Minutes of the 1294th meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards held on Thursday, November 15th, 2018 in room AA160, Council Chambers, at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus.

Present: Ms. Janelle Joseph (Chair)
Mr. John Monahan (Warden)
Ms. Beth Ali (Presidential Appointee)
Ms. Susan Blight (Presidential Appointee)
Mr. Joshua Grondin (Appointee, UTSU)
Ms. Angela Gu (Steward, Literary and Library Committee)
Ms. Mala Kashyap (Appointee, APUS)
Ms. Grace McCormick (Steward, Farm Committee)
Mr. Yuki Takaki (Steward, Finance Committee)
Ms. Eugenia Wong (Steward, Art Committee)

Guests: Ms. Ayse Barut (Work-Study Student)
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. Chemi Lhamo (Vice President Equity, Scarborough Campus Students' Union)
Mr. Akwasi Owusu-Bempah (Senior Advisor, Senior Members Committee)
Ms. Kelly Schnurr (Senior Project Manager, 100th Anniversary)
Ms. Trish Starling (Community Engagement Facilitator, Integrated Learning and Community Engagement)
Ms. Wiaam Mohamed (Human Library Project Assistant)

Regrets: Mr. Leo Jose Uribe Castano (GSU Appointee)
Ms. Nicole Brayiannis (SCSU Representative)
Ms. Chiara Cautillo (RA&W Committee Senior Member)
Ms. Margaret De Leon (Steward, Social Justice Committee)
Ms. Hareem Haider (Steward, Theatre Committee)
Mr. David Kim (Appointee, Governing Council)
Ms. Sophia Mackey (Music Committee Steward)
Ms. Terese Pierre (Steward, Senior Members Committee)
Ms. Arunoshi Singh (Steward, Debates and Dialogue Committee)
Mr. David Newman (President [ex-officio] Designate)
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 Joshua Grondin, seconded by Kiran Sukdeo, and carried unanimously by all present voting members of the Board of Stewards:

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the November 15th, 2018 Board of Stewards Meeting Agenda be approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 1294th 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 Beth Ali and seconded by Grace McCormick, and carried unanimously by all present voting members of the Board of Stewards:

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the 1294th meeting be approved as presented.

3. Special Introduction to University of Toronto Scarborough (Trish Starling, Outreach and Inclusion Facilitator)

Trish Starling presented the ongoing efforts to strengthen Hart House’s presence at UTSC. TS noted that she is located at UTSC weekly on behalf of Hart House and works in collaboration with Wiamm Mohamen, Human Library Project Assistant; Nadia Rosemond, Senior Manager of Student Life and International Experience; and Chemi Llamo, Vice President of Equity of the SCSU.

TS expressed that the goal is to build relationships with UTSC stakeholders and to help map divisional needs and priorities that would be mutually beneficial to Hart House and UTSC. TS discussed that a singular approach to programming for St. George and UTSC was not appropriate and her focus is to anticipate and facilitate the needs of the student body at both campuses.

TS highlighted previous and upcoming initiatives such as the Human Library Project, Global Commons, Good Ideas Fund, Black History Month, and Talking Walls. Please see Appendix A for the complete presentation.

4. Hart House 100th Anniversary Presentation (Kelly Schnurr, Senior Project Manager of 100th Anniversary)

Kelly Schnurr (KS) presented the objectives of the Hart House 100th Anniversary as *remember our past, celebrate our present, and envision our future*. KS then showcased some of the exclusive HH100 merchandise for distribution during signature events, including a silk scarf, branded mugs, and tote bags. Finally, KS detailed the Event Architecture of each of the 3 Portfolios: Spring, Fall, and Anniversary Gala. She explained that from the spring of 2019 to the spring of 2020, Hart House will mark its centenary with a program of branded events that use both existing programming and uniquely created concepts to involve and engage the whole House and its various constituencies. For the complete presentation, please consult Appendix B.

5. Committee Presentations

a. Farm Committee (Grace McCormick, Steward)
GM detailed the Farm Committee’s focus on environmental sustainability, community building, health, and overall wellbeing. The Committee has specific goals to increase sustainability by encouraging users to camp and use washrooms without water, build community by planning events and welcoming groups to reserve the space, and maintain the Farm’s beauty by overseeing proper use of the farm and organizing ‘farm work days’.

GM highlighted five key events of the year as Fall Equinox, Cider ‘n Song, Calm Saturday, Winter Escape, and Sugaring Off. Additional events include plant sales and farm work days. All of these events aim to help students and members escape the city to decompress from the chaos of every day. The complete presentation can be found at the attached Appendix C.

6. **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. **Ongoing Budget Preparation:** November had several significant financial meetings, including the monthly Finance Committee Meeting (November 13th), the Pre-SARG meeting (November 21st), and the COSS Presentation at Hart House on (November 30th).

2. **HR Updates:** The Warden announced the hiring of Jimmy Cheung, Hart House’s new Director of Facilities and Capital Projects. Jimmy’s first day in the role is November 26th.

3. **Capital Projects:** The Warden emphasized the importance of several major infrastructure projects at Hart House and the ongoing work of the Project Planning Committee. To highlight the precarious state of the buildings various infrastructure systems, he pointed to the example of a building code violation that came to light only once a scheduled electrical shutdown did not trigger the House’s emergency backup system.

4. **Hart House Farm Partnership:** The Warden announced that the Hart House Farm is partnering with the Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health to facilitate delivery of some of its land-based education. Initiatives include the construction of a temporary sweat lodge.

5. **Hart House Events:** The Warden detailed several key Hart House events that have passed, such as the successful Global Commons on November 1st and Fake Nerd Girl on October 23rd. The Warden then highlighted several key future events, including a new Gallery Grill Winter Cheer Prix Fixe Lunch (December 12th – 13th), the annual Hart House Winter Buffet (December 11th), a variety of Hart House concerts, and special programming for February’s Black Futures Month, some of which is being developed in partnership with the University of Toronto’s First Nations House.

For the complete presentation, please see Appendix E.

7. **Other Business & Announcements**

The Chair asked if there was any other business or announcements to be made and none were presented.

8. **Next Meeting**

The next Board of Stewards meeting will be held in the Hart House South Dining Room on December 5th, 2018, starting at 5:30pm.
9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

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Chair                                      Recording Secretary
November 30, 2018
Appendices

Appendix A: Special Introduction to University of Toronto Scarborough (Trish Starling).

Appendix B: Hart House 100th Anniversary Presentation (Kelly Schnurr).

Appendix C: Farm Committee (Grace McCormick).


Appendix E: Warden’s Report (John Monahan).