

Minutes of the 1,276th meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards held on Thursday, September 22nd, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the South Dining Room.

Present: Jonathan Steels (Chair)
John Monahan (Warden)
Beth Ali (Presidential Appointee)
Emma Arppe-Robertson (Recording Secretary)
Richard Bingham (Alumni Committee Chair)
Kenneth Davy (Governing Council Appointee)
Victoria Harvey (Farm Committee Secretary)
Marise Hopkins (University of Toronto Mississauga Students Union Appointee)
Sarah Wheeler (Graduate Student's Union Appointee)
Cassandra Williams (University of Toronto Student's Union Appointee)
Chloe Yin (Art Committee Secretary)
Shuyin Yu (Literary and Library Committee Secretary)

Guests: Andrea Blackler (Development Coordinator)
Eliza Davies-Greenwald (Project Planning Coordinator)

Regrets: Ms. Joudy Sarraj (Debates Committee Secretary)

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

2. Welcome and Introduction

The 2016/17 Board of Stewards is welcomed and thanked for their service.

3. Responsibilities of Governors

a) Presentation by the Chair (Jonathan Steels, Chair)

The governance model of Hart House is modeled after that of the University of Toronto Governing council and is guided by the principles of good governance laid out by that council.

The responsibilities of the Board of Stewards are to consider for approval specific policies, plans or projects according to established procedures; to monitor the quality and substance of the House's administration and decision making; and to advise on initiatives proposed by the Warden.

The role of the Chair is to be the mediator and officiator of Board meetings; and to encourage open communication, respectful debate and discourse, and maintain the rules of order. Hart House's Board of Stewards is run according to Bourinot's Rules of Order. Agendas are set by the Agenda Committee.

4. Priorities and Agenda for the 2016/17 Year

a) Presentation by the Warden (John Monahan, Warden)

Hart House has recently completed a strategic plan. This plan, focused around delight in discovery, will guide the business of the House for the next five years.

Hart House has six key objectives for the 2016/17 year. These are to:

- Provide a welcoming space for all students of the University, with a particular focus on engaging those from traditionally underrepresented groups including indigenous, racialized, international and graduate students and students from UTM/UTSC
- Create and deliver innovative opportunities for students to participate in and develop leadership capacity related to:
 - a. Arts & Culture
 - b. Debates & Dialogue
 - c. Recreation & Wellness
 - d. Community Engagement
- Increase awareness of Hart House on all three campuses and in the general community.
- Create a superlative customer service experience for all members and other users of Hart House.
- Increase and diversify sources of business revenue.
- Optimize use of Hart House Resources.

Hart House's priorities for 2016.17 are the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the infrastructure renewal project, the Accessibility and Inclusion Review, a new Mentorship Program, increasing engagement at UTM and UTSC, increasing Advancement, renewing Committees Terms of Reference, the Global Commons and planning for the 100th Anniversary of Hart House in 2019.

5. New Business

a) Motion to Create the 2016/17 Agenda Committee (John Monahan, Warden)

The Agenda Committee is a Standing Committee of the Hart House Board of Stewards. The Agenda Committee shall be responsible for determining the readiness of items of business for submission to the Board and for determining the documentation required to accompany each proposal as well as any guests to be invited to each meeting of the Board.

The Agenda Committee shall be composed of the Warden, one senior member of the Board and up to four student members of the Board. The Chair shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Agenda Committee.

Members may nominate themselves or others and the nomination period shall remain open for two weeks following this meeting. All nominations should be sent to the recording secretary.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the motion to create the 2016/17 Agenda Committee.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Chair

Recording Secretary

October 20th, 2016