

Minutes of the 1,225th meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards, held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the South Dining Room.

- Present: Ms Vanessa Laufer (Chair)
Dr. Louise Cowin (Warden)
Ms. Sarah Bailey (House Committee)
Ms. Kate Bruce-Lockhart (Social Justice Committee)
Ms. Sarah Crowther (Literary and Library Committee)
Mr. Matt Dreger (Alumni Committee)
Ms. Lucy Fromowitz (Presidential Appointee)
Ms. Klara Kovar (Art Committee)
Ms. Ellie Louson (GSU, on behalf of Mr. Greg West)
Ms. Clara Luke (Farm Committee)
Mr. Victor Platt (Debates Committee)
Ms. Jacqueline Raaflaub (RAC)
Ms. Jessica Rose (Theatre Committee)
Mr. Victor Wong (Finance Committee)
Ms. Taraneh Zarin (RAC)
- Mr. Mauro Barillas (Acting Recording Secretary)
- Guests: Mr. Michael De Angelis (Director, Programme Administration)
Ms. Rita O'Brien (Director, Operations and Finance)
Mr. Allan Shatzky (Coordinator, Special Projects)
Ms. Lynette Spence (Coordinator, Equity and Diversity Initiatives)
Mr. Paul Templin (Director, Programme Development)
- Regrets: Mr. Adam Awad (UTSU Appointee)
Ms Anita Camella (Presidential Appointee)
Mr. Gregory West (GSU Appointee)
- Absent: Mr. Grant Gonzales (Governing Council Appointee)
Mr. Matthew Poot (Music Committee)
APUS Appointee
Presidential Appointee
UTM Representative
UTSC Representative

Introductory Remarks

The Chair called the meeting to order and asked members to introduce themselves.

The Warden indicated that, due to the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. Mauro Barillas would act in that capacity for this meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Minutes of the 1, 225th Meeting*

A general discussion ensued with regard to the degree of detail presented in the minutes of the October 8th meeting. It was agreed that it would be helpful to have Louis Charpentier, Secretary of Governing Council, attend the next Board meeting to explain the purpose of meeting minutes.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD APPROVED the decision to table discussion on this matter for the next meeting.

3. Business Arising**a) Committee on Budgets' Policies and Recommendations***

Following up on a motion approved at the meeting of May 7, 2009:

That the policies and recommendations proposed by the Committee on Budgets be approved in the fall 2009

the Board confirmed approval of the Policies and Recommendations of the Committee on Budgets with assurance from the Warden that no student would be excluded from participation due to financial hardship.

The Chair alerted the Board of the need for clarification with the Committee on Budgets with respect to its policies and recommendations as to whether or not its decisions on matters such as the original case presented on May 7, required final Board approval.

4. New Business**a) Presentation of the University of Toronto Art Collection Policy***

The Warden presented a brief summary and highlights of the University of Toronto Art Collection Policy, and discussion ensued.

b) Committee Reports*

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

- Alumni Committee;
- Finance Committee;
- Art Committee;
- Debates Committee;
- House Committee;
- Literary and Library Committee;
- Social Justice Committee;
- Theatre Committee;
- Recreational Athletics Committee.

5) Warden's Update

The Warden provided an update with regard to the recent administrative changes in the House and outlined the process that was used to select the directors for the new positions.

Dr. Cowin also introduced the new incumbents – Paul Templin, Director of Program Development and Michael De Angelis, Director of Program Administration – with biographical and career summaries.

The Warden further indicated that plans were underway to recognize the contributions and service of Sandy Henderson, Director, Athletics and Membership and Laney Marshall, Director of Programme.

Dr. Cowin elaborated on some of the challenges that delayed completion of the work in the athletics facilities and shared information on the status of this renovation project.

In response to a question from a Board member requesting further information regarding the length of time taken for the selection and hiring of the two new directors, the Warden replied that she had carefully followed all university and HR policies and procedures, and had consulted with senior HR personnel and senior university administrators.

6) Other Business & Announcements

The Assistant Vice-President, Student Life, provided several timely announcements about H1N1 vaccination clinics and student H1N1-related absences from class.

A request was made by a Board member to provide the Director of Athletics and Membership and the Director of Programme with lifetime memberships to Hart House. The Warden replied that this matter would be referred to the Social Committee and that she would report back to the Board at the December 3rd meeting.

The Secretary of the Debates Committee announced an upcoming panel on H1N1 involving medical professionals.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM.