Minutes of the 1,279th meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards held on Thursday, December 8th, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the South Dining Room.

Present:
Jonathan Steels (Chair)
John Monahan (Warden)
Emma Arppe-Robertson (Recording Secretary)
Richard Bingham (Alumni Committee Chair)
Susan Blight (Presidential Appointee)
Chiara Cautillo (Recreational Athletics Committee Senior Member)
Kenneth Davy (Governing Council Appointee)
Margaret Ebifegha (Association of Part Time Students Appointee)
Lucy Fromowitz (Presidential Designate)
Victoria Harvey (Farm Committee Secretary)
Coco Lee (Theatre Committee Secretary)
Aviva Lev-Aviv (Music Committee Secretary)
Joudy Sarraj (Debates Committee Secretary)
Sijia Xie (Finance Committee Secretary)
Chloe Yin (Art Committee Secretary)
Shuyin Yu (Literary and Library Committee Secretary)

Guests:
Dermot Brennan (Director, Facility)
Michelle Brownrigg (Senior Director, Co-Curricular Education)
Sherry Kulman (Senior Director, Business and Ancillary Operations, and CAO)
Suzanne Macintyre (Director, Finance)
Jennifer Newcombe (Director, Integrated Learning and Community Engagement)
Jennifer Polo (Art Committee)

Regrets:
Beth Ali (Presidential Appointee)
Mayte Anchante (Social Justice Committee Secretary)
Gini Chin (Recreational Athletics Committee Secretary)
Marise Hopkins (University of Toronto Mississauga Students Union Appointee)
Sara Omar (Social Justice Committee Secretary)
Caroline Seiler (Farm Committee Secretary)
Sarah Wheeler (Graduate Student’s Union Appointee)
Cassandra Williams (University of Toronto Student’s Union Appointee)

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the agenda.
2. Minutes of the 1,277th & 1,278th Meetings

   a) Approval of Minutes of the 1,277th Meeting

Aviva Lev Aviv should be listed as the Music Committee Secretary.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the minutes as amended.

   b) Approval of Minutes of the 1,278th Meeting

Jennifer Polo of the Art Committee should be added to the list of guests.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the minutes as amended.

3. New Business

   a) Motion on the Approval of new Terms of Reference for Hart House Standing Committees (John Monahan, Warden)

The Committees presented their proposed new Terms of Reference to the Board of Stewards for discussion at the November 17, 2016 meeting. The Committees have incorporated the changes recommended by the Board of Stewards. The new Committees Terms of Reference were distributed to the Board of Stewards two weeks in advance of the meeting.

Key changes in new Terms of Reference include:
- Committees will be represented at the Board of Stewards by elected student members called Stewards. This position may be different from the position of Student Chair.
- The Debates Committee will change its name to Debates and Dialogue Committee.
- The Alumni Committee will change its name to Senior Members Committee.
- The Recreational Athletics Committee will change its name to Recreational Athletics and Wellness Committee.
- All Committees will have Community Engagement objectives.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the Motion on the Approval of new Terms of Reference for Hart House Standing Committees.
b) **Motion on the Amendment of the Constitution to change the names and position titles of Committees in line with their new Terms of Reference** (John Monahan, Warden)

The proposed amendment to the Hart House Constitution is to bring the constitution in line with the new Terms of Reference for Hart House Standing Committees. The amendment will change the names of the Debates Committee, Alumni Committee and Recreational Athletics Committee and the title of Student Secretary to Steward. This will allow Standing Committees to appoint a representative to the Board of Stewards who may or may not be the Student Chair of the Committee.

A recommendation that the Constitution be amended to require a two thirds majority vote in order to abolish a standing committee was withdrawn for future consideration. Board of Stewards members expressed concerns with creating hierarchies within Board of Stewards business.

**On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**the Motion on the Amendment of the Constitution to change the names and position titles of Committees in line with their new Terms of Reference**

4. **Committee Presentations**

   a) **Theatre Committee** (Coco Lee, Secretary)

The Theatre Committee is primarily an advisory board that unites different theatrical constituents at the University of Toronto. It is a hub for the performing arts at the University. Programming is driven by individual subgroups.

The Theatre Committee consists of The Festival of Dance, Spotlight, the Drama Coalition and the Drama Centre. Key annual events are the Festival of Dance, Spotlight industry workshops, playwriting competition, cabaret nights, the Drama Festival, the Drama Coalition Awards and social events.

The Theatre Committee is currently focused on building a strong and diverse community at the University of Toronto. This includes support for drama groups to improve the diversity of casting, the abolishment of gender specific award categories, opportunities for mature and commuter students to engage through one-off workshops, holding meetings on all three campuses. The Board recommended more targeted outreach to specific groups who are underrepresented.

5. **Warden’s Report**

Going forward Stewards will be provided with a written report on the House’s activities to ensure they are kept informed of all that is happening at Hart House.
Hart House has received a $22,250 grant from the Ministry of Canadian Heritage, under the Celebration and Commemoration Program, in partnership with First Nations House, Centre for International Experience and ONEFIVEOH. This grant is for the “Diverse Youth Voices at Hart House: Stories and Reflections of Discovery” initiative.

All Hart House Appointed Staff received Indigenous Awareness / Sensitivity Training on November 30, 2016. Training for non-appointed staff was held on September 25, 2016 and will be repeated on January 15, 2017.

The first draft of the Hart House budget was presented to the Finance Committee on December 5, 2016. The final budget will be presented to the Finance Committee for their approval on January 17, 2017 and will come to the Board of Stewards for approval on January 19, 2017. Two budget information sessions will be held for Board of Stewards members on Monday, December 12th at 10am and Tuesday, January 12th at 3pm.

Hart House presented on its work and Strategic Plan to the Council on Student Services on November 30th, 2016. The Council on Student Services will vote on the Hart House Budget on February 9th, 2017.

The Art Museum, of which the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery at Hart House is a founding member received five Ontario Association of Art Galleries Awards on November 17, 2016. The OAAG Awards are province-wide, juried art gallery awards for artistic merit and excellence. The Art Museum was recognized with:

- Exhibition of the Year Award, Budget over $20,000 Thematic for John G. Hampton’s exhibition *Rocks, Stones and Dust*
- Exhibition of the Year Award, Budget over $50,000 together with the Doris McCarthy Gallery at UTSC for the partnered project for *Flesh of the World*
- Curatorial Art Writing Award (2000-5000 words) for John G. Hampton’s essay “Contemporary Rock Art”
- Art Book design award to the Blackwood Gallery at UTM for our partnered publication “Volumes”
- Design Award to Underline Studio for our new identity.

Pending the final outcomes of the Farm Review, the decision has been made to temporarily suspend alcohol use at the Hart House Farm. This will be communicated clearly to all groups using the Hart House Farm.

6. Other Business & Announcements

All Board members are invited to join the Directors Dinner with Richard Ouzounian on January 25, 2017.

Hart House will host a Lunar New Year celebration on January 26, 2017.
A Clubs Review is currently underway. All Hart House Clubs and Committees will be consulted. The Board of Stewards will be updated on the progress of the review during the winter term.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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Chair                                               Recording Secretary

January 19th, 2017