



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NEW COLLEGE

New College Council

Meeting of Monday, September 25, 2023, 12:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of the Meeting of April 27, 2023 ([attached](#))
2. Business Arising from the Minutes
3. Report from the Striking Committee – A. Guerson on behalf of K. Huffman
4. Report from Student Councils
 - i) NCSC
 - a) Past events: Orientation
 - b) Upcoming: Elections, Fall general meeting, and Office hours set up
 - ii) NCRC
 - iii) Course Unions
5. Report from Standing Committees
6. Report of the Principal – D. Eyoh
 - a. Motion - African Studies move to an Extra-Departmental Unit (EDU)
7. Report of the Vice Principal – A. Guerson
8. Report of the Chief Administrative Officer – R. Vander Kraats
9. Report from the Registrar's Office – L Mak
 - a. Preliminary enrolment report
10. Report from the Office of Residence and Student Life – L. McCormack-Smith
11. Report from the Advancement Office – C. Argiropoulos
 - a. Review New College awards in African Studies and Caribbean Studies
12. Report from the Writing Centre – M. Prescott-Brown
13. Report from the Librarian – J. Newman
14. Report from Communications Office – A. Rodrigues Magalhaes
15. Other Business
16. Adjournment

NEW COLLEGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, April 27, 2023
12:10 p.m. –2:00 p.m.

Present: C. Argiropoulos, R. Buiani, N. Crawley (Secretary), D. Eyoh, F. Garrett, T. Goldstein, K. Huffman, L. Kwiatkowski, L. McCormack-Smith, L. Newbery, J. Newman (Chair), F. Northeast, C. Ramsaroop, B. Registe

Regrets: S. Doyle-Wood, M. Prescott-Brown, T. Seburn, E. Weisbaum

Agenda

On a motion by K. Huffman, seconded by L. McCormack-Smith, the agenda was approved.

Minutes of the Meeting of January 23, 2023

The minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2023 were accepted as recorded.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Report from Student Councils

- *Equity Studies Student Union (ESSU)*
F. Northeast reported the following:
 - ◆ ESSU is in the process of transitioning into the next year.
 - ◆ A by-election will be held in the fall to fill any remaining empty positions.
 - ◆ Many plans are in the works for 2023-2024.

Report from Standing Committees

- *NEWSS*
L. McCormack-Smith reported that orientation hiring for September 2023 is complete.

Report of the Vice Principal

T. Goldstein reported the following:

- *UTQAP*
African Studies – UTQAP process is complete. The Program will transition into EDU-B status effective July 1, 2023.
BPMH – a strong self-study was prepared. General consensus is that the Program requires stable funding. On the advice of the Dean's Office, an advisory group is being created. IFP is in the beginning stages of their very first UTQAP cycle.
- *Caribbean Studies*
The Centre has hired a "Communications and Undergraduate Coordinator" to provide administrative support. Please welcome Julie Thomson!

- *Summer Enrolment*
Enrolment across our courses is generally lower than pre-COVID; however, enrolment in online courses is exceptionally strong and waitlists are long.
- *Kathleen O'Connell Award*
This award is for outstanding teaching by a CUPE 3902 Unit 3 Sessional Lecturer. Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2023.
- *BPMH Events*
Please see the [attached](#) document for information on 2 exciting upcoming events!

T. Goldstein thanked all of the New College Program Directors and instructors for working so hard this semester to support students returning to campus.

Report of the Principal

D. Eyoh reported the following:

- All were thanked for their work over the past academic year.
- We're at a critical juncture as a College with two of our academic programs obtaining EDU-B status. Critical Studies in Equity and Solidarity; Buddhism, Psychology and Mental Health; Community Engaged Learning; New One; and the Writing Centre remain.
- On the administrative front, there have been challenges in filling positions, particularly in K. Huffman's office.

Report of the Chief Administrative Officer

There was no report from the Chief Administrative Officer

Report from the Registrar's Office

K. Huffman reported the following:

- Convocation will be held June 21, 2023. 1,076 New College students have requested graduation. As it's such a large group, there will be both morning and afternoon ceremonies, with a reception held for both groups over lunch.
- Admission numbers for next year remain about the same. GTA numbers are a bit soft across Arts & Science, with New College's softer than most.
- The College will have an enrolment of approximately 6,300 students.

Report from the Office of Residence and Student Life

L. McCormack-Smith reported the following:

- *Residence*
Looking at creating 48 new bedspaces for 2023-2024 academic year to assist with housing guarantee issues. This will come from reinstalling the "bunk double" rooms (which right now serve as very large singles). We are looking into the feasibility of this for this year, but if not for this year, then it will be in place for 2024-2025. These will also be charged the economy rate, increasing the availability of the lowest cost housing option.

- *Programming*
ORSL supported 426 unique programs run in the 2022-23 academic year – all were either directly run by us, or supported through financial assistance to event organizers, advertising to student body, or through administrative support. This total includes NCSC, NCRC, New College Student Unions and Student Centre Group programming we supported, alongside office run programming through ORSL, Residence Dons, Community Assistants, Learning Experience Assistants, and Work Study programming.
- *Hiring*
 - ◆ Completed hiring for the 2023-24 academic year – hired 21 Residence Dons, 6 Learning Experience Assistants, 2 Community Assistants, 2 BIPOC Community Assistants, and 2 Orientation Coordinators. Ongoing hiring is happening for Orientation Execs, Head Leaders and Peer Leaders for orientation.
 - ◆ New College is hosting the Black Student Orientation Coordinator for the 2023 Orientation cycle for the four constituent colleges (Innis College, New College, University College, Woodsworth College). Programming will be open to all Black identifying students at U of T. Also working with Student Campus Community Development on programming.

Report from the Advancement Office

C. Argiropoulos reported the following:

- *Advancement*
 - ◆ End of business year in advancement, planning for next year
 - ◆ Plans for fundraising and alumni development
 - ◆ What will be our key areas of focus – increasing revenue for New College priorities and increasing alumni engagement
 - ◆ New College Benches
 - Lovely new benches in the quad, similar to the benches across campus
 - Donors can make a donation and have a bench made in honour of their loved one
 - \$10,000 donation
 - ◆ Community fundraising
 - Groups that come together to fundraise in support of a scholarship
 - We often see this in memory of someone who was connected to the College, Faculty member, alumni, friend and in honour of someone to recognize them
 - I can work with the person setting up the award fund to develop an online giving page, emails to their networks
- *Alumni Development*
 - ◆ Alumni Reunion coming up!
 - Part of University's Alumni Reunion Celebrations
 - Wed. May 31 – New College Leaders: Past and Present – NCSC, NCRC, Student Unions, New Faces Productions, special panel with Past Presidents (confirming attendance)
 - Fri. Jun 2 – Virtual fireside chat with Robert Herjavec and Mark Lukasiewicz
 - ◆ Graduation celebrations – Planning underway
 - ◆ Planning for fall events – Alumni Speaker Series, Dinner@New, alumni communications

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

On a motion by L. McCormack-Smith, seconded by C. Argiropoulos, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m. CARRIED

NCIF/BPMH event updates:

May 2nd - Evening of Meditation, Music & Poetry @ UofT

- Funded by NCIF and BPMH program
- Taking place in the William Doo Auditorium
- “Sold out” with 220 attendees (50 spaces were set aside just for the NC community and they filled up right away!)

This special two-hour event includes a wide range of musical/cultural styles, ranging from classical orchestral to hip hop. Through meditation, poetry readings and musical performance we will explore and honor the legacy of scholar, poet, peace activist and Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh. The evening’s program has been curated by senior monastic Dharma teachers from Thich Nhat Hanh’s Plum Village centre in France. Drawing upon the diverse backgrounds and perspectives of our professional performers, our aspiration is to collectively co-create an atmosphere of peace and joy that can be healing and inspiring for all those in attendance.

May 4th - Evening Public Talk @ UofT “Applied Mindfulness: A new way of seeing, being & acting”

- Funded by UofT’s Ho Centre for Buddhist studies (Elli Weisbaum received grant to bring the delegation from internationally renowned scholar, peace activist and Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh’s Centre in France) → collaboration/partnership on this event with the BPMH program
- Currently 350 registrants (maximum of 500, so some tickets still available!)
- **Register here:** <https://May2023MusicAndPoetry.eventbrite.com>

Invitation to NC Programs: share about your offerings/work at our NCIF/BPMH program May Mindfulness Events at UoFT

At the two events outlined above, we will have a “community partners” table in the event lobby. All NC programs are welcomed to put out literature (e.g. pamphlets, posters etc.) on this table. Suggestion to arrive around 6pm at each event if you’d like to put out some literature on the community table.

If you have any questions please contact: elli.weisbaum@utoronto.ca