

New College Council

Meeting of Monday, January 27, 2025, 12:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of the Meeting of Dec. 12, 2024 ([attached](#))
2. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - i) Following up on BPMH special committee established in previous meeting.
3. Report from Student Councils
 - i) NCSC
 - ii) NCRC
 - iii) Course Unions
4. Report from Standing Committees
5. Report of the Principal – R. Gazzale
6. Report of the Vice Principal – A. Guerson
7. Report of the Chief Administrative Officer – R. Vander Kraats
8. Report from the Writing Centre – M. Prescott-Brown
9. Report from the Librarian – M. Redden
10. Report from the Registrar's Office – K. Huffman
11. Report from the Office of Residence and Student Life – L. McCormack-Smith
12. Other Business
 - i) College Coordination of Commemorative Events.

NEW COLLEGE COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, December 12, 2024,
12:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Present: R. Gazzale, K. Huffman, A. Guerson, R. Vander Kraats, T. Seburn, B. Russell, D. Chang, L. McCormack-Smith, F. Garrett, E. Weisbaum, A. Trotz, N. Siddiqui, R. Buiani, M. Redden, M. Prescott-Brown, K. Edmonds, D. Racelis, C. Ramsaroop, S. Doyle-Wood, S. Aidid, A. Rodrigues Magalhaes, A. Stone, W. Tran, F. Zhang, Florentine Winkler (NCRC), Nifise Oguntoye (ESSU), Anna Li (NCSC), Tiffany Yang (NCSC), Dean Chen (NCSC), Ryan Char (NCSC), Tony Wang (NCSC)

Regrets: A. McGuire, A. Guerson

Introduction

T. Seburn gave the University of Toronto [Land Acknowledgement](#).

Minutes of the Meeting of November 13, 2024

T. Seburn motioned to approve the minutes.

M. Redden seconded.

The minutes were approved.

Business Arising from the Minutes

T. Seburn shared information regarding the proposed changes to the New College Writing Centre Director role on behalf of A. McGuire. During discussion from the last New College Council (NCC) meeting, it was communicated that individuals in the Teaching Stream need to have in-class teaching as a component of their appointment to progress in rank and eventually earn Continuing Status. However, there have been precedents at the University wherein Writing Centre Directors have earned this status without teaching credit courses in a traditional classroom setting.

The following examples were given:

- The Director of the Health Science Writing Centre (Dr. Boba Samuels) earned continuing status without teaching credit courses. She did so based on her teaching in the 1:1 program and through guest lectures and workshops organized by the Centre.
- The Director of the Writing Centre at University College (Jerry Plotnick) also earned continuing status without teaching any credit courses during his directorship.
- The current Director of the Graduate Centre for Academic Communication (Dr. Jane Freeman) similarly earned continuing status without teaching credit courses. She later went on to achieve the rank of Full Professor, Teaching Stream, and won the U of T President's Teaching Award— again, without teaching credit courses.

- Additionally, while not Writing Centre Directors, both Peter Grav (now retired) and Dr. Rachael Cayley, as Writing Studies faculty at GCAC, were awarded continuing status without teaching credit courses.

A. Trotz shared that Deborah Knott, former Vice-Principal of New College, also was promoted to Continuing Status when she served as the New College Writing Centre Director.

R. Vander Kraats responded that she may have had teaching obligations earlier in her career, so this precedent would need to be checked.

T. Seburn followed up on the motion from last meeting to establish a committee to examine the program closure recommendation of the Buddhism, Psychology and Mental Health (BPMH) Minor and asked for further definition of what the committee aims to discover and examine through its inception.

M. Redden shared they made the recommendation as there usually has not been sufficient time during NCC meetings to allow constructive conversation about the BPMH program's closure. As well, they noted following the Report from the Principal at the November 25, 2023 NCC meeting, which was the date the Council was first made aware that closure of the program was a possibility, there was a successful motion to form an ad hoc committee but the report they produced was never shared.

M. Redden requested that Council support the following, as per section 4.3 of the New College Constitution:

- A recommendation to establish a special committee with terms of reference that would include gathering all the relevant documentation surrounding the process that led to the recommendation for the program closure of the BPMH program.
- The development of a report of that process, including the findings that would have been compiled by the ad hoc committee from the November 25, 2023 meeting.
- Discussion with stakeholders originally involved with the process that led to the closure recommendation and to then consider whether process aligned with the policies and procedure that are outlined by the University for program closure.

K. Huffman asked if a final report was written by the ad hoc committee.

F. Garrett responded that a report was written, but the committee was asked not to share it.

R. Gazzale asked if it would be possible to release the report from last year instead of forming a special committee.

F. Garrett clarified that the report had a specific mandate that was more limited than what M. Redden requested.

M. Redden added that the report was primarily centered on the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process (UTQAP) in response to the sudden announcement of the BPMH closure recommendation. They noted it would be beneficial to release this alongside the more thorough work that would be completed by the special committee.

A. Trotz added that any UTQAP report alongside its relevant documents would not be restricted and asked why the ad hoc report was not shared in this case.

F. Garrett clarified the ad hoc report was not part of the UTQAP report and was instead an examination of whether the UTQAP was followed.

T. Seburn shared a potential timeline moving forward would be to establish a special committee and to decide, before the next NCC meeting, the members of the committee as well as to define their mandate.

R. Gazzale asked for the terms of reference for the committee.

T. Seburn responded it would be between this and the next NCC meeting. There will be a volunteer call to join the committee and, once they have the opportunity to meet, then they will determine what the terms of reference specifically are beyond consolidating documentation and speaking with the stakeholders involved in the closure decision of the BPMH program.

R. Gazzale asked for clarification on if “stakeholders” would be limited to solely the ones involved in the closure decision.

M. Redden classified “stakeholders” as people who were involved or received communication about the details of the closure, especially individuals who would have been involved at the time of the November 25, 2023 NCC meeting when Council was first made aware of the closure. This was a key point in time, especially as [section 5.5 and 6.6](#) of the New College Constitution seemed not to have been followed. As such, further scrutiny would be required of it by the special committee.

A. Trotz asked if the terms of the committee would be simply to investigate the process which led to the recommendation to close the BPMH program or if it would go beyond that to possibly say that there is reason to challenge this decision and re-open the process of assessing the viability of this program.

M. Redden responded that the terms of reference would be twofold. It would start with gathering all the relevant documents and interviewing key partners who were involved with the assessment process as well as what led to the recommendation for program closure. Investigating the process would also be important, but it is uncertain whether re-opening the program needs to be included as part of the terms of reference for this committee.

E. Weisbaum added that the next steps for the committee after gathering documents and connecting with key stakeholders would be based on its findings. As such, the priority at this moment would be to first establish the committee so it may begin reviewing and then Council can revisit this discussion once the committee has finalized its work and made recommendations on how to proceed forward.

F. Garrett shared there has been a lot of context that has been missed, especially as the ad hoc committee was originally formed to review the UTQAP that started in 2019 and other aspects of the BPMH program were not included in its purview. This missing context may have been further

amplified by all the changes and interruptions created by the pandemic and the subsequent return to campus, leading to the current state of the program.

E. Weisbaum shared that in the January 2024 NCC meeting, the Principal at the time shared that the BPMH program was in its consultation phase, program closure was not moving forward, and there was still time for discussion. We were also told there would be an exceptional two-hour Council meeting separate from the usual meeting in order to thoroughly discuss the situation given how abruptly it was announced. However, this exceptional Council meeting never happened. As such, the proposal for the special committee also serves as a way for the program to receive the dedicated time, attention, and discussion it needs rather than attempting to fit it into already busy meeting agendas.

T. Seburn motioned to establish a committee to examine the process that led to the BPMH program closure recommendation, with members to be decided by next NCC meeting.

The motion opened for voting. 15 in favour, 1 opposed, 6 abstained. Motion carried with majority in favour.

Agenda

T. Seburn motioned to approve the agenda.

K. Huffman seconded. The motion opened for discussion and voting.

The motion carried and the agenda was approved.

Report from the Writing Centre – M. Prescott-Brown

- Write Night
 - It happened on November 27 from 6-9 PM at D.G. Ivey Library.
 - We received the best turnout in many years at 114 students.
 - It was a reminder of the impact we can have on students and their writing confidence by making the end of term a kinder and more wonderful experience for those who came to write.
- Faculty Landing Page
 - An email was circulated that has various details, such as:
 - Signing up for workshops for your class.
 - Booking writing groups for special attention for particular assignments.
 - This is an effort to work in a more integrated manner with the various programs and instructors at New College and New College-affiliated programs to continue building community.
 - Will also serve to streamline communications between the Writing Centre and the New College community.
- Writing Centre Hours of Operation.
 - We are still open until December 19th.

- Many of the current appointments are online, but in-person services are still available, so please let your students know we are still here and ready to support their writing.

Report from the Librarian – M. Redden

The library opened as a 24-hour study space on Saturday, December 7. 169 students have accessed the space overnight (between 9:00PM and 9:00AM) since then. As always, we will close for cleaning between Friday at 5:00PM and Saturday at 9:00AM. Otherwise the space will remain open 24 hours a day until we close for the year on December 20 and will reopen for 2025 on January 6.

The librarians are working on processing course reading lists (i.e. linking electronic resources and processing requests for copyright licensing on scanned items). Library staff will continue to scan items and process them through optical character recognition and tagging procedures (i.e. AODA compliance). The team will continue to work on this until December 20th at 5:00PM.

Any late hires should submit their course reading lists to the [Online Course Reader Services page](#) as soon as possible, so we can start processing them before our closure on December 20th at 5:00PM. No reading lists will be processed between December 20th at 5:00PM and January 6th at 9:00AM. Submitting lists as early as possible is ideal because the licensing and accessibility procedures require multiple hours to complete per item.

This service makes course reading lists available through the library inside of Quercus's *Library Reading List* section (this option must be added to Navigation using Settings for your Quercus course).

- Any readings that are not available through University of Toronto Libraries as electronic items need to be scanned, processed for copyright licensing, and processed for AODA compliance (i.e. optical character recognition and tagging procedures), which are hours long procedures.
- Items not currently available through University of Toronto Libraries at all must be purchased, delivered, and received before any of the procedures mentioned above can be completed.

C. Ramsaroop shared that the 24-hour study spaces came about due to a push from the Arts and Science Student Union 25 years ago.

M. Redden added the D.G. Ivey Library is the only library aside from Robarts to be offering 24-hour study spaces during the exam season.

Report from the Chief Administrative Officer – R. Vander Kraats

Residence Ancillary

- Every November, our university's ancillaries prepare their budgets and rates for next year for review by the Service Ancillary Review Group (SARG), which is a central group that oversees the residence ancillaries.
 - Ancillaries provide services such as parking, food and retail food services, and residences — they are essentially treated as a standalone small business by the University.

- We are required to prepare a profit and loss statement for each year involving our fees and expenses, as the expectation is for each ancillary to at least breakeven financially.
 - Surpluses are used towards the teaching mission of the University.
 - We are not allowed to subsidize the ancillary fees using the operating budget (e.g., it is not possible to use student tuition fees to keep residence rates low).
- New College previously had accumulated large deficits in the residence ancillary due to the construction of a new building and its financing structure.
 - We are now finally operating with a positive budget in this regard, with an operating surplus each year of about \$2 million.
 - This is used towards the maintenance of our older buildings, which is assigned \$2.7 million a year for maintenance fees.
- Next year, we are requesting a rate increase of 3.1% — just around inflation, which is where we try to maintain it — due to our financial stability. Most other Colleges are requesting an increase of 5%. As such, our fees are lower compared to them especially as fees compound over time.
 - E.g., We have the most affordable residence rooms on the St. George campus at around \$8,000 a term for a double room, which includes a meal plan, utilities, and internet.
 - A 3.1% increase allows for approximately a \$2 million contribution margin or operating purpose for next year.
- SARG also requires a five-year budget plan, which requires accounting for inflation and other world events.
 - However, our financial situation looks incredibly promising as in the 2028-2029 session, we will finally pay off the mortgage for the 45 Willcocks building.
 - It was originally a \$25 million mortgage for a \$26 million building at 5.8% interest per year. Once the building is fully paid for, we will be saving \$2.1 million per year starting in the 2029-2030 session.
 - Currently projected to have a \$30 million fund balance by the end of the five-year window (i.e., by the end of the 2029-2030 session).
 - Contingencies are required to be set up in case of emergencies (e.g., COVID, international visa issues) and we also subsidize the operating budget quite heavily (around \$3 million), but even after both items, we will still have \$24 million left over which may be used for several goals such as:
 - A down payment for a new multi-purpose building.
 - Expansion of our current buildings (e.g., expanding Wilson Hall to the west, which is a conversation R. Gazzale and R. Vander Kraats are currently having with the University).
 - Reaching the University's Net Zero Carbon Plan targets.
 - Supporting our teaching mission.

C. Ramsaroop asked if the ancillary fees were being used towards deferred maintenance costs.

R. Vander Kraats confirmed this is the case as we are expected to cover maintenance on an ongoing basis. While there is a deferred maintenance fund within the University, we would not be able to draw upon those funds for the purposes of ancillaries as they are standalone.

C. Ramsaroop asked if the wider University asked the province for more funding for the purposes of deferred maintenance.

R. Vander Kraats confirmed the University has done this but does not know the specific details. The province has allocated a fair bit of extra funding in the last cycle, which we used towards maintaining our roofs. 70% of our space is residence and 30% is the rest of the College, and they assisted with funding for the College portion of our needs.

A. Trotz asked where resistance to College construction and expansion is coming from.

R. Vander Kraats responded that the University had the foresight to declare our site to be on the secondary plan, which is the plan we give to City Hall saying we intend to build on this site. So while this is good, the pushback is coming from the Faculty, because they have already committed their capital for the next decade and have deferred any further conversations to Scott Marbury, Vice-President, Operations and Real Estate Partnerships. As such, R. Gazzale and R. Vander Kraats will try to meet with him to discuss the value of the College expansion, especially given the College's promising financial situation.

A. Trotz added that this discussion with Scott Marbury should be thoroughly prepared for and perhaps even brought up as a future agenda item for Council given its importance, especially in the context where student experience is central to the University and the new budget model is going to depend very heavily on student enrolment in relation to what gets indicated.

R. Vander Kraats agreed and shared it might be a private-public partnership because the other part of the decision is debt capacity. Pre-pandemic, they did a presentation showcasing prospective construction plans for the College but was told that debt capacity was going to be a problem. With a private-public partnership, the debt sits on the books of our private partner. R. Vander Kraats added that even in the case expansion plans fall through, there are plenty of ideas for sustainability projects as well as ways to use resources for our teaching mission.

L. McCormack-Smith added that we should consider a meeting with Janice Johnson, Executive Director, Student Housing & Residence Experience.

R. Gazzale shared they have already contacted Janice and are in the midst of scheduling a meeting.

Operating Budget

- Context
 - Last year, R. Vander Kraats shared that the College may face financial difficulties in the future due to the international visa issues, but that the College was still going to fund all the activities that it budgeted. Budgeting usually happens between February and March, and activities are subsidized from reserve funds if necessary.
- Update
 - There was some turbulence in enrolment in the International Foundation Program, wherein 60% enrolment was our target. However, we had an incredibly strong session at our International Summer Academy. Through this, we were able to subsidize all our activities this year without drawing upon our reserves.

- Shared that the Faculty funds about 70% of the activities at the College and we need to earn the remaining 30%, which is typically earned through our Subsidy Fund (International Foundation Program and International Summer Academy).

College Space Re-Organization

- Context
 - While Human Biology has left New College's buildings, the space they inhabited is actually considered Faculty of Arts and Science space. R. Gazzale and R. Vander Kraats met with the Faculty to ask for the space to be reassigned to the College, which was approved.
 - There have been 18 new positions added in Student Services and the Registrar's Office as a result of the College review that happened a few years ago.
 - As part of the deal to reassign Human Biology's space to the College, all space at the 45 Willcocks building will be ceded to the Centre for Caribbean Studies and the African Studies Centre as they will have a new endowed professorship as well as postdoc due to the generous donation made to them.
- Office re-organization
 - As a result, New College Faculty (E. Weisbaum and R. Buiani) will be moving to Wetmore Hall, and offices will be shuffled around.
 - M. Prescott-Brown will be moving to join the newly created Writing Centre at the lower level of Wetmore Hall, which will free up space for the Office of Residence and Student Life's four new full-time staff.
 - The previous Human Biology office space will be used for registrarial advising services.

Report from Student Councils

NCSC – N. Siddiqui:

General updates

- Conclusion of elections
 - 10 new members were introduced to the NCSC, with only one Athletic Commissioner position not filled.
 - Winter elections will be held next semester for positions for the following academic year.
- Events
 - The Winter term contains the majority of NCSC's main events.
 - Semi-Formal, hosted in collaboration with NCRC, which had around 500 attendees and was the largest turnout NCSC has had for an event since the pandemic.
 - Eclipse Banquet, with the New College Athletics Association, which recognizes the athletic efforts of New College students, particularly ones involved in intramural sports. The turnout is around 100 students.
 - Graduate Formal, which is the annual banquet for graduate students. Last year there were 200 students in attendance.
 - We are hosting our Study Cafe event today in Wilson Lounge.
 - It is a casual event where we encourage students to come and study in a calm as well as peaceful environment.

- Free, self-serve refreshments and a raffle for students who complete a goal-setting sheet.
- Merchandise
 - Re-launched merchandise for the first time since before the pandemic.
 - 190 sweaters sold so far.
 - Sold on an ongoing basis. Cash is accepted for now with plans to expand to online orders as well.
 - New NCSC website will be launched soon, with online orders being facilitated through there.
 - There are plans to expand merchandise to other products and will consult with students for design ideas.
 - Have used social media to ask students what products and designs they would like to see.
- Athletics
 - This year has had the highest participation post-pandemic with around 700 individual entries for New College teams.
- Grants
 - Applications have closed and now the Vice-President of Finance and the Grants Committee have been processing them.
 - Providing funding to 13 clubs, which totals roughly \$8,000 in funding.
- Recognized Student Group Applications
 - Being processed on a rolling basis.
 - This year, the Vice-President of Student Life and the Recognized Student Group Committee has processed five new student groups totaling to 17 groups we are overseeing this year.

NCRC – Florentine Winkler:

Council Activity Updates

- All executive roles have been filled.
- End of year spending goals have been determined, which will be used towards more events (e.g., collaborations with NCSC, events with catering).
- Second round of committee meetings (Finance, Dining, Building, and Events) have been held
- Dining Committee members and executives invited to Chestnut Residence's all-you-care-to-eat experience for November 25th, other visits will be done on members' own time.
 - Observed that a lot of New College students participate in athletics and tend to eat more, so the all-you-care-to-eat model offers more flexibility for them versus the pay-by-weight model. However, it may not be the best plan for students with smaller appetites, so more observations will be needed.
- General Assembly
 - Committee meetings and individual council attendance could be improved, with unengaged members being contacted in January with reminders of their responsibilities.

Concerns

- Wilson Hall building temperature issues
 - Health and living condition concerns raised by residents.

- Request to identify the cause of the temperature issues and asking what more can be done from the student-side beyond filing service requests (which are currently being refused as the 40 Willcocks front desk has been inundated with them).
 - Students would appreciate more transparency around who they can connect with for issues regarding the residence buildings as well as construction updates.
- Washroom vandalism
 - Request for closer discussion between NCRC, CAO (R. Vander Kraats), and the Dean of Students (L. McCormack-Smith) to evaluate solutions proposed by students.
 - Residents are frustrated when they are fined for the actions of certain individuals.
 - Request to revisit conversations on implementing cameras on each floor of the residence at washroom and stairwell entrances as well as student programming ideas.
- Request for a meeting of the Building Committee to discuss these issues in depth and to more thoroughly share the residents' experiences.

R. Vander Kraats shared that they will connect with the New College Programs Office to set up a Building Committee meeting, but also clarified that maintenance is not an issue that would be discussed at the Building Committee as it is an ongoing facilities and operational matter. University building contractors are not always transparent in their plans or communication to us, but we do try to let the Office of Residence and Student Life know of any disruptive construction plans with at least 48 hours' notice when possible.

R. Vander Kraats added that the Building Committee meeting is not required to discuss operational issues, such as the service request forms, and NCRC is welcome to meet with the College Facilities team to establish an ongoing line of communication.

Florentine Winkler asked if they and NCRC's Building Presidents could meet with Facilities, to which R. Vander Kraats confirmed.

C. Ramsaroop, A. Trotz, and many other attendees agreed that the building temperature concerns would be health and safety issues as the rooms become overwhelmingly hot in the Winter and incredibly cold in the Summer.

R. Vander Kraats confirmed that while there are temperature issues, thermostats are not always properly used or known about, so this should be investigated first. These thermostats are pneumatic, so they may take some time to start up, but they do work.

T. Seburn added that not all offices or even classrooms have thermostats, so these are variable in temperature.

R. Vander Kraats responded that if a room does not have thermostats, then it would require damper adjustment, which will take longer than a temperature adjustment via thermostat.

L. McCormack-Smith responded to the NCRC's questions about the Service Request Form and charges to houses for damage. L. McCormack-Smith will ask the Residence Dons to give another

reminder to residents about how to fill out the forms and when this should be done. As well, L. McCormack-Smith clarified charges for damages were only applied after multiple warnings were sent out to the floor, with requests for people to come forward to take responsibility or volunteer information, and only happens in cases where there are additional charges that are being levied due to health and safety concerns, which require deeper cleanings. L. McCormack-Smith acknowledged that this would be frustrating for uninvolved residents as well as the staff and caretaking team, so they as well as D. Williamson would be happy to speak with NCRC directly about this process. Lastly, L. McCormack-Smith shared that adding cameras in hallways would potentially be a very slippery slope to other changes, and they want to be able to offer students privacy in these spaces.

R. Gazzale asked if there would be a timeline wherein NCRC's Dining Committee will finish with their residence site visits as well as consolidation of their findings so the College can let Food Services know what type of meal plan model the College will go forward with.

Florentine Winkler responded that NCRC was given until April but will be aiming for a general consensus by end of January to give residents and students time to engage with their process.

R. Gazzale asked if it would be possible to have a response earlier in January as Food Services has been frequently asking the College for a quicker response.

A. Stone asked if it would be helpful to NCRC if the Residence Dons also participated in the visits, to which Florentine Winkler confirmed the assistance would be welcomed.

L. McCormack-Smith added that the meal passes can be used for any of the mealtimes, so site visits can be conducted whenever it is convenient instead of at a specific time. Also, D. Williamson is preparing a short survey to be sent to all students who received meal passes, so that they can compile students' general sentiments into one document. Individuals will be asked to complete the survey after they have done at least their second visit.

Report from Standing Committees

Academic Affairs – T. Seburn on behalf of A. Guerson:

Updates from the November 25, 2024 Academic Affairs meeting.

- Writing Centre Subcommittee
 - A subcommittee has been struck up to report on the Writing Centre, with K. Huffman, M. Redden, A. Guerson, and A. McGuire volunteering to be on the committee so far.
 - Its initial mandate would be to look at the scope of the Writing Centre so we can better assess the kind of support its Director needs to maintain the current levels of service and to continue to innovate.
 - Would also like to have representation from NCSC. They can send the name of a representative to T. Seburn or W. Tran to be forwarded to the committee.
- There will be a fuller report at the next NCC meeting.

No other Standing Committees had a report for this meeting.

Report from the Principal – R. Gazzale

No report for this meeting.

Report from the Office of the Registrar – K. Huffman

Updates on Student Financial Aid

- Student financial support was separated into the categories of admission scholarships, orientation bursaries for students who have financial constraints that may limit their ability to participate in orientation, renewable scholarships, in-course merit-based scholarships, and bursaries.
 - Overall, since the Summer a little over \$800,000 has been given to students. The itemized breakdown of scholarships and bursary disbursement can be found [here](#).
- Lesley Mak, Associate Registrar has been working on awards at record pace, with notices to students being sent out right before the holiday break.

New Office Space

- Very welcome given the much-needed increases in staffing to match current student registration, which is over 6,400 students.
- We will be moving our academic advising team into the now vacant HMB space and begin to work on enhancements for our front desk and frontline advising.

C. Ramsaroop asked for clarification between distribution of bursaries versus scholarships and if there is a trend that exists across the University for the type of financial aid offered.

K. Huffman responded that it would be very dependent on the Division and provided context on how scholarships and bursaries are allocated. The bulk of the funds for the bursaries or grants are set aside funds that come from the University Registrar's Office, which is mandated by the provincial government. These funds get allocated to all the different Divisions that makes up, overwhelmingly, the bulk of our financial needs-based awards that go to students. Depending on the Division and the College, there are a range of endowed awards that can be both bursaries and scholarships. For instance, University College, which is the University's founding College, has a very large endowment on scholarships given their history of fundraising. For New College, we do have some endowed awards that are specifically for financial aid, but some of the scholarship funding is not an endowed fund but is rather part of our overall budget.

C. Ramsaroop asked if there would be information regarding the debt loads of students graduating from New College.

K. Huffman responded that this would be difficult to determine as it depends on a range of factors such as whether the student is receiving government financial aid (OSAP or other provincial governmental aid), the student's family background, academic progress, and proportion of loans versus grants received (also dependent on a variety of factors, with one of the main ones being parental income). We would also not have any information about students who are accessing student lines of credit through a bank as this is not facilitated by the University at all.

C. Ramsaroop asked if we know the breakdown of GTA versus non-GTA student enrolment.

K. Huffman responded that this is primarily captured through the admissions process. There is a group called OUAC 101, which is for students who are currently in a secondary school in Ontario or are studying in an Ontario high school curriculum full time. This group is primarily made up of GTA applicants. The OUAC 105 group is for international students or students attending a secondary school in another Canadian province, which can be parsed apart. The 105 group is the catch-all for everything outside of Ontario, which means domestic students from other provinces, domestic students outside of the country, and international students. Last year, we saw a slight increase in our 101 domestic group coming to the University.

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

General Updates

- Winter closure date set for December 22nd at noon. Students will be moving out as we approach this date.
- We will be open for the Winter break as well, but this is a separate process of application and fees, and so those approvals have gone out to students now and we are in the process of finalizing this list.
 - Some students have not read their emails and did not submit their forms and are only showing up now when they are being told to leave.

Winter Programming

- Will be happening in the first couple of weeks to bring everyone back in.
 - Will include some of our pop-ups.
- Thanked all the campus partners who participated in the pop ups over the last week.
 - Found shorter, drop-in programming to be effective during this time. A couple hundred students attended these events, which worked out to be around 71 cents per student interaction.

Folio Page

- Currently creating a Folio page.
 - Folio is the replacement for CLNx and so we have been working with Folio to have an online site for people to both see and register for upcoming programming.
 - This space will also be used for all the other program offices like SCCD and our other programming offices.
 - Will be particularly useful when creating things like certificates that involve attendance within multiple programs that come from different departments. Through Folio, we can consolidate it all into one space.
 - There will be a New College-specific page that all Registered New College students will have access to and be limited to this group of students.
 - Hoping to invite other New College departments to be part of this space once it is set up to create the opportunity for students to better understand the holistic offerings at the College throughout its many departmental areas.
 - Our hope is to have this page running by May.
 - Currently working on staff training. Once this is done, we will start inviting folks in to see what training looks like and test it out.

- Allows for better management of student signups and a more complete picture about what it is students are engaging with over the course of their time at the University, as well as how it may interplay with each other.

Adjournment

T. Seburn motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by K. Huffman. The motion opened for discussion and voting.

All in favour. Meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM.

New College Constitution

Section 5.5 states “The Principal shall consult with Council on administrative proposals that may have a significant impact on the College.”

Section 6.6 states the “Council shall consider the content, quality, and requirements of the academic programs and courses of study that lead to degrees, diplomas, certificates, credits, and non-credit courses which the College sponsors. Council shall consider proposals for the closure of any such programs or courses of study, and it shall monitor the quality and standards of the programs and courses of study.”

Type of scholarship	Number of students receiving awards	total funds awarded
Admission award DOM	31	\$ 87,000.00
Admission award INT	9	\$ 23,000.00
Orientation Bursary	11	\$ 1,430.00
Admission Award Renewed	6	\$ 8,606.25
Automatic in-course merit	502	\$ 391,678.60
Bursaries Summer 2024	46	\$ 88,867.98
Bursaries Fall 2024	84	\$ 217,181.05
totals (Dec 10)	689	\$ 817,763.88