

Minutes of the 1318th meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards held on Wednesday, December 1st, 2021, hybrid meeting in person in the East Common Room at Hart House, and on Zoom video conferencing.

Present:**Voting Members:**

Mr. John Monahan (Warden)
Ms. Calista Barber (Steward, Farm Committee)
Ms. An-Noura Compaoré (Steward, GSU Representative)
Ms. Lauren Duan (Steward, RA&W Committee)
Mr. Robert Fisher (Steward, Community Members Committee)
Ms. Kimia Karachi (Steward, Theatre Committee)
Ms. Charlotte Koch (Steward, Art Committee)
Mr. Matthew Lee (Steward, Literary and Library Committee)
Mr. David Newman (President [*ex-officio*] Designate)
Ms. Chan-Min Roh (Steward, Debates and Dialogue Committee)
Ms. Rachel Shi (Steward, Finance Committee)
Mr. Ryan Tomlinson (UTMSU Representative)

Non-Voting Members:

Mr. Terry Gardiner (Chair)
Ms. Lena Yusim (Recording Secretary)

Guests:

Mr. Marco Adamovic (Coordinator, Learning and Community)
Ms. Michelle Brownrigg (Senior Director, Chief Program Officer)
Ms. Davina Chan (Senior Director, Marketing, Communications, and Information Services)
Ms. Sherry Kulman (Chief Administrative Officer)
Ms. Lucia Le Guen (Member, Community Members Committee)
Ms. Erika Loney (Senior Manager, Community, Global & Intercultural Experience)
Ms. Jenifer Newcombe (Director, Strategic Initiatives)
Ms. Nadia Rosemond (Assistant Dean, Cocurricular Programs and Student Leadership)
Ms. Carol Tan (Financial Officer, Finance)
Mr. Stan Xiao (Director, Finance)
Ms. Ellen Mackay (AV Operator)

Voting Member Regrets:

Ms. Beth Ali (Presidential Appointee)
Ms. Tara Behruz (Steward, Music Committee)
Ms. Kashi Chandrasegar (SCSU Representative)
Mr. David Kim (Governing Council Appointee)
Ms. Catherine Lai (UTSU Representative)
Ms. Varsha Pillai (Steward, Social Justice Committee)

1. Approval of the 1,318th Meeting Agenda (Terry Gardiner, Chair)

The Chair announced that the Finance Committee Steward, Rachel Shi would be presenting on behalf of the Finance Committee instead of Alison D’Cruz. There were no other amendments to the Agenda presented. The following motion to approve the agenda was made by Robert Fisher, seconded by Matthew Lee:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Stewards approve the 1,318th Agenda

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

1. Minutes of the 1,316th Meeting (Terry Gardiner, Chair)**a. Approval of the Minutes of the 1,317th Meeting**

The Chair asked if there were any amendments to be made to the Minutes from the November Board of Stewards meeting and none were presented. The following motion to approve the Minutes was made by the Warden, seconded by Robert Fisher:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Stewards approve the Minutes of the 1,317th Meeting.

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

2. Hart House Elections Presentation & 2-Part Motion (John Monahan, Warden)

The Warden introduced the 2022-23 Elections Process as outlined in the *Hart House Committee Student Chair Election Process and Protocols* (“Process”). The Process provides that the annual Election Commission is comprised of the Chair of the Board of Stewards, who is to serve as the Chief Returning Officer, and two (2) non-returning current student members of Hart House standing committees recruited by the Chair who are to serve alongside the Chair as Deputy Returning Officers.

The Warden made the following two motions. The first, or (a), is to create the 2022 Hart House Elections Commission. The second, or (b), provides that University-wide elections to elect Student Committee Chairs for the 2022-23 academic year are to be held before the end of February 2022. Both motions were seconded by Robert Fisher:

(a):

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Stewards approve the appointment of the 2022 Hart House Elections Commission to be comprised of the Chair of the Board of Stewards, who will serve as Chief Returning Officer, and two non-returning student members of the Hart House Committees, to be recruited by the Chair, who will serve as Deputy Returning Officers.

(b):

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2022 Hart House Elections Commission hold University-wide elections to select the Student Committee Chairs for the 2022-2023 academic year before the end of February 2022.

Both motions were carried by voting members of the Board of Stewards.

3. Hart House @ UTSC Presentation (Marco Adamovic, Learning and Community Program Coordinator, Michelle Brownrigg, Senior Director & Chief Program Officer)

Marco Adamovic, Coordinator in the Learning and Community Department at Hart House, acts as Hart House's primary programming liaison to the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus (UTSC).

Marco spoke about the continued work being done with colleagues, departments, and students at UTSC to strengthen and expand the engagement of UTSC students with Hart House. For instance, a partnership has been built with UTSC's Department of Arts, Culture, and Media around Hart House's Hip Hop Education programming, and another has been built with the Department of Global Development Studies in relation to the Hart House Global Commons and global learning opportunities in the co-curricular space more broadly. Other areas of focus include joint work on Anti-Black racism, strengthening peer-to-peer connections between Hart House and UTSC students, and building institutional connections between our respective Marketing and Communications offices to better ensure that students at UTSC are kept abreast of what is happening at Hart House.

Special guests from UTSC at the meeting included Nadia Rosemond, Assistant Dean, Cocurricular Programs and Student Leadership, and Erika Loney, Senior Manager, Community, Global & Intercultural Experience. Nadia and Erika both spoke about their experiences seeing how these intentional collaborations have been growing and strengthening and are excited to continue to pursue partnerships. (Unfortunately, the UTSC Representative on the Board of Stewards, Kashi Chandrasegar, was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict.)

Michelle Brownrigg, Chief Program Officer at Hart House, noted that we have seen a marked increase in UTSC engagement over the last few years thanks to the hard work of many. She also spoke about the Hart House Good Ideas Fund, which provides "seed" funding to student-led projects across all three campuses. Two notable initiatives at UTSC funded by the Good Ideas Fund include:

- Public Relations Crisis Management Competition through the Public Relations Association, UTSC; and
- Gallery 1265 Student-Led Visual Art at UTSC

A constructive discussion ensued about how Hart House student committees can engage more UTSC students through their programming and operations, and what challenges and opportunities they encounter more broadly in terms of ensuring tri-campus engagement in their work. Some committees indicated that they would benefit from a clearer understanding of how to build the necessary connections at UTSC. Marco, Nadia, and Erika all offered up themselves as valuable resources to help build those connections.

4. Committee Presentations:

- a.** Finance Committee (Steward, Rachel Shi)

Finance Committee Steward, Rachel Shi, provided an overview of the work being done to help students learn valuable skills in financial management. The Finance Committee welcomes students from various educational disciplines and lived experiences to join the committee, and consists of a mix of students, staff, and alumni from all three campuses.

A great way to become involved with the Finance Committee is to participate in their 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, and which are being offered virtually this year. These workshops cover a variety of topics, including financial planning, establishing or improving personal credit, fraud prevention, and understanding Canada's tax system. Students from all three campuses are encouraged to attend.

The Committee also provides financial management training opportunities to youth in the broader community from economically marginalized communities. Currently, these sessions are also taking place virtually. Rachel noted that the Finance Committee is open got partnering with other committees to reach more youth.

b. Community Members Committee (Steward, Robert Fisher)

The Steward of the Community Members Committee, Robert (Bob) Fisher, presented on behalf of the Community Members Committee. 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.

One of the core activities organized by the Community Members Committee is the Alumni-Student Dinner Series. This series invites guest speakers from various educational and professional backgrounds to give talks over dinner. During the pandemic, this event series has continued to take place in the virtual setting and has been well-attended. There are typically six (6) dinner events held each year between October and March. In May 2022 the Community Members Committee will host a BBQ in the quadrangle, with the goal of building or reinforcing connections between community members and student members of Hart House committees.

5. Warden's Report (John Monahan, Warden)

➤ **Operations: Budget Update**

The Warden explained the number of steps involved in the Hart House budget approval process.

The Warden, the CAO and the Director of Finance presented a draft budget for 2022-2023 to the University's Chief Financial Officer on November 30th in what is called a "pre-SARG" meeting because it takes place prior to the annual meeting of the Service Ancillary Review Group (SARG), of which Hart House is a member. The Warden noted he would be presenting a brief overview of the work of Hart House to the Council on Student Services (COSS) on December 6th, and that the draft budget would be reviewed by the Hart House Finance Committee on December 7th. Two Budget Information Workshops would then be offered to the members of the Hart House Board of Stewards on December 8th and 9th, before the 2022-2023 budget was voted upon during the January 13th Board of Stewards meeting.

Depending on the outcome of that vote, the budget would then be presented to SARG, COSS, and the University Affairs Board (UAB) for approval.

➤ **Facilities Update: Pool**

The Warden announced that the Hart House Fitness Centre's pool is expected to re-open on January 3rd, 2022, if public health regulations allow. The House has recruited new Aquatics staff members to enable the reopening of the pool facilities.

➤ **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**

On December 6, U of T will be joining communities across Canada in remembering the 14 women killed in a devastating act of misogyny at the engineering school at Montreal's École Polytechnique in 1989. The event is being organized through a partnership that includes Hart House, the Community Safety Office, the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering, the Sexual and Gender Diversity Office, and the Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Centre. (Ed: A [full recording of the event is available here.](#))

➤ **Changes to Timed-Entry at the Fitness Centre**

As of Monday, November 22nd, timed-entry registrations are no longer required for those students and community members wishing to use cardio and weight machines or free weights in the Hart House Fitness Centre. Facility capacity has also increased, making it easier to access what you need, when you need it. Registration is still required for indoor group fitness classes and recreational sport programming, and proof of vaccination, a green "UCheck" screen, and masks are all still required. The Fitness Centre is open every day of the Winter Break for students' wellness needs.

➤ **Hart House is Open During Winter Break**

The academic term may be coming to an end, but the building will still be open for you during Winter Break, including on weekends and holidays at the following times:

HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS

December 24-26, December 31 and January 1

- Building, Concierge Desk, and HUB are open 11 am – 5 pm
- Hart House Fitness Centre is open 11 am – 4 pm

January 2

- Building, Concierge Desk, HUB, and Hart House Fitness Centre are open 9 am to 6 pm

WINTER BREAK WEEKDAYS

December 22, 23, 27- 30

- Building, Concierge Desk, and HUB are open 7 am – 8 pm
- Hart House Fitness Centre is open 7 am – 7 pm

➤ Remembering Students at the Holidays

This year, thanks to the generosity of a number of donors, Hart House is pleased to be making donations to the student-run Food Banks on all three campuses to help address the food insecurity being experienced by many UofT students.

➤ Student Equity Census

The Student Equity Census has recently been re-released and the Warden encourages students to respond to this survey. Students have worked with the Office of the Vice Provost of Students (OVPS) to ensure that questions asked are appropriate to the communities that U of T serves. Survey data is used to improve student experience, and to identify and eliminate barriers for students.

The Warden concluded his Update by wishing everyone a wonderful winter break.

6. Other Business & Announcements (Terry Gardiner, Chair)

The Chair asked if there were additional items to address. No other business or announcements were forthcoming.

7. Next Meeting

- a. The next Board of Stewards meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 13th, 2022.**

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Fisher, seconded by Charlotte Koch.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.