

Minutes of the 1,234th meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards, held on Thursday, February 10th, 2011, at 5:30 pm in the South Dining Room.

- Present:
- Dr. Louise Cowin (Warden)
 - Ms. Sophia Alifirova (Literary and Library Committee Secretary)
 - Mr. Zeljko Bavcevic (RAC Secretary)
 - Ms. Anita Comella (Presidential Appointee)
 - Mr. Kenneth Davy (Governing Council Appointee)
 - Mr. Matt Dreger (Alumni Committee)
 - Mr. Justin Goldenthal (APUS Appointee)
 - Mr. Keith Ho (House Committee Secretary)
 - Ms. Vanessa Laufer (Chair)
 - Ms. Clara Luke (Farm Committee Secretary)
 - Ms. Maria Pilar Galvez (UTSU Appointee)
 - Mr. Victor Platt (Debates Committee)
 - Mr. Matthew Poot (Music Committee)
 - Mr. Naufil Rasheed (Finance Committee Secretary)
 - Mr. Nikita Reznik (GSU Appointee)
 - Dr. Johanne Rohberge (RAC Senior Member)
 - Mr. Munib Sajad (UTM Representative)
 - Dr. Helen Slade (Presidential Appointee)
 - Ms. Emily Smit-Dicks (Art Committee Secretary)
- Ms. Amanda Greener (Assistant to the Warden; Recording Secretary)
- Guests:
- Mr. Michael De Angelis (Director of Program Administration)
 - Mr. Chris Lea (Facilities Manager)
 - Ms. Rita O'Brien (Director, Operations and Finance)
- Regrets:
- Ms. Lucy Fromowitz (President [*ex officio*] Designate)
 - Ms. Phoebe Uguy (Theatre Committee Secretary)
 - Ms. Kelly Robertson-Reinhart (Social Justice Committee Secretary)

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 13th, 2011

The minutes of the 1,233rd meeting held on January 13th, 2011, were approved.

3. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. New Business

Louise Cowin introduced Dr. Johanne Rohberge as the RAC Senior Member serving on the Board.

a) Appointment of Chair, RAC—Motion—Louise Cowin, Warden

The warden provided a synopsis of Christopher Lang's professional background and affiliation with Hart House, and recommended him to the Board as the Chair of the Recreational Athletics Committee.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD APPROVED Christopher Lang as the chair of the Recreational Athletics Committee, effective February 10, 2011.

b) Governance Process for Election of 2011 – 2012 Standing Committee Secretaries—Motion—Michael De Angelis, Director of Programme Administration

Michael De Angelis spoke to the elections policy and governance process, and provided a background on the history of the election process at Hart House. He highlighted the issue of representation (only one contested position for 2010-11), noting that it is necessary to have fuller representation of the student body and extend our reach. The warden expressed that she would like to speak with the current Board of Stewards student secretaries about their experiences in order to leverage these leadership opportunities on our new website, hopefully resulting in a greater interest in running for positions. Transition planning for outgoing-incoming secretaries will also be a focus moving forward.

The secretary of the House Committee, Keith Ho, made a brief presentation, addressing the lack of candidacy in Hart House committees, and sought to propose a new motion to alter the committee structure. The chair spoke to procedural issues in proposing a new motion that had not already been approved at the agenda planning committee.

Several Board members expressed interest in the issues that Keith raised but maintained that the proposed motion had not undergone due process prior to being put to a vote. The warden noted that this was a significant change to the motion as it existed on the agenda—one that had been approved by the House Committee only 10 days previously.

In light of discussion around the table, Keith withdrew his request to put forward the motion at this time.

The warden thanked Keith for his presentation and ideas. She agreed that we need to get to the bottom of committee structure in time, and engage students in meaningful ways to take up leadership opportunities.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD APPROVED the House Committee's Governance report be accepted, and its recommendations be implemented for 2011-12.

c) Committee Reports

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

- Art Committee;
- Debates Committee;
- Farm Committee;
- Finance Committee;

- Literary and Library Committee;
- Recreational Athletics Committee.

5. Warden's Update

a) Warden's roundtable

Committee Mandates/Terms of Reference

The warden reminded committee secretaries that committee mandates/terms of reference are due on February 18th. She advised that secretaries should contact their programme advisors if they are still in need of guidance with the process.

Warden's Roundtable

The second warden's roundtable was held last Thursday, February 3rd with all committees represented; last night (February 9th) a roundtable was held for clubs members. The sessions introduced the website and showcased how it can function for committees. The Marketing and Communications Department is developing tutorials, both as online tools and in-person tutorials. A communication will be sent out shortly regarding dates and timeframes for committee web pages to migrate over to the new Hart House site and the process by which this will take place. Committees will have the basic bones of their new committee pages in place to start the 2011/12 year.

Council on Student Services presentation

The warden acknowledged the tireless work that Director of Operations and Finance, Rita O'Brien, and her team put in to have the operating budget ready for vote at the last meeting. She did want to provide additional context to the budget, by illustrating what Hart House has to offer through an abridged version of her presentation to the Council on Student Services (COSS). Through her presentation, the warden outlined the diverse, compelling, meaningful programming offered at Hart House, and spoke in particular to the programming that committees themselves have organized or partnered in.

General discussion ensued regarding bidding the central administration to provide some money towards our operating costs.

6. Other Business and Announcements

There was no other business.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 10th: 5 – 5:30 PM (Social, North Dining Room), 5:30 – 7 PM (Meeting, South Dining Room). (Note: the meeting was since postponed until Thursday, March 24th, in the South Sitting Room.)

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary

March 15, 2011