Minutes of the 1,274th meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards held on Thursday, March 17\textsuperscript{th}, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers, Davis Building, UTM.

Present: Mr. John Monahan (Warden)  
Ms. Emma Arppe-Robertson (Recording Secretary)  
Ms. Rita Alsalaq (Social Justice Committee Secretary)  
Mr. Kenneth Davy (Governing Council Appointee, acting Chair)  
Ms. Evelyn Zhang (Finance Committee Secretary)  
Mr. Ortega Tapambwa (GSU Appointee)  
Dr. Jonathan Steels (Chair)  
Ms. Lucy Fromowitz (Chair [ex officio] Designate)

Guests: Mr. Richard Bingham (Interim Chair, Alumni Committee)

Regrets: Ms. Gini Chin (RAC Secretary)  
Mr. Michael De Angelis (Alumni Committee Chair)  
Ms. Margaret Ebifegha (APUS Appointee)  
Ms. Sarah Harrison (Debates Committee Secretary)  
Mr. Terry Johnston (RAC Senior Member)  
Ms. Vere-Marie Khan (UTSU Appointee)  
Ms. Coco Lee (Theatre Committee Secretary)  
Ms. Michelle Monteiro (Literary and Library Committee Secretary)  
Ms. Tal Oren (Farm Committee Secretary)  
Ms. Yasmin Rajabi (UTSC Appointee)  
Mr. Alec Roxas (Music Committee Secretary)  
Mr. Housam Silim (Social Justice Committee Secretary)  
Dr. Helen Slade (Presidential Appointee)  
Ms. Theresa Wang (Art Committee Secretary)  
Ms. Freda Zhang (Music Committee Secretary)

Please note this meeting did not achieve quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The members present agreed to follow the distributed agenda.

3. New Business

b) University of Toronto Mississauga Presentation

utmLEAD & utmLEAD 2.0 provide students the opportunity to develop their own social action project. It allows students the opportunity to develop hands on skills and add to their resumes, as well as their CCRs. The group recently hosted a set of three workshop series and panels exploring the power of connections and networking opportunities.

UTM Student Life Programming has been focused on community and civic engagement working on initiatives such as community innovation projects, an alternative reading week, community day events, and special projects. Special projects has the most ties to Hart House and includes projects such as the Human Library, Conscious Activism
Documentary Series, Federal Elections, Wellness Week, Women’s Week and other community outreach and engagement network. Other identified possible partnerships for the future were COEN, $5 lunches, Talking Walls, Change Room Project, and Where Does Change Happen?

It was noted that many UTM students only know about Hart House because of the UTM shuttlebus. Amongst other ideas, there was interest in working with Hart House to create volunteer/leadership opportunities, connect students who share interests, create a tri-campus blog. It was noted that UTM groups can host events at Hart House free of charge for room rental or A/V and that the Hart House Farm, in Caledon, is available to all students.

c) Committee Election Results

The elections process went smoothly and votes were slightly up (although still low). It is now committee recruitment season and all committees are accepting applications until March 23rd, 2016.

4. Committee Presentations

a) Debates Committee (Sarah Harrison, Secretary)

The Debates Committee did not present.

b) Social Justice Committee (Rita Alsalaq and Housam Silim, Secretaries)

It has been a year of unexpected transition due to large number of executives who weren’t truly involved in the committee. The committee downsized to seven people with the goal of working on all events together as a group. One new initiative is the Community Forum Series (which occurs monthly with the goal of bringing together social justice groups on campus). Other events include hosting $5 lunches or an Art Gallery that features art related to social justice. The Social Justice Committee is also working towards fostering meaningful relationships with communities and groups on and off campus (i.e. UTSC, Centre for Community Partnerships, Centre for Ethics, SKETCH). In addition, a Social Justice Blog has been launched.

c) Art Committee (Theresa Wang, Secretary)

The Arts Committee did not present.

d) Finance Committee

The Finance Committee consists of 15 voting members (8 students, 7 senior voting members and 3 non-voting members (CAO, Director of Finance, Recording Secretary)). The Finance Committee reviews and provides input to any operating budget; as well as, reviews performance of operating budget quarterly; capital budget expenditures and the performance of capital expenditures to capital budget; the annual recommendations from the Committee on Budgets for allocations to the Clubs and Committees; and, financial policy changes.
In addition, each year the Finance Committee works on a special project, this year it was a pilot project to allow Finance Committee student to share their financial literacy with members of clubs and committees by working with treasurers of clubs and program advisors. There were mixed feelings, some treasurers felt they were being audited which decreased interest. The pilot project was not structured enough, and did not take into account the unique structure of clubs resulting in low take up. It was proposed that next year, there are mandatory workshops for club and committee treasurers and that members are paired earlier (August/September). And that there should be regularly scheduled meetings for special projects. The long term goal of this project is to increase the financial literacy of all students.

5. Warden’s Report

Hart House budget was recommended by UAB on March 15\textsuperscript{th}. The video of the Hancock Lecture (which explored the intersectionality of islamophobia and public security) has been uploaded to the Hart House website. The Art Museum (a federation of the UTAC and JMB) had their opening in January with approximately 700 people attending. The Divinsky Group, the strategic consultants for Hart House, recently hosted two focus group events and will be sharing an early draft of the strategic plan in April. Upcoming events include the Walter Gordon Symposium (March 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 23\textsuperscript{rd}) which will explore the possibilities of a new royal proclamation in light of the TRC and the Human Library Project (April 7\textsuperscript{th}). Hart House continues to work on an Accessibility review. The advancement department is currently working on Foundation proposals and the communications department, although experienced some marketing challenges, has seen a large growth in contacts and social media followers. It was noted that Audrey Hozak, the first female administrator at HH has passed away, and her memorial will be held on May 1\textsuperscript{st}.

6. Other Business & Announcements

7. Next Meeting

The next Board of Stewards meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7\textsuperscript{th}, 2016.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

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