

Minutes of the 1,220<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards, held on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the South Dining Room.

Present: Ms Lisa Punnett (Chair)  
Dr. Louise Cowin (Warden)  
Ms Corrine Aberdeen (Literary and Library Committee)  
Mr. Anthony Chiu (Music Committee)  
Ms Helen Choi (APUS Appointee)  
Ms Anita Comella (Presidential Appointee)  
Mr. Matt Dreger (Alumni Committee)  
Ms Erin Fitzgerald (Debates Committee)  
Mr. Adam Kowalczewski (Finance Committee)  
Ms Nicola Langille (House Committee)  
Ms Ewa Modlinska (Farm Committee)  
Ms Jacqueline Raaflaub (RAC Senior Member)  
Ms Camille Sahula (Social Justice Committee)  
Ms Joanna Sheridan (Art Committee)  
Ms Elizabeth Vosburgh (GC Appointee)

Ms Cristina Oke (Recording Secretary)

Guests: Mr. Sandy Henderson (Director of Athletics)  
Ms Laney Marshall (Director of Programme)  
Mr. Allan Shatzky (Coordinator, Special Projects)  
Ms Lynette Spence (Coordinator, Equity and Diversity Initiatives)  
Mr. Paul Templin (Manager, Hart House Theatre)

Regrets: Mr. Christopher Charles (GSU Appointee)  
Ms Lucy Fromowitz (President (*ex officio*) or Designate)  
Mr. Matt McGeachy (Theatre Committee)  
Mr. Adnan Najmi (University of Toronto Students' Union Appointee)  
Mr. David Pereira (Presidential Appointee)  
Ms Elizabeth Wooster (RAC)

Absent: Dhananjai Kohli (UTM Rep)  
UTSC Rep

The Chair welcomed Ms Helen Choi, appointee of the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS), to the Board of Stewards. .

### **1. Minutes of Meeting of January 15, 2009**

The final sentence of item 4 on page 3 was revised to read:

*In light of the low voter turnout for the September elections, the House Committee had decided that, in the future, there was no benefit to holding campus-wide elections in September.*

The minutes of the 1,219<sup>th</sup> meeting held on January 15, 2009 were approved as amended.

## **2. Business Arising**

There was no business arising from the previous meeting.

## **3. De-listing of the Rifle Club as a registered Hart House Club**

On May 8, 2008, the Board of Stewards approved funding for the Rifle Club until December 31, 2008. On October 16, 2008, the Board of Stewards defeated a motion to extend funding to the end of the fiscal year. Club membership was advised that all Hart House Rifle Club activity would cease effective December 31, 2008. The House Committee recommends the de-listing of the Rifle Club as a registered Hart House Club effective April 30, 2009.

A member of the Board of Stewards expressed concern that no members of the Rifle Club were present at the meeting. It was his understanding that members were working on ways to make the Club self-sufficient, and that they wanted to present their work to the Board. In his view, the absence of members of the Rifle Club from the meeting of the Board might give the impression that the Board was acting 'behind closed doors'. Ms Marshall stated that she had informed the Executive Committee of the Rifle Club that the motion to de-list the Club was coming forward to the Board of Stewards. Members of the Executive Committee had not indicated that they were working towards self-funding, and had not asked to attend the Board meeting. Dr. Cowin added that the effective date of April 30, 2009 for the de-listing of the Rifle Club was set at the request of the Club, to allow them to organize a final social event for Club members, using the balance of funds in the Club's account.

A member asked if funds were given to Clubs based on the Club's proposed activities for the year, and if Clubs were required to provide a year-end report on the disbursement of the funds received. Ms Marshall replied that a year-end review of club expenses, including those of the Rifle Club, would be done, following usual practice.

**On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD APPROVED that the Rifle Club be de-listed as a registered Hart House Club effective April 30, 2009.**

## **4. De-listing of the Revolver Club as a registered Hart House Club**

It was noted that the issues raised in the discussion of the de-listing of the Rifle Club also applied to the de-listing of the Revolver Club.

**On motion duly made and seconded, THE BOARD OF STEWARDS APPROVED THAT the Revolver Club be de-listed as a registered Hart House Club effective April 30, 2009.**

## 5. Appointment of Chair for Camera Club

Dr. Cowin explained that the current Chair of the Camera Club, Mr. Bill Dowkes, had been a member of the Camera Club for fifty years, and had served as Chair of the Camera Club since 1974. Dr. Tony Gray had been an active member of Hart House as an undergraduate, and, since returning to the University of Toronto in 2005, had become an instructor of Fine Art Photography for the Camera Club.

**On motion duly made and seconded, THE BOARD OF STEWARDS APPROVED  
Dr. Tony Gray as the chair of the Camera Club, effective February 13, 2009.**

## 6. Reports

### (a) Committee Activities and Significant Issues

#### ALUMNI

The Trivia Challenge was successful, attracting 50 participants, and the Alumni Committee wishes to thank the Catering Staff for their extraordinary help that night. The dinner series continues with dinners scheduled on February 17 and March 18. The annual Alumni Reception is scheduled for March 25, 2009.

#### ART

Funkaesthetics opened on February 12, 2009. A round table discussion to further explore ideas concerning funk as represented in the exhibition is being held on March 9. Figural Paths opened on January 29, and continues until March 13. The Art Committee and the Farm Committee are collaborating on a Garden Project to be held in 2010.

#### DEBATES

Two successful debates have been held. On March 4, 2009, the Debates Club and the Canadian International Council will present the discussion panel, *Trade and Foreign Aid: Can We Make Poverty History?* The topic of the annual Churchill Debate will be 'prorogue'. A high school tournament is currently being planned.

#### FARM

The Farm Committee is reviewing the risk management protocol. The Committee is currently dealing with an incident of vandalism involving residents from University College. As noted above, the Committee is collaborating with the Art Committee on a Garden Project.

#### FINANCE

The Council on Student Services (COSS) vote on the Hart House Budget will be held on February 27 at 3 pm. Sustainability initiatives of the House are currently being reviewed.

## **6. Reports (cont'd)**

### **(a) Committee Activities and Significant Issues (cont'd)**

#### **HOUSE**

The Committee Dinner raised \$1,165 for the University of Toronto Food and Clothing Drive. The application form for student members of 2009/10 Hart House Committees is being finalized. All Hart House Clubs will be invited to apply at the beginning of the year to become involved as partners in the 5 buck lunches.

#### **LITERARY AND LIBRARY**

Ronna Bloom, Writer-in-residence at Hart House, is leading a number of workshops, including *Panic-Free Poetry* on February 12, *How to Write Your Way Out of a Paper Bag* on February 27, and *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask (about Writing...)* on March 6.

#### **MUSIC**

Upcoming concerts include flautist Louise DiTullio performing music of Hollywood composers on March 1, and Lucy Zhang and Valentin Blomer on March 4. The Student Composer Concert is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, 2009.

#### **RECREATIONAL ATHLETICS**

The Ski Day held on January 29 was well attended. The next Ski Day is scheduled for March 10, 2009. The Hart House Bonspiel held on January 31 was fully subscribed. The Hart House Triathlon scheduled for February 14, 2009 is also fully subscribed.

A number of comments and suggestions were made at the Facilities Forum held in early February. No further action will be taken on the request for women's only hours in the Hart House weight room. The Athletic Centre offers women's only hours, and can offer such programming without closing facilities as it has more than one room available for the activity. Hart House has only one weight room.

The use of the Hart House facilities will be monitored informally. Staff will also monitor the use of and demand for privacy stalls in the men's change room.

Some complaints have been received concerning the use of the upper gym by large groups that are not booking the facility and are bringing in professional coaches. Hart House staff will be meeting with Athletics Centre staff to discuss the Athletics Centre policy that is in place for large groups.

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

The Trivia Night raised \$200 for a women's shelter. The Committee is reviewing its mission and mandate.

## 6. Reports (cont'd)

### (a) Committee Activities and Significant Issues (cont'd)

#### SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

No report.

#### THEATRE

*Jerry Springer – The Opera*, sold out 8 of 11 shows. *Arcadia*, the next production, opens on March 6. The University of Toronto Drama Festival is scheduled for February 26, 27 and 28. The Committee hopes to announce the 2009/10 season by early April 2009.

#### COMMITTEE on BUDGETS

Two allocations have been made from the Contingency Fund: \$234 to the Singers' Club, and \$785 to the Jazz Choir. The balance in the Contingency Fund is \$15,681.

A new template for budget allocation requests is being developed for 2009/10.

#### ADVANCEMENT

No report.

#### PROGRAMMING

Future events include:

February 20, 21, 22	Chess Tournament
February 25	Japanese Exchange 5 buck lunch
March 4	<i>Dealing with Grief</i> dinner
March 5	Black History Week 5 buck lunch
March 11	5 buck lunch sponsored by University College and Victoria College
March 13	Majora Carter: <i>Greening the Neighbourhood... &amp; How Much It Won't Cost Us</i>

### (b) Warden's Update

#### i) Budget

Dr. Cowin reported that the Hart House Budget had been reviewed by the Service Ancillary Review Group (SARG) and would be considered by the University Affairs Board on March 17.

#### ii) CIUT

Dr. Cowin advised members that work is scheduled to begin in May 2009 on the space that radio station CIUT would be moving into in August 2009.

**6. Reports (cont'd)****(b) Warden's Update (cont'd)****iii) Draft Mission Statement**

Dr. Cowin stated that two meetings had been held to review the draft mission statement.<sup>1</sup> There was agreement on the first sentence, but questions had been raised about the second sentence. Feedback was requested by the end of February. Revisions to the Mission Statement would be made based on the feedback received.

A member asked whether the Mission Statement would come to the Board of Stewards for approval. Dr. Cowin replied that she, Nicola Langille, and Matt McGeachy had met with Louis Charpentier, Secretary of the Governing Council, on February 6 to discuss the governance process. She had invited Mr. Charpentier to attend the March 12 meeting of the Board of Stewards to describe the distinction between administration and governance, and to clarify what matters should be brought to the Board for approval, approval in principle, or for information.

**(c) Other Board Members' Reports****ASSOCIATION OF PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (APUS)**

No report.

**GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION (GSU)**

No report.

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION (UTSU)**

No report.

**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

At its meeting on January 26, 2009, the Governing Council approved the appointment of Professor Cheryl Misak as Vice-President and Provost. The University had successfully resolved all but one of the 16 contracts with employee groups that were due to expire this year. The University of Toronto Faculty Association (UTFA) was still in negotiations with the University.

Budgets for 2008/09 were being reworked, and the 2009/10 budget was being developed. The provincial budget was expected at the end of March. The University was committed to protecting student financial assistance.

A member asked about the status of the Provost's Advisory Committee on Governance. Ms Vosburgh replied that the Committee had not met because there had been no agreement by student groups as to who should sit on the Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> *Hart House is a living laboratory of social, artistic, cultural, and recreational experiences where all voices, rhythms, and traditions converge. We encourage and support mindful engagement in our programming, services, activities, and communities. Our commitment to education in its true sense creates opportunities for self-knowledge and self-expression to take hold.*

**6. Reports (cont'd)**

**(c) Other Board Members' Reports (cont'd)**

**PRESIDENT'S DESIGNATE (STUDENT LIFE)**

No report

**U of T at SCARBOROUGH**

No report.

**U of T at MISSISSAUGA**

No report.

**7. Date of Next Meeting:** March 12, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the South Dining Room.

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

March 2, 2009