

Minutes of the 1,232nd meeting of the Hart House Board of Stewards, held on Thursday, November 11th, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the South Dining Room.

Present: Dr. Louise Cowin (Warden)
Ms. Sophia Alifirova (Literary and Library Committee Secretary)
Mr. Zeljko Bavcevic (RAC Secretary)
Mr. Kenneth Davy (Governing Council Appointee)
Mr. Matt Dreger (Alumni Committee)
Mr. Keith Ho (House Committee Secretary)
Ms. Clara Luke (Farm Committee Secretary)
Ms. Maria Pilar Galvez (UTSU Appointee)
Mr. Victor Platt (Debates Committee)
Mr. Matthew Poot (Music Committee)
Mr. Naufil Rasheed (Finance Committee Secretary)
Mr. Nikita Reznik (GSU Appointee)
Ms. Kelly Robertson-Reinhart (Social Justice Committee Secretary)
Dr. Helen Slade (Presidential Appointee)
Ms. Emily Smit-Dicks (Art Committee Secretary)
Ms. Phoebe Uguy (Theatre Committee Secretary)
Mr. Munib Sajad (UTM Representative)

Ms. Amanda Greener (Assistant to the Warden; Recording Secretary)

Guests: Mr. Michael De Angelis (Director of Program Administration)
Mr. Chris Lea (Facilities Manager)
Ms. Rita O'Brien (Director, Operations and Finance)
Ms. Caroline Pereira (Senior Development Officer)
Mr. Allan Shatzky (Coordinator, Special Projects)
Ms. Lynette Spence (Coordinator, Equity and Diversity Initiatives)

Regrets: Ms. Anita Comella (Presidential Appointee)
Ms. Lucy Fromowitz (President [*ex officio*] Designate)
Mr. Justin Goldenthal (APUS Appointee)
Ms. Vanessa Laufer (Chair)

1. Approval of Agenda

The warden assumed the role of acting Chair in the absence of the Chair.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD APPROVED the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 14th, 2010

The minutes of the 1,231st meeting held on October 14th, 2010, were approved.

3. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. New Business

a) 2009-10 Financial Audited Statements—Motion—Rita O'Brien, Director of Operations and Finance

Rita O'Brien overviewed the audit process and clarified the roles of the Board of Stewards, the Auditors Subcommittee and the Finance Committee. Ms. O'Brien then reviewed the impact of the recession on the 2009-10 budget year, and discussed both cost-cutting measures as well as potential revenue streams to be implemented in order that we meet our budget moving forward.

Ms. O'Brien explained highlights of the audited financial statements and addressed questions as they arose.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the Hart House 2009-10 Audited Financial Statements be approved.

b) Terms of Reference and Mandates of Standing Committees—Motion—Michael De Angelis, Director, Programme Administration, on behalf of the warden.

Michael De Angelis explained that the approval of the vision statement brings great opportunity for committees to explore the terms under which they operate, and that it was timely for standing committees to explore the congruence of their operating structures with our vision. A support structure will be in place in January to provide committees with a framework in carrying out this goal. Each committee will come forward with recommendations for terms of reference and mandates, which will then be compiled and presented to the Warden's Office for review.

On motion duly made and seconded THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED that the Board authorize the warden to request that all committees come forward with recommendations suggesting terms of reference for, and mandates of, their respective committees and that the warden intends to present a report to the board for its consideration before the end of the 2010-11 academic year.

c) Committee Reports

Appended reports from representatives of the following groups were submitted for the information of Board members:

- Art Committee;
- Debates Committee;
- Farm Committee;
- Finance Committee;
- Literary and Library Committee;
- Recreational Athletics Committee;
- Social Justice Committee;
- Theatre Committee.

5. Warden's Update

a) Vision update

The warden provided an update on the implementation of the vision statement since its approval at the October 14th, 2010, meeting. There has been further congruence of programming in line with the vision: Committees have been outlining superb programming in their executive reports, and the warden reviewed several examples from the most recently submitted reports.

b) Warden's roundtable

Amanda Greener will be polling board members for their availability on either November 18th or 25th for the first warden's roundtable. Session will be held at 5:30 and food will be provided.

6. Other Business and Announcements

Some members emphasized the importance for committees to collaborate and noted successful collaborative events.

A member brought to the board's attention a recent MacLeans article regarding student demographics and extracurricular activities. Some discussion took place.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on December 9th: 5 – 5:30 PM (Social, North Dining Room), 5:30 – 7 PM (Meeting, South Dining Room).

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary

December 1, 2010