AGENDA:

1. Introductions and Welcome to New Members

2. Minutes of the Meeting of May 15, 2012 (attached)

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Report of the Striking Committee:
   i) Election of New Members
   ii) Formation of Committees
   iii) Election of Chair

5. Report of the Principal – Y. Roberge


7. Report from the Registrar’s Office on Enrolment and Registration – S. Walker

8. Report from Student Councils
   i) NCSC
   ii) NCRC

9. Dates for Future Meetings

10. Other Business

11. Adjournment
NEW COLLEGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, May 15, 2012
12:10 p.m., Room 2053, New College


Regrets: L. Manicom, K. Morgan

Memorial Resolution respecting Professor Emeritus Joseph O’Connell

Y. Roberge read a tribute to Professor O’Connell (attached), husband of long-term New College member Prof. Kathleen O’Connell and moved that the resolution be added to the minutes.

CARRIED

A moment of silence followed.

Minutes of the Meeting of March 21, 2012

On page 4, under the heading “Advancement”, bullet point 6 should read “…The Buddhism, Psychology and Mental Health Program received a gift in the amount of $80,000 to support courses in the program.”

On a motion by P. Cox, seconded by C. Kim, the minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2012 were accepted as amended.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Y. Roberge reported that, with respect to the external reviews of the African and Caribbean Studies Programs, the final reports have not yet been received, although the preliminary report has been seen for African Studies.

Y. Roberge reported that the College’s application for a Lecturer position was not successful. Only ½ of the requested position were granted. No feedback was received on the application, which is not what was expected. The Academic Affairs Committee will discuss next year’s application.

Election of Members to the Striking Committee

S. Walker explained the role of the Striking Committee in the formation of next year’s Council and sub-committees. Ex officio include the Principal and the NCSC President. Four additional
members of Council are required. The following individuals volunteered: J. Larkin, C. Richards, C. Kim and T. Tieku.

On a motion by S. Wilmot, seconded by J. Larkin, nominations were closed.

Report of the Principal

Y. Roberge reported the following:
- The Principal’s Advisory Group (PAG) will discuss the new website and how well it’s working, propose changes and training sessions. S. Wilmot suggested, with respect to timing for training sessions, July would be better than August; the second half of September would be even better.
- New College convocation is scheduled for June 12 at 2:30 p.m. It is important to have College participation. The College could purchase a number of gowns (~$100 each) for use by College members. This may encourage more participation by faculty and staff. A. Veloso asked who would store the gowns. Y. Roberge indicated that the details had yet to be determined.
- The last provincial budget eliminated funding for the work-study program. It is unknown at this time what the repercussions will be. A Ronquillo said that the rumour was that the program had been cancelled. Y. Roberge said that it has not been cancelled, but it will be re-structured. It is not known at this time what the new program will look like.
- The Senior Doctoral Fellowship program will run again for 2012-2013 in an expanded format. We have advertised an SDF position for African Studies; Buddhism, Psychology and Mental Health; Caribbean Studies; Equity Studies; IFP; and Jungian Studies.
- M. Murphy and R. Wilson are finishing their terms as interim directors of WGSI and Human Biology, respectively. Thanks were expressed for jobs well done.
- Welcome was extended to A. Veloso, the new NCSC President.
- Everyone on Council was thanked for their contributions throughout the year.

Report of the Director of Business Services

R. Vander Kraats reported the following:
- The classroom project is on schedule and will be ready for use by our summer programs. It looks like a wonderful space. The other Wetmore basement classrooms (51A, 51B, 51C and 52) will be modernized as well.
- The walkway through the quad has been improved (interlocking bricks instead of asphalt) with the assistance of the University, who paid $90,000 for this project.
- The second floor of Wetmore Hall will be renovated over the summer. High efficiency lighting will be installed as well.
- The Wetmore roof will be finished.
- The renovation of room 50 in Wetmore Hall (aka “The Party Room”) is roughly on schedule. When completed, it will be used by IFP as a teacher’s room, a space for 1:1 meetings with students, and will have a large meeting area.
- Elevators are now accessed by fobs. This system will be extended to perimeter doors and stairwell doors. This system is tied to the central U of T Police system.
• Aramark will contribute $190,000 to cafeteria modernization. Approval was received from SARG for modernization of the kitchen. A number of new hydration stations have been installed throughout the College. These were funded by the University.

Report from Standing Committees

• **Priority, Planning and Budget Committee**
  Y. Roberge reported that PP&B met with the purpose of developing a process for making decisions respecting the following:

  ◦ **Wilson Hall Apartment**
    PP&B’s recommendation is that all Standing Committees of NCC should report to NCC a recommendation for use of the apartment, along with the budgetary implication. This will help give a wider viewpoint. There is no rush for this; the end of December was suggested as a deadline.

  ◦ **Residence Composition**
    NCSC asked that the composition of the residence population be discussed with respect to the proportion of Arts & Science students versus non-Arts & Science students. It was suggested that the percentage of professional faculty students should not increase over the next few years and decrease slightly, if at all possible. Two floors are being returned to residence service at 45 Willcocks in 2012-2013; all of these spaces will be given to Arts & Science students. This issue will be on the table for the next few years. The best approach is to recognize the fluidity of the system. S. Wilmot suggested that the subject be re-visited each September/October and asked which Committee would be responsible. Y. Roberge suggested that the NEWSS Committee would be most appropriate.

  ◦ **Discretionary Funds**
    How do we allocate/what do we do with a budget surplus? Transparency is essential. PP&B recommends the development of categories, attributing a percentage (rather than an absolute amount) to each “bin” – for example, 10% would go to scholarships each year. NCC should determine the categories.

  C. Cuizon asked who would control the money in each category. Y. Roberge said that a process is already in place for the allocation of scholarship funds; processes would need to be developed for the other categories. O. Almasi asked if it would be possible in any given year to transfer funds from one category to another?

  Y. Roberge indicated that this would be up to the Council. S. Wilmot asked when we would know how much money would be available in each year in order to plan effectively. Y. Roberge indicated that we don’t know this yet.

  Further discussion was tabled to the end of the meeting to allow sufficient time for all reports.

• **Academic Affairs Committee**
  J. Larkin reported the following:

  ◦ The Namibia interns leave next week.
  ◦ Job postings for Sessional Lecturers for the 2012-2013 academic year will be posted this week.
An Equity Studies Minor is being developed.
The New Media workshop series was very successful this year. Another New Media workshop series is being organized for next year.

NEWSS
S. Walker reported that the NEWSS Committee met last week. Orientation 2012 was discussed, and plans are off to a good start.

Report from College Officers

Advancement
C. Richards reported the following:
♦ We are at the halfway mark of the College’s 50\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary year. Some of the events that have been held include a reception for student leaders and the spring reunion, which featured a lecture by Ann Yeoman, the former Dean of Students at New College.
♦ The office is currently working on program-based solicitations.
♦ A New College magazine is being worked on.

Office of Residence and Student Life
S. Wilmot reported the following:
♦ Summer residence has begun.
♦ Fall admissions process is underway.
♦ Thousands of offers have been made to Arts & Science students, but the Office has been slow to send offers for ProFacs.
♦ Poster policies and music room policies are being reviewed and updated.
♦ Plans for how the office will run in the future are being developed.

Writing Centre
D. Knott reported the following:
♦ Over the course of the fall/winter session, the Writing Centre gave approximately 1700 hours of instruction to 585 students. During the Summer 2011 session, 250 hours of instruction was given to 100 students.
♦ A new venture in Caribbean Studies and African Studies began this year. A writing group was held with each of these programs. The met every other Friday from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Students brought their work and consulted with staff.
♦ The Writing Centre worked closely with Equity Studies and Women and Gender Studies this year.

J. Larkin thanked D. Knott for her involvement in the New Media workshop series.

New One
D. Knott reported the following:
♦ Applications are still being accepted. 176 have been received so far, and we are hoping for 40-60 more applications.
♦ By the end of this week, approximately 110 offers will have been made.
♦ The curriculum is being developed.
O. Almasi asked if the background of the students applying to New One is known. D. Knott replied that the demographic details are not known, but a significant number of international and multi-lingual students applied.

- **Registrar’s Office**
  S. Walker reported the following:
  - There are two new employees in the Registrar’s Office – Sara Brown (Assistant Registrar) and Cori Hanson (Student Services Assistant).
  - The first welcome event attracted 160 attendees. The next two events, scheduled for May 27 and June 14, are expected to top that attendance.
  - Summer academic orientation sessions will be held again this summer for incoming students.
  - 2,000 New College students are enrolled in the summer session.
  - P. Russell is working on admission offers.
  - 180 scholarship offers have been made; we will probably have 55 entrance scholarships.

- **IFP/ISP**
  H. Si reported the following:
  - Approximately 1,200 students are expected to participate in the International Summer Program.
  - The IFP target for 2012-2013 is 130 students. China remains the largest market, but it is hoped that next year’s program will have a higher percentage of students from outside of China, increasing the diversity to 30-35%.

**Report from Student Councils/Unions**

- **NCSC**
  A. Veloso reported the following:
  - The new Council has been elected and they are busy preparing for 2012-2013.
  - The Orientation Chairs are L. Chester and S. Kohn. They are working very hard, and the orientation team has been selected. The first planning committee meeting has already been held; another is planned for later this month.
  - Last year was the final year of the student Computer Lab levy. A new levy can be created; will discuss with PP&B to determine whether there will be a new referendum in next year’s elections.

R. Vander Kraats noted that 70% of the salary of the Computer Lab Manager is paid by this levy. Additionally, the computer hardware needs replacing. There is a debate currently about whether to purchase 60 new computers or use one central service. Additionally, we are hoping to offer students wireless printing and other services. The Capital Levy funded the renovations in the lounges.
Other Business

L. Freedman reported that the ELL Program continues to be very successful, and thanked everyone for their support of the program. ELL instruction is being integrated into courses across the Faculty. The summer course just finished, and nearly everyone completed it successfully. The Communication Café will be expanding next year to University College, adding to the Cafés being run at New, Woodsworth and St. Michael’s Colleges.

Discussion returned to the issue of the allocation of discretionary funds, and how Council should arrive at the names of the categories and the percentage of the funds allocated to each category – could this be accomplished at a regular meeting of NCC or would a retreat be more effective?

Y. Roberge indicated that if a retreat was held, units not eligible to receive funding would not be invited (e.g. independent unit (Human Biology, WGSI). J. Newman reminded Council that the money being discussed is soft money. Y. Roberge suggested that we could take a competitive approach for some categories (not for scholarships). We should also look at investing in things with long-term impact, not just immediate needs.

R. Vander Kraats indicated that the structural deficit would always be the first draw, and we could also look at setting up a contingency fund. It costs $500,000 to run our academic programming, and we need just over $1 million to maintain a status quo.

D. Knott believed a retreat would be a good idea and asked if there would be a call for proposals. Criteria/framework for people to think about before coming to the retreat is essential in order to have an effective retreat. Y. Roberge said that approximately ¼ of the retreat would be dedicated to distributing information. T. Tieku stated that a small committee would be needed to do the preparatory work for a retreat. P. Cox suggested that in the call for proposal, guidelines could be given such as 25% for short term proposals, 50% to long term proposals, etc. Y. Roberge cautioned that we can’t get too detailed, and that decisions should be based on planning and vision. The goal of the retreat would wide consultation so that Council can make these decisions. J. Guindon clarified that the purpose of the retreat wouldn’t be to approve specific projects, but suggest categories.

J. Larkin asked how the Committee would be formed. J. Newman suggested that PAG plus one student from NCSC and one student from NCRC could be the organizing committee.

J. Larkin moved, seconded by C. Richards, that an ad hoc committee charged with planning and implementing a half-day retreat regarding the allocation of discretionary funds be formed. CARRIED

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. on a motion by J. Guindon, seconded by C. Kim.
New College Council  
May 15, 2012

Memorial Resolution for the late Professor Emeritus Joseph O’Connell

Be it resolved that New College deeply regrets the death on Sunday, May 6, 2012, of Professor Emeritus Joseph O’Connell.

Joseph T. O’Connell, noted scholar of world religions, was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1940, he was educated at Holy Cross College and Harvard University, where he specialized in the religions of South Asia, completing his Ph.D. thesis on Caitanya Vaisnavism. Joseph taught at St. Michael’s College and the Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto from 1968-2000, and he and his wife Kathleen, a Tagore scholar, made regular research visits to India and Bangladesh. Joseph also had a strong connection with New College and had maintained a very active scholarly research life since his retirement.

His distinguished academic career includes teaching appointments at Oxford University, Visva-Bharati University, India, and more recently at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, where he has been instrumental in the establishment of the Dept. of World Religions and Culture.

Beyond his multi-faceted scholarly contributions to teaching, writing and curriculum development, Joe’s deep social conscience found scope in his support of various causes involving social and political injustice. Locally, he generously donated his time over many years to the Out-of-the-Cold program at St. Peter’s and St. Matthew’s parishes as a member of the steering committee and regular volunteer.

Much cherished husband of Kathleen for forty-seven years, Joseph will be deeply missed by his family.

Be it further moved that this resolution be inscribed in the minutes and that a copy be transmitted to his wife Kathleen O’Connell as a token of our deep respect.