

Minutes of the 1,229<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards, held on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Reading Room.

- Present: Ms Vanessa Laufer (Chair)  
Dr. Louise Cowin (Warden)  
Mr. Adam Awad (UTSU Appointee)  
Ms Kate Bruce-Lockhart (Social Justice Committee)  
Ms Sarah Crowther (Literary and Library Committee)  
Mr. Keith Ho (House Committee)  
Ms Clara Luke (Farm Committee)  
Mr. Victor Platt (Debates Committee)  
Mr. Matthew Poot (Music Committee)  
Ms Jacqueline Raaflaub (RAC)  
Ms Jessica Rose (Theatre Committee)  
Dr. Helen Slade (Presidential Appointee)  
Mr. Gregory West (GSU Appointee)  
Mr. Victor Wong (Finance Committee)  
Ms Taraneh Zarin (RAC)
- Ms Cristina Oke (Recording Secretary)
- Guests: Mr. Michael De Angelis (Director of Program Administration)  
Mr. Chris Lea (Facilities Manager)  
Ms Rita O'Brien (Director, Operations and Finance)  
Mr. Allan Shatzky (Coordinator, Special Projects)  
Mr. Paul Templin (Director, Program Development)
- Regrets: Mr. Matt Dreger (Alumni Committee)  
Ms Lucy Fromowitz (President (*ex officio*) or Designate)  
Mr. Grant Gonzales (Governing Council Appointee)  
Ms Klara Kovar (Art Committee)
- Absent: Ms Sarah Bailey (House Committee)  
Ms Anita Camella (Presidential Appointee)  
Mr. Matt Jackson (UTM Appointee)  
Mr. Jeff Peters (APUS Appointee)  
UTSC Representative

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

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

### **2. Minutes of Meeting of February 25, 2010**

The minutes of the 1,228<sup>th</sup> meeting held on February 25, 2010 were approved.

### **3. Business Arising**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

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

##### **a) 2008 – 2009 Audited Financial Statements**

Ms O'Brien reported that the Audit Sub-Committee had met with the auditors and had been told that the audit had been clean. The Finance Committee had reviewed the financial statements at their meeting of March 18, 2010, and recommended approval of the statements to the Board of Stewards.

Ms O'Brien explained that the Board of Stewards were receiving the audited financial statements later than usual due mainly to a complex research grant received by the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery from the Ministry of Canadian Heritage that had specific reporting requirements. In the future, the financial reporting procedures will be implemented at the inception of each new grant and will be established in a manner that mirrors the financial reporting requirements of the funding agency.

Ms O'Brien reviewed the highlights of the audited financial statements. The excess of revenue over expenses from operations in 2008 – 09 had been \$120,284, a decrease of \$389,577 from 2007 – 08. The main expense was salaries and benefits. A member asked whether the excess of revenue over expenses was targeted for a specific purpose. Ms O'Brien replied that it rolled over into general revenue.

**On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD APPROVED the Hart House 2008 – 09 Audited Financial Statements.**

##### **b) Committee Reports**

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

- Art Committee;
- Debates Committee;
- Farm Committee;
- Recreational Athletics Committee;
- Social Justice Committee.

#### **5. Warden's Update**

##### **a) Thank You**

Dr. Cowin congratulated Ms O'Brien and her staff on their work with respect to the audited financial statements.

##### **b) 2010 – 2011 Budget**

Dr. Cowin explained that the 2010 – 2011 Hart House budget had been approved by the Service Ancillaries Review Group (SARG) and by the University Affairs Board. The Graduate Students' Union (GSU) was the only student group at the Council on Student Services (COSS) that supported the budget. As a result, the approved budget has a 1 ½% base budget increase, and a

2% increase that is in place for three years only.

## **5. Warden's Update (cont'd)**

### **c) Exhibition Space**

Dr. Cowin noted that the structure which was being used for the meeting had been approved for exhibition until March 31, 2010 in the Reading Room by the Board of Stewards at its December meeting. It had been suggested that the structure remain in the Reading Room until mid-August. After discussion, it was agreed that the structure would remain in place until mid-August, and, at a future meeting, the Board would discuss whether a more permanent installation should be considered.

### **d) Governance**

Dr. Cowin noted that this was the final meeting of the 2009 – 10 Board of Stewards, and thanked members for attending. She acknowledged the work of those who were not continuing on the Board: Kate Bruce-Lockhart, Sarah Crowther, Jessica Rose, Gregory West and Taraneh Zarin, and congratulated Adam Awad on his election as President of the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU).

The first meeting of the 2010 – 11 Board of Stewards will be held on May 6, 2010, with members of the current Board who were not continuing invited to attend.

## **6. Other Business**

### **a) Council on Student Services (COSS)**

Mr. Awad distributed copies of the letter that had been sent by UTSU to members of the University Affairs Board explaining that UTSU had not supported the budgets of Hart House, Student Life and the co-curricular programs of the Faculty of Physical Education and Health because of the lack of central support for the services provided by these groups.

### **b) Elections**

Several members noted that there had been a substantial decline in the number of applications received for executive positions on Hart House clubs and committees, and asked whether applications could be accepted for vacant positions even though the deadline for applying had passed. Dr. Cowin suggested that the House Committee address this issue and bring a recommendation forward to the next meeting.

### **c) University of Toronto Arts Council**

The Chair informed members that a newly-created award for student engagement in the Arts would be announced shortly. <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.arts.utoronto.ca/student-art-award.htm>

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2010 in the Reading Room. Refreshments will be available at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. This is a joint meeting for members of the 2009 – 2010 and the 2010 – 2011 Board of Stewards.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

April 5, 2010