

Minutes of the 1,267<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the Library.

- Present: Ms. Rita O'Brien (Acting Warden)  
Dr. Jonathan Steels (Chair)  
Ms. Emma Arppe-Robertson (Recording Secretary)  
Ms. Gini Chin (RAC Secretary)  
Ms. Anita Comella (Presidential Appointee)  
Mr. Kenneth Davy (Governing Council Appointee)  
Ms. Lucy Fromowitz (President [*ex officio*] Designate)  
Mr. Kaleem Hawa (Debates Committee Secretary)  
Ms. Lesia Kinach (Farm Committee Secretary)  
Mr. Rhain Louis (RAC Senior Member)  
Ms. Victoria McEwan (Theatre Committee Secretary)  
Ms. Evelyn Zhang (Finance Committee Secretary)  
Ms. Freda Zhang (Music Committee Secretary)
- Guests: Ms. Rebecca Gimmi (Programme Coordinator, Justina M. Barnicke Gallery)  
Mr. Philip Khaiat (Alumni Committee Representative)  
Ms. Jenifer Newcombe (Interim Director, Programme Administration)  
Ms. Theresa Wang (Art Committee Representative)
- Regrets: Ms. Karthy Chin (Literary and Library Committee Secretary)  
Mr. Matt Dreger (Alumni Committee Chair)  
Ms. Susan Froom (APUS Appointee)  
Mr. Pierre Harfouche (UTSU Appointee)  
Ms. Natalie Lai (Art Committee Secretary)  
Ms. Celine McGarvey (Social Justice Committee Secretary)  
Ms. Danielle Nairn (Farm Committee Secretary)  
Ms. Kavita Siewrattan (GSU Appointee)  
Dr. Helen Slade (Presidential Appointee)

## **1. Approval of the Agenda**

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

## **2. Minutes of the 1,266<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

### **a) Approval of Minutes of the 1,266<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the minutes.**

### **3. Committee and Departmental Presentations**

#### **a) Art Committee** (Theresa Wang, representative)

The Art Committee is comprised of the committee executive and four subcommittees: acquisitions, student projects, education and outreach and the Arbor Room. Their work is centered on the three values of creating Canadian perspectives on global citizenship, fostering multidisciplinary learning communities and developing Hart House as an educational centre of art.

Current programming includes the student docent project, which uses one-on-one peer training to prepare students to give tours of the Hart House permanent art collection. The Art Committee also runs a series of professional events to prepare University of Toronto students for a career in the arts. These events include art history writing workshops, opportunities for volunteer and events management, exhibition opportunities, acquisition rationale and installation workshops, and the ArtWORD Career Symposium.

Increasing the diversity of participation, both by students across the campus and of artists within the collection remains, a priority for the Art Committee. They are working to increase participation across campus from students of all disciplines and backgrounds through strategic partnerships. Acquiring First Nations art, which has historically been under-represented in the collection, continues to be a priority of the acquisitions subcommittee, and they work closely with the First Nations curator in residence.

#### **b) Recreational Athletics Committee** (Gini Chin, Secretary)

The mission of the Recreational Athletics Committee is to foster health and wellness in Hart House. They promote recreational activity, engage with Hart House members and students, educate around health and wellness, and provide a warm and welcoming environment for all. In 2014/15 the Recreational Athletics Committee has made it their goal to have better promotion and outreach of their events to students and alumni and to more efficiently schedule and hold events. There has been great community interest in educational seminars such as the triathlon series, and the committee would like to expand their offerings in this area.

Events this year included: Tee-Off with the Blues, the Hart House Triathlon, Pan Am archery event and bike to work. In the future the committee will look into partnering with both Health and Wellness and the Council of Athletics and Recreation. They are also very interested in working with the Farm Committee on offsite events.

#### **c) Justina M. Barnicke Gallery** (Rebecca Gimmi, Programme Coordinator)

The Justina M. Barnicke Gallery, along with the federated University of Toronto Art Centre, works to integrate students at every level of programming, including the Art Committee, docents, work-study positions, Young Canada Works positions, internships

and field placements. This also includes participating in the Masters of Visual Studies graduating exhibitions, which are held across campus.

John Hampton has joined the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery as the First Nations curator in residence for the next two years. He has replaced Wanda Nanibush who completed her two year term in 2014.

The Justina M. Barnicke Gallery, along with the University of Toronto Art Centre, runs their programming on a para-semester schedule, which creates an opportunity to focus on a topic and subject area each semester. This lends itself to creating partnerships across the university with outreach opportunities to different segments of the student population. Exciting exhibitions this year include the touring *A Story of Canadian Art* and the upcoming *The Flesh of the World* in partnership with the Parapan Am Games.

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

The Hart House Student Leadership recognition event will be held at the Gallery Grill on March 25, 2015 from 4:30 pm.

The Advisory Search Committee for the Warden of Hart House is currently working to create a short list of candidates and will begin interviews in April.

The Churchill Debate on Senate Reform will be held on Monday, March 16.

#### **5. Other Business & Announcements**

General Election nominations for the Council of Athletics and Recreation are now open. This includes student positions.

Committee Secretaries are encouraged to send event information to Ms. Fromowitz and the Division of Student Life in order to connect more widely with students across campus.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

The next Board of Stewards meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2015.

#### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

January 15, 2015