Minutes of the 1326th meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards held on Thursday, December 1st, 2022, in-person at the Hart House Burwash Room and virtually on Zoom Video Conferencing.

Present: Voting Members:
Dianne Acuna (APUS Representative)
Liliana Bechtold (Steward, Student Literary and Library Committee)
Kathryn Beukeboom (Steward, Student Farm Committee)
Robert Fisher (Steward, Community Members Committee)
Advika Gudi (Steward, Student Social Justice Committee)
Hasna Hafidzah (Steward, Student Debates and Dialogue Committee)
David Kim (Governing Council Appointee)
Sherry Kulman (Interim Warden)
David Newman (Presidential [ex-officio] Designate)
Lucas Olmstead (Steward, Finance Committee)
Jamie Sit (Steward, Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Committee)
Samara Tower (Steward, Student Theatre Committee)
Yihang (Jake) Xu (Steward, Music Committee)

Non-Voting Members:
Paul Bagus (Recording Secretary)
Terry Gardiner (Chair)

Guests:
Davina Chan (Senior Director, Marketing, Communications, and Information Services & Chief Marketing Officer)
Jimmy Cheung (Director, Facilities and Capital Projects)
Doug Floyd (Director, Theatre and Performance Art)
Jenifer Newcombe (Director, Strategic Initiatives)
Stan Xiao (Director, Finance)

Regrets:
Beth Ali (Presidential Appointee)
Thai Higashihara (SCSU Representative)
Yanmeng Li (Steward, Student Art Committee)
Victoria Liu (UTSU Representative)
Lwanga Musisi (GSU Representative)
Reagan Roopnarine (UTMSU Representative)
Nadia Rosemond (Presidential Appointee and Presiding Officer)
1. **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement** (Terry Gardiner, Chair and Samara Tower, Steward, Student Theatre Committee)

Terry Gardiner (Chair) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 1326th meeting of the Board of Stewards. Samara Tower provided the land acknowledgment.

2. **Approval of the 1,326th Meeting Agenda** (Terry Gardiner, Chair)

The Chair asked if there were any amendments to be made to the agenda and none were presented. The following motion to approve the agenda was made by Robert Fisher, seconded by Kathryn Beukeboom.

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Stewards approve the agenda of the 1,326th Meeting.*

The motion was carried by voting members of the Board of Stewards.

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the 1,325th Meeting** (Terry Gardiner, Chair)

The Chair asked if there were any amendments to be made to the Minutes from the November 3rd, 2022 Board of Stewards meeting and none were presented. The following motion to approve the Minutes was made by Lucas Olmstead, seconded by Liliana Bechtold.

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Stewards approve the Minutes of the 1,325th Meeting.*

The motion was carried by voting members of the Board of Stewards.

4. **Committee Presentation: Community Members Committee** (Robert Fisher, Steward, Community Members Committee)

The Steward of the Community Members Committee (CMC), Robert (Bob) Fisher, presented an overview of the committee’s mandate, key activities, and events. The Committee’s mandate is to foster networks between students, alumni, faculty, staff, and the broader community for the overall enhancement of the Hart House experience. The CMC celebrates and enables the meaningful contributions of non-student members to the life of the House, while contributing to institutional memory. They also facilitate inter-generational connections, camaraderie and shared co-curricular activities between student and non-student members of Hart House.

One of the core activities organized by the Community Members Committee is the Alumni-Student Dinner Series. This series features guest speakers from various educational and professional backgrounds to give talks on various issues over dinner. In November, 50 guests including 25 students, gathered to hear Peter Kent’s talk on the media’s role in the age of Fake News.

The CMC continue to offer weekly life drawing sessions on Thursdays, which have been popular. Lately they have been experiencing no-shows for some registered participants and to possibly curb this, the CMC is putting in a minimal $7.50 fee for students to book the class starting in January 2023. In March, the CMC is planning on holding a reception to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Women’s admittance to Hart House. After the meeting, resources were shared to the Board of Stewards to podcasts that speak about the history of exclusion of women from Hart House by Michelle Landsberg and Linda Silver Dranoff. The links to these resources are listed below:

5. Hart House Election Presentation (Jenifer Newcombe, Director of Strategic Initiatives)

Jenifer Newcombe introduced the 2023-24 Elections Process and went over important dates and responsibilities during the election period. The elections are held to fill the role of Student Chair for 9 of the Hart House Standing Committees. University of Toronto students are eligible to run as Student Chairs if they have previously served as a member of a Hart House Standing Committee and will remain a student for the 2023-24 school year.

The process includes the creation of an Election Commission that provides oversight over the elections process. The commission is composed of the Chair of the Board of Stewards, who will serve as the Chief Returning Officer, and two (2) non-returning current student members of Hart House standing committees recruited who are known as Deputy Returning Officers. The elections commission meets three times throughout the winter term to confirm the elections process, confirm the nominees, and confirm the result of the elections. The Elections Commission will also provide a report to the Board of Stewards on March 2\textsuperscript{nd} to update the Board on the results of the election and any recommendations to the process.

Alongside the elections process, there is also a recruitment for voting and non-voting positions to fill the committee roles for the next academic year. Hart House staff will provide a general marketing push to recruit new members for all the committees. Each Committee is tasked with doing their own specific outreach with their own messaging to their networks across all three campuses.

a. **Motion to Approve the appointment of the 2023 Hart House Elections Commission** (Sherry Kulman, Interim Warden)

b. **Motion to Approve that the 2023 Hart House Elections Commission hold University-wide elections** (Sherry Kulman, Interim Warden)

The following two-part motion was made by the Interim Warden, seconded by Jake Xu.

**THerefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Stewards approve the appointment of the Hart House Elections Commission and that the Board of Stewards approve that the Hart House Elections Commission hold University-wide elections.

The motion was carried by voting members of the Board of Stewards.

6. Committee Presentation: Finance Committee (Lucas Olmstead, Finance Committee)

Finance Committee Steward, Lucas Olmstead, provided an overview of the committee’s work to help students learn valuable skills in financial management. The Finance Committee encourages students from various educational disciplines and lived experiences to join the committee, which also includes staff members and community members from all three campuses. The committee meets every two weeks. During the regular monthly meeting, the non-student members of the committee review the financial operations of the house and then the subsequent meeting is held solely for the student members to connect.

The Finance Committee regularly holds Financial Literacy Workshops, which are delivered in partnership with the Certified Public Accountants of Ontario (CPA Ontario). These workshops are offered to UofT students throughout the year both in-person and virtually to maximize reach and attendance. These workshops cover a variety of topics, including financial planning, managing savings, and effective tax strategies.
The Committee also provides financial management training opportunities to youth in the broader community and are working on collaborating with a new community partner next year. In addition, the Finance Committee also helps support financial literacy for artists through the Artists in the 6ix program and for international students through partnerships with other UofT departments such as the Center for International Experience and New College. The committee encourages other committees and departments to engage them in providing workshops to enhance students’ competencies on various aspects of financial management.

7. **Warden’s Report** (Sherry Kulman, Interim Warden)

**Student Leadership Retreat at Hart House Farm**

Kathryn Beukeboom, Steward of the Farm Committee was part of the Student Leadership Retreat at Hart House Farm held on November 5th and provided a brief summary of the day. Twenty three students from various clubs and committees along with staff members visited the Hart House Farm. The group went on hikes, played some games, and did some team-building exercises. In the future, planners will be mindful of providing more food at the farm for a full day retreat.

**Hart House Awards**

The nominations for the Judi Schwartz Memorial Scholarship and the Audrey Hozack Student Leadership Award have opened and applications will be accepted until January 20th, 2023. All students are encouraged to promote the awards to other students and/or apply for them directly. More information to apply and selection criteria can be found on the website: [https://harthouse.ca/awards](https://harthouse.ca/awards).

**Holiday Art Market**

On Friday, December 9th, the Hart House Art Committee is having a Holiday Market at the East Common Room. This market will feature unique artwork and crafts from student-owned small businesses, artists, and artisans. You can also grab a hot drink, take a selfie at the selfie booth, get a free book, listen to live music, design and make your own buttons and much more.

**National Day of Remembrance and Action for Violence Against Women**

On Tuesday, December 6, 2022, the University of Toronto will join communities across Canada for the National Day of Remembrance and Action for Violence Against Women to honour the lives of the 14 women killed in a devastating act of misogyny at Montreal’s École Polytechnique in 1989. This will be held at the Great Hall and streamed live on Youtube. The event will feature a memorial to honour the lives of those lost to gender-based violence both nationally and internationally, and a dynamic panel discussion with activists, scholars, and community leaders. We encourage everyone to register and attend the event.

**Talking Walls**

The Hart House Marketing and Communications team produced a video about the “Incarcerated Hip Hop: Freedom of Speech” Talking Walls exhibit. This project is a collaboration between community organization FYOU: The Forgiveness Project and Hart House. The goal of the exhibition is to create pathways to conversations that recognize and amplify the hidden voices of incarcerated populations - voices that are often silenced or misrepresented. The link to view the video is here: [https://www.instagram.com/reel/Ckv-0gsgAGk/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link](https://www.instagram.com/reel/Ckv-0gsgAGk/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)

**Hart House Drop-In at UTSC and UTM**

In November of this year, Hart House began offering weekly two-hour blocks at UTM and UTSC where Hart House Ambassadors hold drop-in outreach workshops and table at student spaces. The Ambassadors are there to promote Hart House events and provide students with resources. They also solicit feedback from students through pop-up interviews to find out what they’d like to see in our programs. The
ambassadors are stationed at UTM at the CCT building every Thursday from 1 pm -3pm and at UTSC at the BV building every Friday from 3 pm - 5 pm.

**Fitness Centre Re-Design**

The fitness centre desk will undergo a re-design in the new year to improve the operational efficiencies of the fitness desk with digital messaging flat panels. Most importantly the aim is to improve accessibility of the space by incorporating a fully adjustable transaction counter height and the installation of assisted listening systems. The planned date to complete construction is by February 28, 2023.

**Budget and Process Update**

The draft budget was presented to the Finance Committee on November 29th and the team presented 2021-22 program highlights to the Council of Student Services on November 30th as the first step towards budget approvals. On December 7th a 90-minute budget workshop will be held for stewards to walk through the Hart House Budget with Stan Xiao, Director of Finance. He will provide the overview and rationale for our budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

**Hart House at Winter Break**

Hart House will remain open for most of the winter break. After this Board of Stewards meeting, it was announced that Hart House will have to close on December 21 and December 22 for repairs. The hours over winter break are shown below:

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During winter break, programming will continue for students. There will be world cup streaming, movie screenings, board game café, and button making. There will also be drop-in classes at the Fitness center available for students and community members. Asynchronous content such as podcasts, YouTube segments, recorded programming, and virtual fitness studio will remain available to access during the break. For more information: [https://harthouse.ca/winter-break](https://harthouse.ca/winter-break)

8. **Other Business**

The January 19th meeting will be moved a week earlier to Thursday, January 12th to allow for the approval of the budget before it is presented to the Council of Student Services. The calendar invites will be changed to reflect this.

The Interim Warden announced that the Hart House pool will be closed from December 14 to January 1 to allow for some painting and repairs in the change areas. During this time, members are encouraged to use the facilities from the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education.

9. **Next Meeting**

The next Board of Stewards meeting will be held on January 12th, 2022, at the Hart House Burwash Room and on zoom.

10. **Adjournment**

The following motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Samara Tower, seconded by Kathryn Beukeboom.