New College Council

Meeting of Monday, September 24, 2018, 12:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Room 2053, Wilson Hall

AGENDA:

1. Introductions and Welcome to New Members

2. Minutes of the Meeting of April 27, 2018 (attached)

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

   i) Election of New Members
   ii) Formation of New Committees
   iii) Election of Chair

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


7. Report of the Principal – B. McElhinny


10. Report from the Office of Residence and Student Life – L. McCormack-Smith

11. Report from the Advancement Office – A. Liddell-Kenn

12. Other Business

13. Adjournment
NEW COLLEGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Friday, April 27, 2018
10:10 a.m., Wilson Hall, room 2053, New College


Presentation on the Report of the Indigenous Teaching & Learning Working Group

H. Bohaker, Associate Professor in the Department of History, gave a presentation on the report of the Indigenous Teaching and Learning Working Group (report found here: http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/main/about/reports/itl-2018/pdfs/itl-report-14-november.pdf). This FAS working group was convened by a petition launched by the Native Student Group to address the ongoing legacy of colonialism and issues continuing to be faced in the curriculum.

Discussion followed the presentation.

J. Newman asked if the residential component of the proposed new Indigenous college would be open to all students across the Faculty. H. Bohaker referred Council to Appendix B, which outlines the details of the proposed constituent College, which would welcome both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. O. Almasi asked why the proposed College has a target opening date of 2030. H. Bohaker said that the governance structures of the new College will likely be in place before then, but the physical structures will take time. Planning will start now, but the governance planning, fundraising, consultation and construction will take a significant amount of time.

A. Guerson asked, regarding the curricular calls to action, if there is anything in place now to develop curriculum in response. H. Bohaker said that the Dean’s International Initiatives Fund has been expanded this year to include Indigenous initiatives. If instructors have the experience/knowledge to offer, for example, land-based courses or travel to First Nations land in Canada, they are encouraged to apply to this funding. The Dean’s Office is developing more funding, but Colleges and units are encouraged to find smaller amounts of funding for other lower-cost initiatives, such as honoraria to bring an elder in to speak or to take students to the Woodland Cultural Centre.

J. Larkin commented that there is a lot of demand on elders’ time and we need to be cognizant of that when trying to integrate an indigenous presence into courses. H. Bohaker agreed and said that the University will need to spend money to bring more elders in to do
this work. There are also plans in place for 0.49/0.51 tenure-stream appointments in Indigenous Studies. There are recommendations in place to develop a list of potential guest speakers.

O. Almasi asked if there were any initiatives specifically regarding indigenous women. H. Bohaker said that it wasn’t something that was considered. There were discussions regarding supports for trans and LGTBQ2 indigenous students, but not for indigenous women more generally. H. Bohaker thanked O. Almasi for the suggestion and will take it back to the advisory group.

K. Huffman asked about training specific to student services that is available in the short term (recognizing that Human Resources is planning a training program for all staff). H. Bohaker said that they are working on Orientation programming and suggesting Orientation committees contact the Indigenous Students Association for ideas. Ensure staff is aware of First Nations House and transmits this information to students. First Nations House is planning an orientation as well, and all students are welcome. We also want to make the First Nations House more visible on campus. Hart House has a medicine garden where various ceremonies are held regularly. We need to make students aware of this programming.

J. Newman thanked H. Bohaker for the presentation and for coming to speak with Council.

Minutes of the Meeting of February 9, 2018

Under the bullet-point “Grants” on page 4, the spelling of George Dei’s name was corrected.

The minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2018 were approved as amended. CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

O. Almasi asked if there has been any progress on the search for the new Director of the New College Writing Centre. B. McElhinny reported that the Committee is still working, so there isn’t an announcement to be made yet.

Report from Standing Committees

- Academic Affairs Committee
  J. Larkin reported the following:
  ♦ Working through year-end tasks. Summer session begins May 7, 2018.
  ♦ In order to support faculty as the University moves from Blackboard to Quercus, we will be holding a Quercus workshop in May. All College members using Blackboard/Quercus are invited to attend. Blackboard sites must be archived by August 31, 2018.
  ♦ There are a number of international initiatives this summer, including the Belize internships and research excursions (NEW398Y0) in Kenya and Ghana. We are also
holding a study abroad course in Grenada, where students will earn a full credit in 3 weeks. 2.5 hours of classes every morning with field trips in the afternoon. All students enrolled in the Grenada course and Belize internships are female. We need to look at recruiting male students.

♦ The call for applications for Senior Doctoral Fellowships will go out soon. The Human Biology Program is joining the SDF program this year.

♦ There are two on-going searches in Equity Studies. There is a permanent position (51% Equity Studies/49% TYP) currently posted, with applications due May 15, 2018; and a 2-year CLTA position (which will hopefully become permanent) with a focus on youth and social activism.

• **NEWSS**
  L. McCormack-Smith reported the following:
  ♦ **Orientation**
    Orientation hiring is complete. NEWSS will work with the orientation committee as they prepare for September. No major changes are for this year’s orientation. Ignite will be held on the Saturday following orientation. The Committee is looking at expanding the Ignite offerings, as participation was very strong last year.
  ♦ **College Student Survey Report**
    Focus groups are being planned for next year. The goal is to have 5 groups meet throughout 2018-2019.

**Report from the Principal**

There was no report given by the Principal.

**Report from Student Councils**

• **NCSC**
  M. Hoenig reported that she has been re-elected for another year as President. The Council is currently in its transition period. The new executives have met with L. McCormack-Smith already and will be meeting with R. Vander Kraats soon. Some of the issues to be discussed include the 45 Willcocks renovations and a potential re-design of the NCSC office to make it more contemporary and functional. The Council also plans to re-vamp its apparel.

**Report from the Chief Administrative Officer**

R. Vander Kraats reported the following:

• **Finances**
  It is currently fiscal year-end, so the office is very busy. The budget is on target. The College is doing well in flowing sponsorship money out – it is very hard to spend money wisely. Program Director discretionary funds have been increased for the upcoming year. The Sponsorship fund has been depleted and the NCIF bins are nearly depleted. Any remaining funds will be carried-forward and all funds will be replenished.
• **IT**
  The A/V in meeting rooms and classrooms is being upgraded. We are currently conducting a survey on A/V use in classrooms and meeting rooms.

• **Facilities**
  The final leg of the Plaza Project begins on Wednesday with the arrival of cranes. We will be holding a BBQ to celebrate. The columns will be installed next week, followed by a period of curing, and then the canopies will be installed, followed by another period of curing. Then, finally, the benches will be installed. Willcocks Street will be closed for a period of time during this work. The project should be complete or nearly complete by convocation.

• **45 Willcocks Renovations**
  The schematic design is finished and looks very good. The second project costing came in lower than the first one. The savings will pay for the bathroom renovation. Unfortunately, the project is on hold. PP&B does not want to continue allowing FAS to use the William Doo Auditorium for exams. ACE blocked us at the Capital Projects Committee. As such, we will not be starting on May 20th as planned. We will start as soon as we can and we will not wait until Summer 2019 to begin.

• **Building Expansion**
  We are currently in the data collection stage, which is part of the terms of reference project.

• **Major Maintenance**
  A number of major maintenance projects are planned for the summer, including the repair of the exterior wall of Wetmore; the renovation of the 3rd floor of Wilson Hall; and the upgrading of the electrical facilities in Wilson Hall (there will be power outages during this upgrade).

• **IFP Office Space**
  The Wetmore Hall Dining Hall stage will be converted into office space for IFP instructors. CAPS approval has been received.

**Report of the Registrar**

K. Huffman reported the following:

• **2018-2019 Admissions**
  The admissions process for 2018-2019 is nearly complete. Enrolment across the Faculty of Arts & Science is to be reduced as per SMA2, resulting in about 50 less students for New College. Welcome events will be held in the William Doo on May 26 and June 9.

• **Convocation**
  We have a very large graduating class this year (approximately 800 students). Convocation is scheduled for the morning of June 20.

• **End of Term**
  The Registrar’s Office is very busy with the usual end of term tasks, including petitions for deferred exams and requests for late course withdrawals.
Report from the Director, Office of Residence and Student Life

L. McCormack-Smith reported that residents are moving out as they finish exams and the office is in preparation mode for 2018-2019. The Living Learning Communities will be expanded next year. StarRez will be used more extensively. Orientation planning is ongoing. Over the summer, a work-study student will be hired to help with administrative work, and M. Hoenig will be the ORSL summer intern.

Report from Advancement

A. Liddell-Kenn reported the following:
- The final numbers are not yet in, but the College has surpassed $8.5 million towards its $8.8 million campaign goal.
- 3 new scholarships have been established and another has been enhanced.
- There were 4 large gifts received this year.
- B. McElhinny went to Hong Kong for convocation and met with Mr. Doo, who is giving a substantial gift towards the renovations of the auditorium.
- The alumni reunion weekend is coming up and will be held in the William Doo Auditorium. Speakers will include B. McElhinny, T. Toneatto, L. Thomas, and T. Linblad.

Election of Members to the Striking Committee

The role of the Striking Committee in the formation of next year’s Council and sub-committees was explained. The Principal and the President of NCSC are ex-officio members; four additional members are required. K. Huffman, J. Newman, J. Larkin and A. Guerson volunteered to sit on the committee.

On a motion by B. Russell, seconded by A. Liddell, nominations were closed. CARRIED

Other Business

K. Huffman informed Council that two Faculty of Arts & Science students were directly involved in the van attack. A University College student died and a New College was injured.

K. Huffman moved, seconded by O. Almasi, that a moment of silence be observed. CARRIED

A moment of silence followed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on a motion by S. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell. CARRIED