Minutes of the 1293rd meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards held on Thursday, October 18th, 2018 at Hart House, University of Toronto.

Present:  Ms. Janelle Joseph (Chair)  
          Mr. John Monahan (Warden)  
          Ms. Beth Ali (Presidential Appointee)  
          Ms. Chiara Cautillo (RA&W Committee Senior Member)  
          Ms. Margaret De Leon (Steward, Social Justice Committee)  
          Mr. Joshua Grondin (Appointee, UTSU)  
          Ms. Angela Gu (Steward, Literary and Library Committee)  
          Ms. Hareem Haider (Steward, Theatre Committee)  
          Mr. David Kim (Appointee, Governing Council)  
          Ms. Grace McCormick (Steward, Farm Committee)  
          Ms. Terese Pierre (Steward, Senior Members Committee)  
          Ms. Arunoshi Singh (Steward, Debates and Dialogue Committee)  
          Mr. Yuki Takaki (Steward, Finance Committee)  
          Ms. Eugenia Wong (Steward, Art Committee)  

Guests:  Ms. Michelle Brownrigg (Senior Director, Co-Curricular Education & Chief Program Officer)  
          Ms. Cyntia Kocan (Recording Secretary)  
          Ms. Sherry Kulman (Senior Director, Business and Ancillary Operations and Chief Administrative Officer)  
          Ms. Suzanne Macintyre (Director, Finance)  
          Ms. Jennifer Mondejar (Recording Secretary)  
          Mr. Peter Wambera (Senior Development Officer, Advancement)  

Regrets:  Ms. Susan Blight (Presidential Appointee)  
          Mr. Leo Jose Uribe Castano (GSU Appointee)  
          Ms. Mala Kashyap (Appointee, APUS)  
          Ms. Sophia Mackey (Music Committee Steward)  
          Mr. David Newman (President [ex-officio] Designate)  
          Mr. Akwasi Owusu-Bempah (Senior Advisor, Senior Members Committee)  
          Ms. Kiran Sudeko (Steward, RA&W Committee)
1. **Approval of the Agenda**

The Chair asked if there were any amendments to be made to the agenda and none were presented. The following motion to approve the Agenda was made by Terese Pierre, seconded by Eugenia Wong, and carried unanimously by all present voting members of the Board of Stewards:

   **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the October 18th, 2018 Board of Stewards Meeting Agenda be approved.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the 1293rd Meeting**

The Chair asked if there were any amendments to be made to the minutes and Angela Gu responded that she was omitted from the attendance list. The minutes have been corrected and recirculated. The Chair asked if there were any other amendments to be made and none were presented. The following motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Stewards meeting was made by Joshua Grondin and seconded by David Kim, and carried unanimously by all present voting members of the Board of Stewards:

   **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the 1293rd meeting be approved as presented.

3. **Capital Infrastructure Renewal (Peter Wambera, Senior Development Officer)**

Peter Wambera (PW) presented the Capital Infrastructure Renewal plan, stressing that Hart House’s need for infrastructure renewal is incredible and unavoidable. PW also presented three “Odysseys” representing the past, present, and future of Hart House infrastructure maintenance. Please see Appendix A for details.

David Kim (DK) asked how many renovations would infringe upon revenue-generating items. PW noted that a major disruption is inevitable due to an entire wing of Hart House being closed at once.

The Warden added that the decision on whether to keep Hart House open during renovations or to close it completely will be brought forward to the Board at the appropriate moment.

Arounoshi Singh (AS) asked if the House will be screening companies as to not accept donations from any controversial corporations. PW noted that U of T has protocol in place for this which Hart House stringently follows.

4. **Committee Presentations**

   a. **Literary and Library Committee (Angela Gu, Steward)**

Angela Gu (AG) presented the Literary and Library Committee’s theme this year of Writing for Social Change, highlighting the Committee’s purpose and upcoming events. AG noted that the Committee aspires to become more accessible and inclusive by collaborating with other campuses and running events for and by the students. Please see Appendix B for details.

AG brought copies of the Hart House Review for the Board, and noted that there will be a special edition for the Hart House 100th Anniversary (HH100). An engaging conversation ensued.

The Warden suggested that the line-by-line, participant-written poem activity highlighted by AG should be shared online. The Warden also reiterated that the Hart House Review’s 100th Anniversary edition will be
doubled in size and include reprints of pieces published earlier. This limited edition version will be given out as a thank-you gift for those that attend the gala for the HH100.

b. **Senior Members Committee (Terese Pierre, Steward)**

TP presented the Senior Members Committee’s goal of championing non-student members and providing an easy way for students and alumni to meet. Core events include the Dinner Series, Trivia Challenge, and Remembrance Day Concert. New events for this year include Wine and Cider Tastings, Global Citizens Dialogue, and Wintersong. Please see Appendix C for details.

Grace McCormick (GM) asked how non-students hear about Hart House events. TP answered by word of mouth, student referrals, occasional walk-ins.

The Warden reiterated that “Senior Members” committee was changed from “Alumni Committee” to emphasize that anyone is welcome to participate in Hart House activities. The Warden also congratulated Terese on finishing her MA in Philosophy.

The Chair asked if formal networking/mentorship exists, to which MB answered that yes, the mentorship program is led by the Advancement Team

5. **Warden’s Report**

The Warden directed the Board’s attention to the written summary of departmental highlights (Appendix D). This document underlined several of the ongoing issues, opportunities and activities of the House.

Following this, the Warden provided an update on several broader initiatives and achievements that were not included in the written report. These included:

1. **Re-Imagining Place: Centennial Great Hall Art Commission:** The Great Hall Art Commission is an ongoing initiative that will see the Great Hall transformed by an original, permanent work of art by Indigenous artist. A competitive commissioning process is ongoing, and 9 short-listed proposals are being displayed. All Jurors are noted Indigenous artists, curators or arts administrators. The winning proposal will be announced around the end of October or early November and the artwork is scheduled to be unveiled during the Anniversary Gala on November 12, 2019.

2. **Hart House 100th Anniversary:** The Warden provided a brief update on the progress of the plans for the 100th Anniversary, introducing the new Bookplate Project done in collaboration with St. Michael’s College. Updates included the meet of the Advisory Committee, the ‘locking in’ of Spring Portfolio events, media sponsorship with the Walrus Magazine, and the upcoming launch of the website.

3. **Heathers: The Musical:** The Warden reported that *Heathers: The Musical* was possibly the most successful Hart House Theatre productions of the last decade. Seating capacity was at 97% and 44 students served as behind-the-scenes volunteers.

4. **Migrant Dreams:** The Warden emphasized that the Debates and Dialogue Committee’s recent story of *Migrant Dreams* highlighted the importance of activating community-based partnerships. MB added that the film highlights how foreign temporary workers in Canada are often exploited. The community patrons involved in a post-screening panel brought tremendous richness to the event.
5. **The Siminovitch Prize:** Hart House is proud to be associated with Canada’s most prominent Theatre award. The October 15th event had many prominent attendees and saw a sold out crowd.

6. **Global Commons:** The Warden spoke about the key objectives of the Global Commons and reminded all to register ASAP.

7. **Indigenous Education Week, Oct. 22 - 28:** The Warden touched on a number of events for this week, including a *Field Trip* of indigenous histories of campus, a *Talking Walls* exhibit with interactive QR codes, and *Families, Love, and Justice*.

8. **Key Receptions:** The Warden reminded the Board of the Mentorship Program Launch Reception (October 16), the Senior Members’ Reception (October 24), the Centennial Art Commission Reception (October 25), and the Committee Advisors and Chairs Reception (November 1).

6. **Other Business & Announcements**

The Warden announced the departure of his Interim Executive Assistant and Board of Stewards Reporting Secretary, Jennifer Mondejar. He encouraged the Board to contact Cyntia Kocan for any future communications.

The Chair noted that everyone should view the Indigenous Education Week Talking Walls exhibit to learn correct pronunciations of Indigenous speech.

Hareem Heider reminded the Board that Fake Nerd Girl is running the week of October 23rd and is a story about cyber awareness and security.

7. **Next Meeting**

The next Board of Stewards meeting will be held at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus, AC160, Council Chambers, on November 15th, 2018, starting at 5:30pm.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

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Chair                                           Recording Secretary

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Appendices

Appendix A: Capital Infrastructure Renewal (Peter Wambera).

Appendix B: Literary and Library Committee (Angela Gu).

Appendix C: Senior Members Committee (Terese Pierre).