

Minutes of the 1,237th meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards, held on Thursday, October 13th, 2011, at 5:30 pm in the South Dining Room.

Present: Professor Bruce Kidd (Interim Warden)
Mr. Nicholas Arrigo (Music Committee Secretary)
Mr. Kenneth Davy (Governing Council Appointee)
Mr. Matt Dreger (Alumni Committee)
Ms. Lucy Fromowitz (President [*ex officio*] Designate)
Ms. Clara Ho (UTSU Appointee)
Mr. Mateuse Janicki (UTM Representative)
Ms. Klara Kovar (Art Committee Secretary)
Ms. Ann McPherson (GSU Appointee)
Mr. Ben Peel (Debates Committee Secretary)
Ms. Tori Prouse (Social Justice Committee Secretary)
Mr. Naufil Rasheed (Finance Committee Secretary)
Dr. Helen Slade (Presidential Appointee)
Dr. Jonathan Steels (Chair)
Mr. Jimmy Truong (Farm Committee Secretary)
Ms. Phoebe Uguy (Theatre Committee Secretary)

Ms. Amanda Greener (Executive Assistant to the Warden; Recording Secretary)

Guests: Ms. Virginia Ise (Communications Manager)
Mr. Kent Kuran (Debates Committee 2011-12; Editor *Blue and White*)
Mr. Chris Lea (Facilities Manager)
Ms. Rita O'Brien (Director, Operations and Finance)
Ms. Semra Sevi (Debates Committee 2010-11)
Mr. Allan Shatzky (Coordinator, Special Projects)
Mr. Paul Templin (Director, Events and Catering)
Mr. Peter Wambera (Senior Development Officer)

Regrets: Mr. Zeljko Bavcevic (RAC Secretary)
Ms. Anita Comella (Presidential Appointee)
Ms. Stacey Redick (Literary and Library Committee Secretary)
Ms. Johanne Roberge (RAC Senior Member)

1. Chair of the Board of Stewards appointment—Motion—Bruce Kidd, Interim Warden

The Warden introduced Dr. Jonathan Steels, framing his educational and professional background in terms of Dr. Steels' strong personal foundation and belief in the importance of extracurricular involvement.

On the motion duly made and seconded the BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the appointment of Jonathan Steels as the chair of the Board of Stewards, for a three-year term, effective October 2011 to May 2014.

The Warden congratulated Dr. Steels on his approval as Chair. The Chair thanked the Board

and also thanked the former Warden and current Interim Warden for their endorsement. The Chair provided the Board with context to his role in keeping meetings orderly and moving along. The chair also outlined protocol for discussion, noting that Board members are equal voices at the table and encouraged to participate, but that comments are limited to five minutes and that members have speaking rights only two times per issue.

2. Approval of Agenda

Lucy Fromowitz requested an addition under New Business, in order that she could introduce to the Board Professor Bruce Kidd, Hart House's new Interim Warden. The request was granted and added to the agenda.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD APPROVED the agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 28th, 2011

The minutes of the 1,236th meeting held on April 28th, 2011, were approved.

4. Business Arising

a) 2011-12 Agenda Planning Committee—Bruce Kidd, Interim Warden

The Warden outlined the duties and the composition of the Agenda Planning Committee, and suggested to the Board that the 2011-12 Agenda Planning Committee include: Johanne Roberge (RAC Senior Member), Naufil Rasheed (Finance Committee Secretary), Klara Kovar (Art Committee Secretary), Tori Proust (Social Justice Committee Secretary) and Nick Arrigo (Music Committee Secretary).

There were no objections to this suggested composition.

5. New Business

a) Introduction of Professor Bruce Kidd as Interim Warden—Lucy Fromowitz, Assistant Vice-President, Student Life

Ms. Fromowitz relayed that she could not be more pleased about this interim appointment and highlighted the Interim Warden's many accomplishments as an academic, a University administrator, and as an athlete. She thanked Professor Kidd for his dedication and leadership in support of co-curricular for all students as core to their University of Toronto experience. She warmly welcomed Dr. Kidd to the Board.

b) Interim Warden Introduction to the Board—Bruce Kidd, Interim Warden

The Interim Warden thanked Ms. Fromowitz for her remarks, and gave some history of his involvement with Hart House, which began in high school when his coach arranged for him to train with U of T students and coaches. The Interim Warden was excited to find Hart House's cultural, arts and recreational community as connected to a globalized environment, then and now. Throughout his student days and professional life such engagement has compelled Dr. Kidd to stay at U of T.

Professor Kidd relayed that despite spending his adult life at Hart House, his first three days on the job have moved, stretched, challenged and motivated him. The House truly lives out the Vision Statement. The Interim Warden offered his congratulations to those around the table who participated in its creation, and stated his great respect for former Warden, Louise Cowin's, work and the Clubs and Committees' work in the last few years.

Professor Kidd noted to the Board that as Interim Warden he is not a candidate for the permanent position. He intends to move cautiously and carefully and with as much consultation as possible, but will exercise full authority of the Warden if necessary. He looks forward to working with Committees closely.

During his time as Interim Warden, Professor Kidd intends to support and further raise the profile of Hart House within the University; infuse the vision into every corner of the house—with staff, students, alumni; foster links with academic programs; develop multi-year learning objectives with learning outcomes, methodology, etc.; remove barriers so that those who are excluded or marginalized are free to participate fully in Hart House.

c) Search Committee Process for the 11th Warden—Lucy Fromowitz, Assistant Vice-President, Student Life

Ms. Fromowitz explained the timelines and procedure for conducting an appropriate search for the next Warden. Although the position falls under her purview, this search will follow a provostial hiring process. Next steps include casting a wide net for the call for search committee members, including posting this call on Hart House's website. Board members are encouraged to apply to serve on the search committee. The search committee will then hopefully be brought together for December. Call for applicants will follow in mid-January or later and the search committee will shortlist applicants with the hope to interview in March. Hopefully Hart House will have a new warden for end of Interim Warden's term (April 30th).

The search process will be open and transparent, and the Hart House website will throughout remain a central hub for information surrounding the search process and standing.

d) Committee Reports

Appended reports from representatives of the following groups were submitted for the information of Board members:

- Art Committee;
- Debates Committee;
- Finance Committee;
- Theatre Committee;
- Social Justice Committee;
- Music Committee;
- Farm Committee.

6. Warden's Update

Hart House department managers and directors introduced themselves and outlined projects and initiatives they were involved in over the summer and leading into the fall. The Interim Warden read out statement of activities from those department leads that were unable to attend the meeting.

7. Other Business and Announcements

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next Board of Stewards meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10th, 2011.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary

November 1, 2011