Minutes of the 1291st meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards held on Thursday, April 5th, 2018 at Hart House, University of Toronto.

Present:  Ms. Janelle Joseph (Chair)
          Mr. John Monahan (Warden)
          Mr. Richard Bingham (Senior Members Committee Steward)
          Mr. Ken Davy (Governing Council Appointee)
          Mr. Adrian Huntelar (UTSU Appointee)
          Ms. Coco Lee (Theatre Committee Steward)
          Mr. David Newman (President [ex-officio] Designate)
          Ms. Ce Shang (Music Committee Steward)
          Ms. Edie Guo (Farm Committee Steward)
          Ms. Dhvani Ramanujam (Social Justice Committee Steward)
          Mr. Yuki Takaki (Finance Committee Steward)
          Ms. Julia Trojanowski (Art Committee Steward)
          Ms. Venus Wang (Debates and Dialogue Committee Steward)
          Ms. Pearl Xu (RA&W Committee Steward)

Guests:  Ms. Chiara Cautillo (RA&W Committee Senior Member)
          Ms. Michelle Brownrigg (Senior Director, Co-Curricular Education & Chief Program Officer)
          Ms. Sherry Kulman (Senior Director, Business and Ancillary Operations and Chief Administrative Officer)
          Ms. Jennifer Mondejar (Recording Secretary)
          Mr. Mo Saadeh (Director, Hospitality Services)
          Ms. Lynsay Henderson (Coordinator, The HUB)

Regrets:  Ms. Beth Ali (Presidential Appointee)
          Ms. Susan Blight (Presidential Appointee)
          Mr. Leo Jose Uribe Castano (GSU Appointee)
          Mr. Mathias Memmel (UTSU Appointee temporary)
          Ms. Kaitlyn Simpson (Literary & Library Committee Steward)
          Mr. Jose Wilson (UTMSU Representative)
          Ms. Jackie Zhao (APUS Appointee)
1. Welcome and Introduction

The chair welcomed the Board and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair asked if there were any amendments to be made to the agenda and an addition item “Introduction of the new Chairs of the Standing Committee” was presented. The following motion to approve the Agenda was made by Ken Davy and seconded by Ce Shang, and carried unanimously by all present voting members of the Board of Stewards:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 15th, 2018 Board of Stewards Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 1290th Meeting

The Chair asked if there were any amendments to be made to the minutes and none were presented. The following motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Stewards meeting was made by Adrian Huntelar and seconded by Edie Guo. Richard Bingham abstained from voting and all other members present at the Board of Stewards carried that:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 1290th meeting be approved as presented.

4. Motion on the creation of the 2018/2018 Committee on Budgets (John Monahan, Warden)

The Warden explained the importance of the Committee on Budgets. He further requested that current Co-Chairs Yuki Takaki (YT) and Coco Lee (CL), speak briefly on their experience this year. YT mentioned how the process started in May or June of 2017, by holding meetings with all of the upcoming Chairs of the Standing Committee to preview what they have planned for the upcoming year. CL added how the experience provided her with the opportunity to see what projects are in the pipelines from the other Standing Committees which then in turn helps identify areas of collaboration. The Warden stated that Michelle Brownrigg (MB) will be getting in touch with members of the Board of Stewards to gauge their interest and also to advise on the timeline of the Committee on Budgets.

The Warden moved the motion, Edie Guo seconded, and was carried unanimously by all present voting member of the Board of Stewards:

5. Introduction of the new Chairs of the Standing Committee (John Monahan, Warden)

The Warden asked the newly appointed Chairs of each of the Standing Committee as well as UTST Representative to introduce themselves. Below are the Chairs in attendance:

- Art – Co-Chairs: Eugenia Wong & Yue (Chloe) Yin
- Music – Chair: Reuben Alexander
- Literary & Library - Chair: Xinhe (Angela) Gu
- Finance – Chair: Yuki Takaki
- Farm – Co-Chairs: Edie Guo
6. **Theatre Review Update and Consultation** (Michelle Brownrigg, Chief Programs Officer)

MB presented on the Theatre Review Update and consulted with the Board of Stewards members present at the meeting. The aim of the Hart House Theatre is to align more fully with the House’s overall strategic plan. Specifically, Hart House Theatre would like to ground itself on equity, inclusion and community engagement. In order to achieve this, MB and her team conducted the following: nearly 50 individual consultations interviews; review of subscribers and volunteer surveys; review of theatre production histories, including selections, revenue and attendance tracking; and consideration of Theatre marketing, front of house as well as box office services, software and sales.

The Theatre Review served as a gauge to determine the public (student and non-student population) perception of Hart House. Overwhelmingly, the notion of Hart House Theatre as being antiquated and euro-centric came up. A person surveyed shared that the space was “…conservative…like a club [and]…feeling a bit exclusive.” Also, majority of those surveyed could not clearly identify Hart House’s mandate. Most seem confused with Hart House being either student led or commercially led. The majority of respondents could not reconcile the two opposing identities. MB concluded that this revelation will serve to ensure that moving forward, HH Brand should be more cohesive.

MB also highlighted the challenge of adhering to inclusion and equitable practices in such a way that resonates and that will be seen as authentic. Otherwise, any effort can be misconstrued as a form of hypercorrection and display the lack of authenticity that only true partnerships can provide. This is in part due to the majority of the leadership within theatres not having the lived experiences of under represented groups. It was suggested that creating better representations would have to start at a very early age, encouraging students as young as elementary to get involved in the arts. MB concluded by asking the members of the Board to provide their feedback on how Hart House can address some of the issues raised. A lively discussion ensued.

7. **Committee Presentations**
   a. **Art Committee** (Julia Trojanowski, Steward)

Julia Trojanowski (JT) presented to the Art Committee. JT also previewed the logo of the Art Committee, featuring the outline of the building. JT also spoke on the strong social media presence of the Art Committee as evidenced by 32% growth in Instagram mentions. JT also spoke about the four subcommittees: Acquisition, Arbor Room, Education and Outreach and Student Projects. Some of the notable events held this year were: Art Museum Vault Tour, ArtWORK 2018 Career Conference, Figures of Sleep, Building and Gallery Tour, Sobey Art Award Exhibition and Life Drawing.

**Warden’s Report**

The Warden, John Monahan (JM) directed the Board’s attention to the written summary of departmental highlights that was circulated at the meeting. This document underlined several of the ongoing issues, opportunities and activities of the House. (Appendix A)

Following this, the Warden provided an update on several broader initiatives and achievements that were not included in the written report. These included:
1. **100th Anniversary Community Sounding Board:** The first of three planned Community Sounding Boards took place on March 27th. This event was attended by 75 staff, students, and University and Community partners. There were a lot of engagement and feedback. Call to Action submissions to be sent to harthouse100@arthouse.ca

2. **A Musical Spring:** The Warden informed the Board of the upcoming concerts this weekend including performances by:
   
   a. Hart House Orchestra Spring 2018 Concert on April 5th, 2018
   b. Hart House Jazz Choir Onoscatopoeia’s Spring Concert on April 6th, 2018
   c. Hart House Chamber Strings on April 7th, 2018
   d. Hart House Chorus on April 8th, 2018
   e. Hart House Symphonic Band on April 8th, 2018

3. **Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards 2017-2018** The Warden was pleased to announce the reception that he will be hosting in honour of the Hart House winners of the Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards. The reception will be held at the Warden’s Office on April 17th, one hour before the Awards Ceremony.

4. **A Sincere Thanks:** The Warden thanked all the members of the Hart House Board of Stewards for their service during the 2017-2018 school year.

8. **Other Business & Announcements**

   There was no new business and no announcements.

9. **Next Meeting**

   The next Board of Stewards meeting will be held in September 2018.

10. **Adjournment**

    The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

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    Chair                         Recording Secretary

    August 28, 2019
Appendices