choice Initiative was recently repealed by the divisional court.

Sarah Burley Hollows, Assistant Dean of Student Life, reported the following:

- The OSL is looking at developing new programs while improving past ones.
- The Mental Health Certification Training program has launched this semester, consisting of six training sessions for students, staff, and faculty. The aim is to provide training on how to respond to students in distress.

- Sessions include: Personal wellness, online skills-based modules (identify, assist, refer), SAFETalk, Jack Talk, and a mental health roadmap.
- The Alumni Mentorship Program has had a record number of participants this year. It provides an opportunity for upper year students to connect to alumni. There is an upcoming social event coming up, taking place at an escape room.
- OSL is working with the The Agency to offer Social Innovation Certification. The certification requires participants attend three events, including Social Impact 101, Careers with Purpose, and Social Innovation Roadtrip. These sessions will be available next semester as well.
- The new Cultural Connections Program has seen great success.
- Student Leader Day was very well attended this year.

## 5. ICSS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Paul Kaita, ICSS executive vice-president, reported the following:

- ICSS has several more events planned before the start of the exam period.
- A new vice-president—finance has been selected and will be voted on by the full council in the upcoming weekend. The rest of the executive team is working on transitioning them into the role.
- ICSS will be looking to hire orientation coordinators soon.
- ICSS General Election will now consist of two elections: an executive election and a general election.

## 6. IRC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Josie Meza-Silva, IRC president, reported the following:

- IRC Semi-Formal took place last week. During ticket sales, students were able to opt back into IRC fees.
- IRC has a revamped Facebook page and a new Instagram account.
- A new Residence International Committee has been established, which has now hosted events such as movie nights and a Diwali event. They have also started a comic strip.
- IRC executives have been working with Anica Dang, assistant dean—Residence Life, to give formal training for the executives.
- Remaining events are House Olympics and a Residence Forum co-hosted with OSL.

## 7. RECRUITMENT, ADMISSIONS, AND AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Donald Boere, registrar, reported the following:

- There was a discussion during the previous RAAC meeting regarding the Robert Patrick Award. Committee members were unsure if this leadership award was based on someone's position or their contributions to the college. Members settled on awarding based on an applicant's contributions.
- Boere suggested that one reference letter is sufficient for some leadership awards—another idea that emerged at the RAAC meeting.

Burley Hollows expressed concern that applicants would get a letter from someone that cannot comment on the applicant's leadership (e.g., professors). Boere clarified that it would be stated on the application

that the reference letter should involve mention of the applicant's leadership. Keil suggested that application call for reference letter from someone that "best speaks to the applicant's leadership capabilities."

## **8. OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR REPORT**

Donald Boere, registrar, reported the following:

- Following Tammy Pecoskie's move to the Faculty of Law, there is a new front-line advisor, Jack McGrath. Jack comes to Innis from Rotman Commerce, where he was program services representative.

## **9. STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

No meeting has been held yet though two updates were reported.

- There was a 19% opt-out rate to the Student Services Fee, resulting from the Student Choice Initiative.
- The purchase of a third table in the east atrium lobby, which was approved by SSC last year, will be installed soon.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

- **U of T Student Leadership Awards**

Redmond noted that the nomination period is open for the Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award—now named the University of Toronto Student Leadership Award (UTSLA). Graduating students are encouraged to learn more and seek out nominators for the award. Innis College nominations packages are due to Redmond, the college nomination coordinator.

In addition to the name change, the central nomination channel has been disbanded, with the promise of increased divisional quotes. Definitive numbers for Innis, Hart House or Arts & Science have not yet been disclosed.

Boere urged for reconsideration of the restrictive minimum CGPA criterion in light of the other major changes being implemented.

Redmond reported that only one coordinators' meeting has taken place, where the changes were revealed. There was some pushback expressed against these changes.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was moved (Liu), and carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.