

Minutes of the 1,259th meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards held on Thursday, March 13th, 2014 at 5:30pm in the Library.

- Present: Dr. Jonathan Steels (Chair)
Dr. Bruce Kidd (Warden)
Ms. Emma Arppe-Robertson (Recording Secretary)
Ms. Jingwei Chen (Literary and Library Committee Secretary)
Ms. Anita Comella (Presidential Appointee)
Ms. Lucy Fromowitz (President [*ex officio*] Designate)
Ms. Susan Froom (APUS Appointee)
Ms. Maia Johnstone (Social Justice Committee Secretary)
Ms. Natalie Lai (Art Committee Secretary)
Ms. Jessica Samuel (Theatre Committee Secretary)
Dr. Helen Slade (Presidential Appointee)
Mr. Louis Tsilivis (Debates Committee Secretary)
- Guests: Dr. Barbara Fischer (Executive Director/Chief Curator, Justina M Barnicke Gallery)
Ms. Rebecca Gimmi (Programme Coordinator, Justina M Barnicke Gallery)
Ms. Amanda Greener (Manager, Strategy Implementation and Staff Operations)
Ms. Lynsay Henderson (Information HUB Coordinator)
Ms. Rita O'Brien (CAO)
Mr. Christopher Regimbal (Exhibition and Projects Coordinator, Justina M Barnicke Gallery)
- Regrets: Mr. Hamza Ansari (UTM Representative)
Mr. Guled Arale (UTSC Representative)
Mr. Kenneth Davy (Governing Council Appointee)
Mr. Matt Dreger (Alumni Committee Chair)
Mr. Terry Johnston (RAC Senior Member)
Ms. Erin Makino (Music Committee Secretary)
Ms. Agnes So (UTSU Appointee)
Ms. Theresa Waclawek (Farm Committee Secretary)
Ms. Susanne Waldorf (GSU Representative)
Ms. Elizabeth Wooster (RAC Secretary)
Ms. Emiry Yu (Finance Committee Secretary)
Ms. Sophia Zamaria (Farm Committee Secretary)
Ms. Freda Zhang (Music Committee Secretary)

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

2. Minutes of the 1,258th Meeting

a) Approval of the Minutes of the 1,258th Meeting on February 13th, 2014.

On the first page the date of October 2013 will be changed to February 2014. Ms. Comella corrected that the process had passed the institution of the summer fees but there was no specific motion made in 2013.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the minutes of the 1,258th Meeting as amended.

3. Committee and Departmental Presentations

a) Debates Committee (Louis Tsilivis, Secretary)

The mission of the Hart House Debates Committee is to provide University of Toronto students opportunities to find and develop their capacity for self-knowledge and self-expression.

The Debates Committee runs public debates and discussions. There are public events which invite students to participate and observe. Events this year have included a panel discussion on the Sochi Olympics, the Inter-College Debate, the Ryerson-University of Toronto Debate, the Churchhill Debate on parliamentary democracy and debates on the ethical obligations of business, tax and law as well as privacy and the security state.

The Debate Committee also organizes student debating. In addition to hosting the largest high school and university debates in Canada they also send teams to Oxford IV, Cambridge IV and the World Universities Debating Championship.

The Hart House Debates committee works to be an inclusive space which includes all viewpoints provided that they do not demean other people. One of their goals going forward is to hold a wide variety of events which will engage student interests across diverse faculties.

Mr. Tsilivis noted the personal impact that Debates Committee has had on his time at the University of Toronto. It has connected him to campus life and the university community as well as giving him skills which will serve him in the job market.

b) Strategy Implementation and Staff Operations (Amanda Greener, Manager)

The department of Strategy Implementation and Staff Operations works to create and implement house-wide processes and strategies to create a Vision based work culture at Hart House and ensure that all staffing activity optimally supports the strategic objectives

of the House. Ms. Greener works to set out professional core competencies and culture and train staff to those standards. Current priorities include recruitment, new staff orientation, performance feedback and goal setting and staff exit processes. Representation on interview panels has been broadened to include students and representatives from other departments. A training and professional development plan has been created for Hart House. A staff wellness committee will be launched soon and the social committee will have been reinvigorated.

Hart House is one of the largest casual student staff employers and receives government and university funding for many of these positions. Ms. Greener has launched a working group to enhance their training and skill development. Hart House is committed to providing opportunities for leadership and transferable skills for their casual staff as well as increasing their integration into the House.

c) Art Committee (Natalie Lai, Secretary)

The Art Committee has four distinct sub-committees: acquisitions, student projects, education and outreach, and the arbor room. These sub-committees manage the permanent collection; fund the production of a piece of artwork from a University of Toronto student; provide student outreach; and create and fund a collaborative student show.

One of the largest goals of the Art Committee is to bridge the University of Toronto to the larger art committee. They are also working to make the collection into a learning experience by increasing opportunities for leadership, curatorial and decision making roles. Student docents have been trained to give monthly tours of the Hart House permanent collection.

The Art Committee has also worked to increase the presence of First Nations art in the permanent collection under the direction of curator in residence Wanda Nanibush. Eight works were acquired last year and have been displayed in the House.

The Art committee is also working to encourage diversity and participation across different academic departments as well as respond to student concerns about finding a career in the arts. This has resulted in a successful series of workshops and networking events.

d) Justina M Barnicke Gallery (Barbara Fisher, Executive Director/Chief Curator)

The Justina M Barnicke Gallery has curated several major shows this year including: Screen and Décor, a show by Bouchra Khalili, Something More Than a Succession of Notes, Counterintelligence, a major survey of the work of Rebecca Belmore, Coming to Terms at the Jackman Humanities Institute, and the Canada Wide tour of the Hart House Permanent Collection. In addition to this the gallery has also hosted several workshops, conferences and lectures.

3. Warden's Report

Hart House is currently hosting "Not Behaving Like Ladies" an oral and visual history of the experience of Women at Hart House. This will be on display during the Berkshire Conference in April. March 13th is the last day to vote for next year's Committee Executives.

Dr. Kidd has been appointed interim principal of UTSC for the next six months during their search for their next principal. There is a lot of convergent work with the UTSC campus including the 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games, as well as an opportunity to increase Hart House outreach to other campuses. Ms. O'Brien will be Acting Warden during this period and Dr. Kidd will continue to give leadership to the Green Heritage Infrastructure Project and the Committees Review.

4. Other Business and Announcements

The last Five Buck Lunch of the year will be held on March 19th.

5. Next Meeting

The next Board of Stewards meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3rd, 2014.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary

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