

Minutes of the 1,216th meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards, held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 5:00 pm in the South Dining Room.

Present: Ms. Lisa Punnett (Chair)
Dr. Louise Cowin (Warden)
Ms. Corrine Aberdeen (Literary and Library Committee)
Mr. Nouman Ashraf (Presidential Appointee)
Mr. Christopher Charles (GSU Appointee)
Mr. Matt Dreger (Alumni Committee)
Ms. Lucy Fromowitz (President (*ex officio*) or Designate)
Professor Bruce Kidd (Presidential Appointee)
Mr. Adam Kowalczewski (Finance Committee)
Mr. Alexander Levy (Debates Committee)
Mr. Matt McGeachy (Theatre Committee)
Ms. Ewa Modlinska (Farm Committee)
Mr. Adnan Najmi (University of Toronto Students' Union Appointee)
Ms. Jacqueline Raaflaub (RAC Senior Member)
Ms. Camille Sahula (Social Justice Committee)
Ms. Joanna Sheridan (Art Committee)
Ms. Elizabeth Vosburgh (GC Appointee)
Ms. Elizabeth Wooster (RAC)

Ms. Cristina Oke (Recording Secretary)

Guests: Mr. Ken Brocklehurst (Director of Finance & Info Technology)
Ms. Erin Fitzgerald (Revolver and Rifle Clubs)
Mr. Courtney Gibson (Revolver and Rifle Clubs)
Mr. Sandy Henderson (Director, Athletics & Membership)
Ms. Erika Loic (Revolver and Rifle Clubs)
Mr. Greg Maloney (Revolver and Rifle Clubs)
Ms. Laney Marshall (Director of Programme)
Mr. Michel Mersereau (Marketing Manager)
Ms. Caroline Pereira (Senior Development Officer)
Mr. Dennis Pyle (Revolver and Rifle Clubs)
Mr. Allan Shatzky (Coordinator, Special Projects)
Ms. Kim Senior (Rifle Club)
Mr. Paul Templin (Manager, Hart House Theatre)

Regrets: Mr. Anthony Chiu (Music Committee))

Absent Ms. Nicola Langille (House Committee)
APUS Appointee
UTM Rep
UTSC Rep

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting of the Board of Stewards, and invited all those present to introduce themselves.

2. Revolver and Rifle Clubs—Second Semester Funding

Mr. McGeachy reminded members that, at the May 2008 meeting, it had been agreed that the Board of Stewards would discuss the continued support of Hart House for the live-fire activities of the Revolver and Rifle Clubs in the fall, and decide on the allocation of the remaining budget for the Clubs. He noted that the Revolver and Rifle Clubs were required to hold their live-fire activities off-campus as firearms were not permitted on campus.

Mr. Courtney Gibson, Mr. Dennis Pyle and Ms. Erika Loic described the activities of the Revolver and Rifle Clubs, including the following points:

- The Clubs teach and train students in the sport of shooting.
- Members of the Revolver and Rifle Clubs learn the skills of focus and discipline as part of the activity.
- The Revolver Club has 111 members; the Rifle Club has 79 members.
- The Clubs provide an opportunity for members of the University community to participate in the shooting sports for a membership fee of \$15; the cost for participating in the shooting sports outside of University could total approximately \$1,600.
- The number of competitive opportunities in the shooting sports is increasing.
- Thirty-eight Universities offer range sports, including two others in Canada: Bishop's and Memorial.
- Trained leaders of the Revolver and Rifle Clubs support firearms training for students in academic units such as the Department of Geology and the Faculty of Forestry who require such training for fieldwork.

The following points were made in discussion.

Mandate and Priorities of Hart House

- One of the priorities of Hart House is to attract more students.
 - The Revolver and Rifle Clubs are popular with students.
 - Prior to the relocation of its activities, the Revolver and Rifle Clubs were the most popular clubs at Hart House.
- One of the mandates of Hart House is to support educational activities within the University Community.
- Hart House cannot be all things to all people.
 - Funding reflects values and choices.

2. Revolver and Rifle Clubs—Second Semester Funding (cont'd)

Off-Campus Activities

- How are the off-campus activities of the Revolver and Rifle Clubs different from activities of the Farm Committee, the Underwater Committee or ski trips organized by Hart House?
 - The Farm Committee is responsible for the Hart House farm property, while funding for the Underwater Committee covers the use of the Athletics Centre pool and members pay to participate in off-campus activities.
- The off-campus activities of the Revolver and Rifle Clubs are not an issue; the issue is whether the activities of the Clubs are congruent with the mission of Hart House.

Symbolism

- Are the symbols that guns represent to many individuals (such as hate, violence, intolerance) an appropriate association for Hart House?
- Is it the role of members of the Board of Stewards to judge the symbolism of activities in Hart House according to their personally-held views?

Reasons to Support Motion

- The Revolver and Rifle Clubs have been responsible and accountable for their activities.
- The activities of the Revolver and Rifle Clubs are not furthering the symbolic significance of guns.
- The Revolver and Rifle Clubs promote healthy competition and bring people to Hart House.

On an equality of votes, THE BOARD DEFEATED the motion duly made and seconded

THAT the remainder of the Revolver and Rifle Clubs' 2008/2009 budget (\$5,650) be granted to permit the continuation of live fire programming at off-campus ranges.

3. Revolver and Rifle Clubs—Air Rifle and Air Pistol Activities

Mr. Pyle explained that most air rifles and air pistols were not classified as firearms according to the Firearms Act and Criminal Code and therefore their use would not be restricted at Hart House. Air rifle and air pistol activities at the Hart House range would allow the Clubs to resume direct on-campus programming and would allow increased student involvement in the running of the range. Since air pistol and air rifle competition is growing in popularity, the introduction of these activities would provide new opportunities for participation for students.

Discussion

Funding

- Since the motion regarding the granting of the remainder of the Clubs' 2008/09 budget had been defeated, how would the proposed new activities be funded?
 - The Clubs could request contingency funding from the Committee on Budgets for the proposed activities.

3. Revolver and Rifle Clubs—Air Rifle and Air Pistol Activities (cont'd)

Discussion (cont'd)

Transport of Air Rifles and Air Pistols on Campus

- Would individuals bring their own air rifles and air pistols to the Hart House range, or would air rifles and air pistols that Hart House would have to purchase be used?
- The issue of whether or not individuals could bring their own air rifles and air pistols to the Hart House range would have to be addressed and approved by the Board of Stewards at a future meeting if permission was granted at this meeting for air rifle and air pistol activities to begin in the Hart House range.
- Only a small group of individuals with appropriate certification could bring their own air rifle and/or air pistol to the Hart House Range.

Symbolism

- Air rifles and air pistols may be used as weapons.
- The symbolism of guns remains with air rifles and air pistols, and is an inappropriate association for Hart House.
- It is not appropriate for members of the Board of Stewards to make decisions based on personal ideology.
- Does the vision of the University administration concerning activities available to students match that of students?
- Shooting is an activity, not a symbol.
- Things that shoot are being conflated with things that kill.
- University is a place where students can learn by being challenged.
- Students do not learn when feeling threatened.
- Hart House is a workplace where guns are not wanted.

On an equality of votes, THE BOARD DEFEATED the motion duly made and seconded

THAT permission be granted for air pistol and air rifle activities to take place on the Hart House Range.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD APPROVED THAT the order of business on the agenda be varied.

4. Communications and Marketing

Dr. Cowin reminded members that, at the September meeting, the Board had approved in principle the authority of senior management, with a group of students, to pursue and secure revenue and partnerships through advertising on and within Hart House space. The Board had also approved the striking of a sub-committee to work out the details of implementation and to report back to the Board.

It was proposed that senior management pursue advertising-based revenue and partnerships governed by an advertising sub-committee. The Terms of Reference of the advertising sub-committee defined its membership as the Marketing and Communications Manager, the Senior Development Officer, one student member of the Recreational Athletics Committee (RAC),

4. **Communications and Marketing (cont'd)**

one student member of the House Committee and one additional student member of a Committee. At least one of the three students must be the Secretary of a Committee.

Advertisers and partners must be approved by the Division of University Advancement (DUA), and must not conflict with existing affinity partnerships solicited by DUA. A member of the Board of Stewards may call for a review of advertising-based revenue and partnerships at any time.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD APPROVED

THAT Hart House senior management pursue advertising-based revenue and partnerships governed by an advertising sub-committee.

That a sub-committee be struck to govern the placement, proportions and prospects for advertising in Hart House.

In favour:	12
Opposed:	1 (Christopher Charles)
Abstentions:	3 (Adam Kowalczewski Alexander Levy Matt McGeachy)

5. **2007-08 Audited Financial Statements**

Mr. Brocklehurst presented the 2007 – 08 Audited Financial Statements and highlighted the following points.

Process

- The preparation of the financial statements is the responsibility of management.
- The auditors provide advice and guidance on future accounting policy changes.
- The statements have been audited by chartered accountants Ernst & Young who also audit the University of Toronto's financial statements.
- Final copies of the statements will be issued upon the approval of the Board of Stewards.
- The audit sub-committee of the Finance Committee meets with the audit partner and audit manager twice—once prior to the audit to establish terms of reference and expectations, and once after the audit to ensure that there were no problems with the audit and that the auditor's independence was not compromised.
 - The audit sub-committee also receives any recommendations or comments that the auditors may make based on their observations during the audit.
 - As a result of one of the recommendations made at the prior year's audit committee meeting, management met with the auditors on a quarterly basis prior to year end to discuss various emerging accounting issues so the problems did not have to be addressed during the audit. These meetings will continue in the coming year.
- The audit sub-committee met on October 1, 2008, to review the audited financial statements and the audit report.
- The Finance Committee reviewed the statements on October 8, 2008.

5. 2007-08 Audited Financial Statements (cont'd)

Highlights of Financial Statements

- The Auditor's Report expressed a clean unqualified opinion.
- The net increase in cash position during the year was \$667,671.
- The net decrease in capital assets was \$2,194, which is the capital expenditures during the year less depreciation expense.
- The investment in endowment capital assets includes a loss of \$26,344, which was deducted from the book value, rather than commented on in the notes, as had been done in previous years.
- There was an excess of revenue over expenses from operations of \$509,961.
- An additional category has been added to both revenue and expenses for project related restricted donations and grants to provide further transparency on the use of funds.
- Deferred and major maintenance expenditures charged to operations amounted to \$114,328.
- The 2007 – 08 fiscal year was the first full year of operations of Sammy's Student Exchange located in the Arbor Room; \$78,000 of license fee income is included in sundry revenue.

Notes to Financial Statements

- In Section 2 of the notes, two paragraphs have been added describing accounting policy changes, and there is new wording of the paragraphs on investments, investment income and future accounting policy changes.

In response to a question on endowments, Mr. Brocklehurst explained that Hart House endowments were managed by the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation (UTAM).

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD APPROVED the Hart House 2007 – 08 Audited Financial Statements.

6. Minutes of Meeting of September 18, 2008

The minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2008, were amended as follows:

On page 4, the first sentence of the Advancement Report was revised for clarity:

The Advancement Office is currently writing a case of the funding priorities of Hart House for the Division of University Advancement.

On page 8, the first two sentences of the report of the Graduate Students' Union (GSU) were revised to read:

The Graduate Students' Union (GSU) represents 14,000 students and is the largest graduate student union in Canada. The issues that the GSU plans to focus on in 2008/09 include UHIP for international students, post-residency fees, and outreach and lobbying in conjunction with CUPE 3902.

The minutes of the 1,215th meeting held on September 18, 2008, were approved as amended.

7. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

8. Reports

(a) Committee Activities and Significant Issues

ALUMNI

Three sub-committees have been established and two new student members have joined the Committee. The first of the Hart House Dinner Series is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, with guest speaker Dr. David Naylor.

ART

The Outreach sub-committee of the Art Committee is planning events for 2008/09.

DEBATES

A number of debates are being planned for 2008/09. Possible topics include Canada's Relationship with Dictators, the U.S. Election, Copyright, and Internet Censorship in Asia.

FARM

No report.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee has struck three sub-committees: Room Utilization, Review of UofTTIX, and Regular Maintenance/Betterment of Capital Assets. Matt McGeachy asked that the Theatre Committee be informed about the activities of the Review of UofTTIX.

HOUSE

No report

LITERARY AND LIBRARY

The Literary and Library Committee hosted a reading on September 20 and met on October 2. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for October 30.

MUSIC

No report.

RECREATIONAL ATHLETICS

The Recreational Athletics Committee held its second meeting on October 8. The Committee mandate is being reviewed. Planning for ski days and the triathlon has begun. On October 19, RAC will partner with the Toronto Marathon to allow participants to shower at Hart House after the marathon.

8. Reports (cont'd)

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Committee is waiting for results of elections. The Committee is planning the Trick or Eat Hallowe'en event that collects canned food for the Hart House food bank.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

No report.

THEATRE

King Lear, the first production of the 2008/09 season, has been a success. The Program sub-committee will be struck on October 17. The Canadian Theatre Museum will open on October 27. The next production of the 2008/09 season—*Banana Boys*—will run from November 12 to 15, 2008. Ms. Fromowitz suggested that information about *Banana Boys* be distributed on the listserv for international students.

COMMITTEE on BUDGETS

The Committee on Budgets granted contingency funding of \$1,003 to the Bridge Club. The amount remaining in the Contingency Fund is \$17,650.

ADVANCEMENT

No report.

(b) WARDEN'S UPDATE

i) Congratulations

Dr. Cowin congratulated Barbara Fischer and the student volunteers who were involved in Nuit Blanche. She also congratulated the Hart House Theatre for the success of *King Lear*.

ii) Hancock Lecture

Dr. Cowin reported that planning was underway for the Hancock Lecture, which was scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

iii) Relocation of CIUT

Dr. Cowin noted that the Annual General Meeting of CIUT was being held on October 16. Due to administrative delays, the relocation of CIUT to Hart House would likely not happen until the summer 2009.

8. Reports (cont'd)

(b) WARDEN'S UPDATE (cont'd)

iv) Varsity Article

Dr. Cowin stated that an opinion piece had been published in the Varsity newspaper that made several allegations about Sammy's. Dr. Cowin reported that it seemed that the opinion had been written by a dissatisfied former employee of Sammy's and the facts included in the article had not been checked. Dr. Cowin stated that she had written a response to the article. It was noted that a number of respondents on the Varsity's electronic blog had criticized the article.

(c) Other Board Members' Reports

ASSOCIATION OF PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (APUS)

No report.

GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION (GSU)

The Graduate Students' Union (GSU) is officially opposed to *Towards 2030*, the vision for the future of the University. It is encouraging all students to vote in the plebiscite organized by the University of Toronto Students' Union (see below for details). GSU is particularly concerned with the commercialization of research.

GSU is part of the U of T Drop Fees Coalition and is encouraging student participation in the Ontario-wide Day of Action on November 5. Representatives have met with President David Naylor, Professor Susan Pfeiffer, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (SGS), and Professor Jill Matus, Vice-Provost, Students, to request that students will not be penalized for missing class on November 5. Ms. Fromowitz noted that a memo concerning November 5 had been circulated to Principals, Deans, Academic Directors and Chairs (PDAD&C).¹

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' UNION (UTSU)

The University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) has organized a plebiscite with the question "Are you in favour of the University of Toronto administration's call to fully deregulate tuition and ancillary fees?" Voting takes place at various locations on campus on October 20, 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All students and staff with a valid T Card or University of Toronto issued identification with a barcode and 16-digit identification number are eligible to vote.

UTSU participated in Nuit Blanche by distributing candy and popcorn to campus visitors.

¹ http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/public/pdadc/0809/Student_Day_of_Action_-_November_5_2008.htm

8. Reports (cont'd)**(c) Other Board Members' Reports****GOVERNING COUNCIL**

The Governing Council will consider *Towards 2030: A Long-term Planning Framework for the University of Toronto* at its meeting on October 23. The *Towards 2030* planning document was released by the President in June 2007, followed by more than 40 presentations and consultation sessions. Five Task Forces were established to consider issues and questions arising out of the consultation: Long-term Enrolment Strategy, Institutional Organization², University Resources, University Relations and Context and University Governance. Information about *Towards 2030* is available at <http://www.towards2030.utoronto.ca/>

PRESIDENT'S DESIGNATE (STUDENT LIFE)

No report.

U of T at SCARBOROUGH

No report.

U of T at MISSISSAUGA

No report.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** November 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary

October 27, 2008

² Ms Vosburgh served as Co-Chair of this Task Force.