New College Council

Meeting of Monday, December 10, 2012, 12:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Room 2053, Wilson Hall

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of the Meeting of November 1, 2012 (attached)

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

3. Report of Standing Committees:
   i) Academic Affairs
   ii) NEWSS – Orientation (S. Wilmot)

4. Report of the Principal – Y. Roberge


6. Report from the Registrar’s Office – S. Walker

7. Plaza Design – Y. Roberge


9. Report from Student Councils
   i) NCSC
   ii) NCRC
   iii) Course Unions

10. Other Business

11. Adjournment
NEW COLLEGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, November 1, 2012
12:10 p.m., Room 2053, New College


On a motion by B. Russell, seconded by E. Reed, the agenda for the meeting was approved. CARRIED

Minutes of the Meeting of September 24, 2012

On a motion by A. Veloso, seconded by B. Russell, the minutes of September 24, 2012 were accepted as recorded. CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Report of Standing Committees

• NEWSS
  E. Reed reported the following:
  ♦ Orientation has been the main topic of discussion so far, and the general consensus is that orientation went well. The Orientation Chairs stated that the NCSC executives were helpful. Risk management was handled well.
  ♦ The reporting relationship between NCSC and ORSL is being discussed.
  ♦ An issue being examined is the purpose of orientation, its key values, and whether or not the current structure is working. It has been agreed that the Orientation Chairs need to be hired earlier in the year. Additionally, there is a desire to have more events that introduce students to New College as a whole – not solely social events. A sub-group is meeting bi-weekly, which includes a representative from central Student Life. This group is examining the positions descriptions for the Orientation Chairs, a project charter, timelines, and the decision-making process/approvals. Orientation Chairs will be paid an hourly rate rather than a stipend.
  ♦ The next meeting of NEWSS is scheduled for November 2.
• **Academic Affairs**

J. Larkin reported the following:

♦ The proposed changes for the 2013-2014 Arts & Science Calendar were reviewed and approved.
♦ There are many changes to the Caribbean Studies program, including the proposal of several new courses.
♦ The request for Summer 2013 courses has been submitted. We have asked to increase the number of courses we offer in the hope that this will help ease the enrolment pressures on some of our more popular courses during the Fall/Winter session.
♦ Many proposals for funding are being written and submitted to CRIF (Curriculum Renewal Initiatives Fund), UCDF (Undergraduate Course Development Fund) and ICM (International Course Modules).

**Report of the Principal**

Y. Roberge thanked students for the high attendance reported the following:

• **College Retreat to Discuss the Allocation of Discretionary Funds**

  ♦ An *ad hoc* committee comprised of PAG, A. Veloso and M. Wu. This committee will discuss who should be invited to the retreat; when it should happen (probably a Friday afternoon in January - January 25th has been suggested); and what the funding categories should be.
  ♦ The retreat will be divided into three segments, including group discussions to develop suggestions, a plenary session to discuss the grouping of items into “bins”, and finally, a discussion regarding the percentage of the funding to be allocated to each bin.

• The directive from the provincial government regarding compensation restraint has caused a lot of uncertainty, slowing negotiations with unions.

• The Faculty of Arts & Science is discussing targets for international enrolments. One hindrance to international enrolment is the relatively low number of scholarships for international students to help offset the high international fees. There is a possibility of collaborating with other Colleges on this issue.

• **Co-Curricular Record**

  ♦ An optional co-curricular record will be implemented in 2013/2014. This record will provide a list of co-curricular activities that students have been involved with.
  ♦ A website has been developed for this project: [http://ccr.utoronto.ca](http://ccr.utoronto.ca).
  ♦ There are resource implications, as this will be a de-centralized process. Further clarification is needed.

A. Veloso mentioned that, although this is a great initiative, it will not be implemented until September 2013, and it will not be a retro-active record.

• A “Facts & Figures” sheet is being developed for New College, and input from College members is requested. An *ad hoc* committee may be struck to work on this. A memo may be sent out to the community, asking for input.

J. Larkin suggested that the information gathered should be brought back to Council as a discussion document. R. Vander Kraats recommended that the U of T Blue Book be used for inspiration.
Report of the Director of Business Services

R. Vander Kraats reported the following:

- **Facilities**
  - The hiring committee has recommended a candidate for the new “Operations Manager” position: Karen Spence
  - A major renovation is planned for the Wilson Hall Steward’s Lodge. Lodge services will be relocated to the Wetmore Hall Lodge for 3-4 weeks. Work will begin during the November break.
  - Design plans for the New College plaza (portico, seating, bicycle area, etc.) will be presented at the Design Review Committee next week. The project is expected to cost approximately $800,000, with $150,000 coming from students through a levy.
  - The City of Toronto has renewed the contract for the Willcocks Commons for another five years. The Design Review Committee will be discussing how to make this a better space at its next meeting.
  - The previous student levy, supporting the computer lab, lapsed. A new levy is being created, and the plan is to create a walk-in/drop-in computer support centre. Wireless printing will be extended.
  - The Council Chamber will be renovated, including the installation of a new table, lighting, paint, carpet, etc. Ideas are being discussed with the architect.

- **Finances**
  Projections are being made with respect to the ancillary budgets as to where we will be at the end of the year and to plan rates for next year. Ancillary budgets are cost-recovery only; no surplus is permitted. Initial plans will be drafted in late November, and will be finalized in March.

Report from College Officers

- **Development Office**
  On behalf of C. Richards, Y. Roberge reported the following:
  - A reception for student leaders, past and present, was held at the Faculty Club on October 4th. The event was well attended.
  - The most recent “Dinner @ NEW” was on October 15th, featuring Barbara Keenan.
  - The Stephen Lewis lecture (“The Power of Community”) and reception was held October 24th. Both events were well attended.
  - As the 50th Anniversary campaign comes to a close, focus is shifting to the University’s “Boundless” campaign. The first campaign cabinet meeting was held recently, and includes a number of prominent people. Our initial goal of $5 million will need to be increased, as we are already at $4.6 million. The new recommended goal is $6 million.
  - Central fundraising is asking all divisions to develop a “Case for Support” document. This will be a public document.
  - The anniversary magazine is being worked on and should be ready for January. There is still room for more content.
  - New College at Varsity basketball game will be held November 10th.
Convocation is scheduled for November 12th. We will have an honorary degree recipient: Vandana Shiva, an international environmentalist. An open house will be held in the Wilson Hall apartment at 11:30 a.m. for students, and a reception will be held following convocation. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

Report from Student Councils

- **NCSC**
  
  A. Veloso reported the following:
  - Fall elections went well. The positions filled were: 2 NCC reps, 2 First-Year reps, an IFP rep and a Social Director. Students also voted on the institution of the new capital levy (which will support the New College Plaza Project) with 73.7% in favour of it. The computer lab levy is still being worked on, and it is hoped that students will be able to vote on it in January.
  - Initiatives are being discussed to encourage students to use the computer lab.
  - The NCSC directories have been posted.
  - 3 very successful Halloween events were held.
  - The constitution review process began in early October. The role of the Orientation Chairs is the current area of focus.
  - The next NCSC meeting is scheduled for November 4th.

  M. Chami and C. Cuizon reported the following:
  - A dinner social/mixer was held on October 18th with the goal of encouraging interaction between NCSC and NCC.
  - Working on “Speak Up”, giving students a way to hear what is being discussed at the College. Feedback will be given to Council by the NCC reps. The NCC reps can post issues on behalf of NCC members.

- **NCRC**
  
  A. Wheeler introduced himself as the NCRC Director of Administration and C. Yang as the Wilson Hall President and reported the following:
  - NCRC would like to receive the NCC agenda at least a week prior to the meeting so that they may discuss it prior to the Council meeting.
  - The Council is planning a number of events, both residence-only events, and larger events in collaboration with NCSC.
  - A major issue with residents at the moment is the very slow internet speeds in the residence. At the last General Assembly, 90% of attendees were very unhappy with the current internet speed, which is dramatically slower than in previous years. R. Vander Kraats indicated that ResNet is under central control, but he will check what the speed is to be capped at and if there is anything that can be done to improve speeds.

- **ESSU**
  
  K. Carter reported the following:
  - The first social was held recently with very good turnout. Many attendees indicated that they were happy that child-minding was provided, allowing them to attend.
Fall elections were held, and there are now 15 members on the executive board.

A conference/talk with Sherene Razack is planned for November 22\textsuperscript{nd}. The topic will be torture, and what it looks like in a post-9/11 world.

A study session will be held for NEW240Y1Y students, and an essay workshop for NEW241Y1 students.

The annual “Linked Oppressions”, which focuses on racism, homophobia and transphobia, will be held in early November. Events include a film screening of “Pariah” and a queer art showcase.

- **BPSU**
  J. Tse reported the following:
  - BPSU members and BPMH faculty participated in a fundraising banquet and walk-a-thon to help support the BPMH program.
  - An academic seminar was held where two clinical social workers talked to students about their work.
  - A self-help workshop is being planned for November, and a facilitator is currently being sought.

**Award Record: “Frank Walwyn Award in Caribbean Studies”**

Y. Roberge distributed copies of the award record (attached). This award is intended for (a) full-time, undergraduate student(s) in the Caribbean Studies Program at the University of Toronto on the basis of financial need.

**Other Business**

- **Student Centre**
  E. Reed reported that the first “Student Centre” meeting was held, and they are currently in the process of electing a representative of the tenants of the Centre.

- **Residence**
  V. Kostianiuk reported that a “worry tree” has been created, where students can write a problem they are having on an “apple” and post it. Others can write solutions on “leaves” and post it with the apple. There has been a lot of participation in this endeavour, which was started in support of “Mental Health Awareness month” (October).

- **Wilson Hall Apartment**
  Y. Roberge instructed all sub-committees of Council to report to NCC with their ideas regarding the use of this space.

- **Residence Composition**
  Y. Roberge indicated that this issue has been given to NEWSS for discussion.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. on a motion by J. Larkin, seconded by B. Russell.
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#### AWARD RECORD

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#### NOTES:

1. As per the Boundless Promise Program, the University of Toronto will match 1:1 in perpetuity, the annual payout of the endowed funds.

2. The annual income available for awards must be awarded to full-time, domestic Canadian residents in compliance with the UTAPS program guidelines and the Policy on Student Financial Support.

#### Fund Centre:
- Cost Centre:
- Fund:
- Project #’s:
- Unifacts Account:
- Level: Undergraduate