

Minutes of the 1,257<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards held on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:30 pm in the Library.

- Present:
- Dr. Bruce Kidd (Warden)
  - Ms. Emma Arppe-Robertson (Recording Secretary)
  - Mr. Hamza Ansari (UTM Representative)
  - Ms. Jingwei Chen (Literary and Library Committee Secretary)
  - Ms. Anita Comella (Presidential Appointee)
  - Mr. Kenneth Davy (Governing Council Appointee)
  - Mr. Matt Dreger (Alumni Committee Chair)
  - Ms. Lucy Fromowitz (President [*ex officio*] Designate)
  - Ms. Susan Froom (APUS Appointee)
  - Ms. Natalie Lai (Art Committee Secretary)
  - Ms. Erin Makino (Music Committee Secretary)
  - Ms. Jesica Samuel (Theatre Committee Secretary)
  - Ms. Theresa Waclawek (Farm Committee Secretary)
  - Ms. Susanne Waldorf (GSU Representative)
  - Ms. Elizabeth Wooster (RAC Secretary)
  - Ms. Emiry Yu (Finance Committee Secretary)
  - Ms. Freda Zhang (Music Committee Secretary)
- Guests:
- Mr. Michael De Angelis (Director of Programme Administration)
  - Dr. Barbara Fischer (Executive Director/Chief Curator of the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery)
  - Ms. Jessica Gallinger (Internal Commissioner, Graduate Students' Union)
  - Mr. Aman Gebru (Finance and University Governance Commissioner, Graduate Students' Union)
  - Ms. Amanda Greener (Manager, Strategy Implementation and Staff Operations)
  - Ms. Lyndsay Henderson (HUB Coordinator)
  - Mr. Jaby Mathews (Academics and Funding Commissioner, Graduate Students' Union)
  - Mr. Tom Moss (Manager, Recreation and Wellness)
  - Ms. Jenifer Newcombe (Assistant Director, Programme Administration)
  - Ms. Rita O'Brien (CAO)
  - Mr. Paul Templin (Director of Meeting and Event Services)
  - Mr. Peter Wambera (Senior Development Officer)
- Regrets:
- Mr. Guled Arale (UTSC Representative)
  - Dr. Jonathan Steels (Chair)
  - Mr. Terry Johnston (RAC Senior Member)
  - Ms. Maia Johnstone (Social Justice Committee Secretary)
  - Dr. Helen Slade (Presidential Appointee)
  - Ms. Agnes So (UTSU Appointee)

Mr. Louis Tsilivis (Debates Committee Secretary)  
Ms. Sophia Zamaria (Farm Committee Secretary)

### **1. Appointment of an Acting Chair.**

In the absence of Dr. Jonathan Steels, the Warden appointed Anita Comella to serve as Chair for the meeting.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

As a courtesy to the Music committee item 5a will be moved to the position of 4a.

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

### **3. Minutes of the 1,256<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

#### **a) Approval of the Minutes of the 1,256<sup>th</sup> Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

**On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the minutes of the 1,256<sup>th</sup> Meeting.**

### **3. Business Arising**

#### **a) Music Committee (Erin Makino and Freda Zhang, Secretaries)**

Ms. Makino and Ms. Zhang presented their committee's mission: inclusiveness, diversity and cultivation. Their events have a Tri-Campus focus, and their membership includes students from many different disciplines. This year they have made outreach to graduate students and to science students a priority. The Music Committee organizes almost 100 events a year, including monthly ensemble and chamber concerts, Sunday Concerts, Open Mic nights, Jazz at Oscars and UofTIdol. The Music Committee also published DEMO Magazine.

This year the Music Committee has created a new executive position for Social Media Outreach. More information can be found on twitter, instagram, Facebook, the Hart House website, and through email.

#### **b) Report of the Tower Road Galleries Operational Model Ad Hoc Committee\* (Bruce Kidd, Warden)**

The Justina M. Barnicke and the University of Toronto Art Centre are both remarkable galleries approximately 50m apart and historically there has been very little communication and coordination between them. In order to maximise the effectiveness

of these galleries there has been a campus wide effort to bring them together in a way that respects the distinct mandates and traditions of these galleries. For the past several months an Ad Hoc Committee has been looking at the ways to strengthen this relationship. This report recommends a direction, with more detailed planning work to be done over the next year. The distinct mission of the Justina M Barnicke Gallery would be preserved, as would its traditional historic role. Barbara. Fisher is doing much of the work as Director of the JMB and interim Director of the UTAC. This will strengthen the educational opportunities available and give more visibility to these galleries.

The federated model will allow the galleries to work together to leverage more effective funding from the Canada Council and the Ontario Arts Council. The ad hoc committee is still in the early stages of negotiating how any additional funding would be split between the galleries. A formal memorandum of agreement will be created as a part of this process with both parties as signatories. Ms. Fischer noted that the federated galleries would most likely share a director.

**On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD ENDORSED the Report of the Tower Road Galleries Operational Model Ad Hoc Committee.**

#### **4. New Business**

##### **a) 2014/15 Budget Approval\* (Rita O'Brien, CAO)**

Ms. O'Brien presented the 2014/15 budget to the Board of Stewards. The budget was approved by the Finance Committee on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. The budget approval process remains unchanged from previous years. After the Board of Stewards it will be presented to the Council on Student Services (COSS), Service Ancillaries Review Board (SARG) and the University Affairs Board (UAB).

Ms. Waldorf requested speaking rights for all three GSU colleagues in the room – Mr. Matthew, Mr. Gebru, and Ms. Gallinger. The Chair ruled, according to the rules of order, that only one of Ms. Waldorf's colleagues would have speaking rights for one time only. Ms. Gallinger was extended speaking rights. She presented to the Board of Stewards that the Graduate Students' Union (GSU) objected to graduate students being included in the standard summer ancillary fee based on the fact that there is no meaningful difference between fall, winter and summer sessions for graduate students; they feel that this fee could be precedent setting for the introduction of summer ancillary fees in other areas of Student Life; and the GSU feels that Hart House should either be mandatory all terms, or should allow students to opt out at any time. Ms. Gallinger noted that the Athletics Centre's institution of similar fees allowed for this fee to be introduced at Hart House.

Ms. Waldorf told members about the difficult financial situation that many graduate students are in and asserted that only approximately 200 students are projected to purchase the summer pass and suggested that this would leave approximately 15,000

more without access and make Hart House only approximately \$20,000 in revenue. This was contested.

Ms. Waldorf proposed an amendment to the budget motion which read: Be it resolved that the Hart House 2014/15 Budget be approved without the summer user fee for graduate students. She noted that she did not feel that the process had been transparent during the 2013/14 budget process.

The chair ruled that the vote on the amendment would need a 2/3rds majority to pass since it was overturning a motion in principle from last year. Ms. Waldorf questioned the chair on her ruling as she was under the impression that the motion that passed last year was specifically about the passing of the 2013-2014 budget, and not specifically about the institution of summer fees. The chair responded that the ongoing institution of fees was approved in principle last year.

Directly prior to the vote, Ms. Froom inquired if her vote in favour of the amendment would mean that the budget itself would pass with no further opportunity to amend the budget. The chair responded that this was correct.

After discussion the amendment was defeated with a recorded vote of four votes for, eight votes against, and two abstentions.

Ms. Fromowitz stated strongly that Student Life had no intention of implementing a fee for other services during the summer.

Mr. Dreger appealed to the Administration to be frugal in hiring new staff since salary and benefits is the largest portion of the House budget. In particular to avoid the trap of creating a new position that would administer programming for raising additional funds. The money raised would probably not offset the salary.

**On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD APPROVED the 2014/15 Budget.**

## **5. Committee and Departmental Presentations**

**a) Strategy Implementation and Staff Operations Department** (Amanda Greener, Manager)

Ms. Greener's presentation will be delayed until the next Board of Stewards meeting.

## **4. Warden's Report**

The Warden noted several important upcoming events: the first meeting of the Project Planning Committee for the Green Heritage Infrastructure Project, the Hancock Lecture will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Conscious Docs series will begin on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. The

Committees Review is also underway. The Wedding Singer enjoying great reviews in the Theatre, Ms. Samuel will arrange for any tickets if Stewards contact her.

The Warden announced that Mr. de Anglis is retiring at the end of the month, and this is his last meeting. The Warden highlighted his contributions. The Board was invited to his retirement reception on Thurs. Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm in the debates room. The Warden thanked him formally for his contributions.

## **5. Other Business and Announcements**

Ms. Froom raised the recommendations that future budgets be amended to raise the age of discounted memberships from 60 to 65 years and older, that fees for affiliated students be increased 5%, and that discounted fees for alumni be extended into their second year after graduation provided that these students make a monthly donation of at least \$5 to Hart House. Ms. Froom was invited to the next Finance Committee meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> to put forward these recommendations. Ms. Froom also noted that those who support the creation of a bus from the St. George Campus to the Scarborough Campus should indicate this support to Prof. Jill Matus.

Mr. Davy requested a fundraising update be made to the Board of Stewards in the near future.

## **6. Next Meeting**

The next Board of Stewards meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013