Minutes of the 1297th meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards held on Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 at University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Council Chambers, Davies Building.

Present:  Ms. Janelle Joseph (Chair)  
Mr. John Monahan (Warden)  
Mr. David Kim (Appointee, Governing Council)  
Ms. Eugenia Wong (Steward, Art Committee)  
Mr. Leo Jose Uribe Castano (GSU Appointee)  
Ms. Susan Blight (Presidential Appointee)  
Ms. Terese Pierre (Steward, Senior Members Committee)  

Guests:  Ms. Michelle Brownrigg (Senior Director, Co-Curricular Education & Chief Program Officer)  
Ms. Cyntia Kocan (Recording Secretary)  
Ms. Ally Lu (Chair, Social Justice Committee)  
Ms. Sherry Kulman (Senior Director, Business and Ancillary Operations and Chief Administrative Officer)  

Regrets:  Ms. Angela Gu (Steward, Literary and Library Committee)  
Ms. Arunoshi Singh (Steward, Debates and Dialogue Committee)  
Ms. Beth Ali (Presidential Appointee)  
Ms. Chiara Cautillo (RA&W Committee Senior Member)  
Mr. David Newman (President [ex-officio] Designate)  
Mr. Felipe Nagata (UTMSU Appointee)  
Ms. Grace McCormick (Steward, Farm Committee)  
Ms. Hareem Haider (Steward, Theatre Committee)  
Mr. Joshua Grondin (Appointee, UTSU)  
Ms. Kiran Sukdeo (Steward, RA&W Committee)  
Ms. Mala Kashyap (Appointee, APUS)  
Ms. Margaret De Leon (Steward, Social Justice Committee)  
Ms. Nicole Brayiannis (SCSU Representative)  
Ms. Sophia Mackey (Music Committee Steward)  
Ms. Susan Blight (Presidential Appointee)  
Mr. Yuki Takaki (Steward, Finance Committee)
Quorum was not achieved for this meeting.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was not made due to lack of quorum.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 1296th Meeting

The motion to approve the minutes was not made due to lack of quorum.

3. Special Introduction to the University of Toronto Mississauga
   a. Hart House and University of Toronto Mississauga (Michelle Brownrigg, Senior Director of Co-Curricular Education)

Michelle Brownrigg (MB) gave a presentation about ongoing efforts to strengthen the presence of Hart House at UTM on behalf of Zoe Dille (ZD), a staff member who is located at UTM once a week. MB explained that students from all 3 campuses pay Hart House incidental fees, so the priority is to build relationships that show students how their contribution is used on their own campus with impact. MB noted that while Hart House staff often have difficulty navigating the different organizational structures of each campus, this year ZD has been connecting the dots between departments and was able to facilitate several large initiatives at UTM. These included the Good Ideas Fund, Black Futures month programming, Mohawk Language Display, and many other programs. For the full presentation, please see Appendix A.

The Warden added that exploratory conversations have been held regarding improving the student experience of UTM shuttle bus rides.

4. Committee Presentations
   a. Social Justice Committee (Ally Lu, Chair, Social Justice Committee)

Ally Lu (AL) presented the mission and programming of the Social Justice Committee (SJC). AL explained that the SJC aims to create safe and accessible spaces for conversations, promote collaboration across student groups, campuses, and departments, and provide community support through mentorships, volunteering, and advocacy opportunities.

In the 2018/2019 year, the Social Justice Committee has offered a plethora of orientation events, community forums, workshops, service outings and panelist conversations across all three campuses. AL emphasized that the goal is to move the focus away from static lecture-style events and toward interactive events that engage participants. AL also highlighted the importance of collaboration with relevant student groups, since previous years there were many duplicated initiatives that caused redundancy. For details, please see Appendix B.

5. Warden’s Report

The Warden 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 (see Appendix C).

Following this, the Warden provided an update on several broader initiatives and achievements that were not in the written report. These included:
Budget Update: Following the Board of Stewards budget vote, the Hart House budget was presented for review to the Service Ancillaries Review Group (SARG) on February 4th. The budget will be voted on at the Council on Student Services (COSS) on February 15th, and the University Affairs Board (UAB) on March 4th.

Safety and Security: Hart House has confronted some security-related issues in recent weeks. As a result, we have engaged with campus police to review our security strategies. This review is ongoing.

Postponed Hancock Lecture: Due to university closure from a severe weather warning, the February Hancock Lecture has been rescheduled for March 14th.

Infrastructure Renewal: The Warden discussed the costing exercise and project scope of the Infrastructure Renewal, noting that Hart House is currently reviewing data received from external consultants and construction economists. Once all data is analysed, it will be discussed at the next Project Planning Committee meeting and then presented to the Capital Projects and Space Allocation Executive Committee (CaPS Exec) on April 12th.

Congratulations Janelle! Board of Stewards Chair, Janelle Joseph, is winner of the 2019 Chancellor’s Award in the category of The Emerging Leader – congratulations!

For the full presentation, please see Appendix D.

6. Other Business & Announcements

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

7. Next Meeting

The next Board of Stewards meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14th, 2019 in the Hart House East Common Room.

There will be no pre-meeting reception to accommodate for the rescheduled Hancock Lecture. The meeting will start promptly at 4:00pm.

8. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was not made due to a lack of quorum.

The meeting concluded at 6:56PM.

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Chair                                 Recording Secretary
March 8, 2019
Appendices

Appendix A: Hart House and University of Toronto Mississauga (Michelle Brownrigg, Senior Director of Co-Curricular Education).

Appendix B: Social Justice Committee (Ally Lu, Chair, Social Justice Committee).


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