Innis College Council
324th Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 3:30 pm

Minutes

Present: Holly Andrews, Donald Boere (assessor), James Cahill, Martin Calcaterra, Chloe Chau, Jannie Chien, Lauren Cramer, Madi Frost, Mira Ghosh, Ria Gupta, Welna He, Henry Hill, Tony Hu, Nina Huang, Sana Imran, Kate Johnson (assessor), Charlie Keil, Claudia Li Tang, Sophie Liu, Suzanne Macintyre (assessor), Steve Masse (assessor), Cynthia Messenger, Mukti Patel, Emma Paulus, Jake Pereira, Tony Pi, Amisha Punja, Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, Jenna Renders, Scott Richmond, David Roberts, Noel Simpson, Ayaka Teshirogi, Joanne Uyede, Kevin Wang, Ben Weststrate (secretary), Andrea Williams

Regrets: Ennis Blentic, Curtis Chambers, Jocelyn Chen, Jason Daye, Rhea Gosain, Patrick Woodstock, Carol Ye

1. Speaker’s remarks

Ben Weststrate, ICC secretary, chaired the meeting until new speakers were elected. Virtual meeting best practices were described, and a fall-term meeting availability form was circulated.

2. Introduction of principal’s appointees

Keil introduced his six appointees.

- **Holly Andrews**, residence operations coordinator
- **Sana Imran**, assistant dean—Community Wellness
- **Tony Pi**, Cinema Studies Institute graduate program administrator
- **Ceta Ramkhalawansingh**, long-time friend of Innis College; instrumental in founding of Women & Gender Studies; chair of the Harold Innis Foundation chair and co-chair of the Working Group on Black Student Experience at Innis College
- **Joanne Uyede**, Innis alumna; co-chair of the Renewal and Expansion campaign cabinet; HIF board member; former Innis representative on the College of Electors (Governing Council)
- **Carol Ye**, Innis alumna; academic advisor—International Experience at University College

3. Introduction of members

All members briefly introduced themselves.
4. Election of speakers

Section VII of the ICC Constitution states that “Two Speakers shall be elected annually by and from the voting members of Council at its first meeting. One Speaker shall be a representative of the students, and one Speaker shall be a representative of the others.”

Weststrate called for nominations for non-student speaker then student speaker.

Keil nominated Uyede for non-student speaker. There were no other nominations. A motion to acclaim Uyede as the speaker representing other members was moved (Ramkhalawansingh), seconded (Boere), and carried.

Frost nominated Punja for student speaker. There were no other nominations. A motion to acclaim Punja as the speaker representing student members was moved (Hu), seconded (Li Tang), and carried.

Uyede agreed to chair this first meeting.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was moved (Cahill), seconded (Ghosh), and carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes

None reported

7. Principal’s report

Keil reported the following updates.

A. Staffing changes, updates, and awards

Administration:
- On May 24, Emily Harrison left the residence operations coordinator role. Holly Andrews began in this position on July 6.
- On September 7, Rolla Tahir left the virtual events coordinator role. Innis alumna Shayla Anderson will begin on October 25.
- On August 20, Miriam Moren left the financial services officer role. Phoebe Chiu will begin November 1.
- On August 20, Sean Rogers left the AV coordinator role. Robert Trevisan will begin November 1.
- In April, Anica Dang went on leave from the assistant dean—residence life position. Matt Lucas covered the leave during the summer. We are in the process of hiring.
- On July 9, Jimmy Vuong left the alumni and development officer role. We are in the process of hiring.
Cinema Studies Institute:

- **Scott Richmond**, associate professor, was appointed undergraduate program coordinator. He is also recipient of a 2021 Distinguished Service Award from the Society for Cinema and Media Studies.
- One new assistant professor: **Nadine Chan**
- Three new sessional instructors: **Lani Akande, Stephen Broomer, Dillan Newman** (PhD student)

Innis One Program:

- **Shawn Micallef** is the recipient of 2021 Superior Teaching Award for Sessional Instructors from A&S.

Urban Studies Program:

- Five new sessional instructors: **Ryan Fitzpatrick, Peter Galambos, Negin Minaei, Parastou Saberi, Alan Webb** (began in summer 2021; incidentally, Webb led the planning stages of the College’s Renewal and Expansion)

Writing & Rhetoric Program:

- **Andrea Williams**, associate professor—teaching stream, was appointed program director of W&R and Innis One.
- **Cynthia Messenger**, associate professor—teaching stream, returns to teach in the program and appointed director of the Writing Centre. She is also the recipient of a 2021 OCUFA Service Award.

Innis Writing Centre:

- Three new writing instructors: **Joel Benabu, Patti Luedecke, Jaclyn Piudik**

B. The Innis Herald

The student newspaper is back in print publication this year. Keil encouraged members to pick up and read a copy and congratulated editor-in-chief Olivia Fraser and the rest of the masthead.

C. Website redevelopment update

On October 14, the long-awaited new Innis College website was launched. Keil thanked his fellow Website Committee members—communications officer Ben Weststrate; former CAO Joyce Hahn; current CAO Suzanne Macintyre; and project manager-IT coordinator Jason Daye—for their hard work. This three-year development process involved many, diverse members of the Innis community, and all are to be thanked. The website is an ongoing, evolving entity. For example, new content related to the Black Student Experience at Innis College will be published soon.

8. Introduction of boards

Past board members were invited to describe the boards to inform members' selections.

- Academic Affairs (introduced by Patel)
• College Affairs (by Johnson)
• Community Affairs (by Hu)
• Student Affairs (by Punja)
• Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Committee (a new committee, introduced by Masse)

Weststrate circulated a board and committee sign-up form.

9. Executive Committee

Keil invited all council members to approach the Executive Committee with suggestions for discussion topics at future council meetings. This committee—which is composed of board moderators (to be elected) and the principal, ICSS president, speakers, and secretary—convenes prior to ICC meetings to set the agenda.

10. Other business

A. Student space refurbishment
Keil thanked Jason Daye and ICSS President Emma Paulus for their summertime efforts to upgrade furnishings in the College’s commuter lounge and student group offices. These changes were the outcome of Student Services Committee-approved funding from a February 3, 2021, meeting.

B. College events
Keil noted a September 30 virtual screening of Beans, which yielded our largest registration and attendance numbers to date. This event marked the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Three public events are scheduled for November: a discussion with past principal Peter H. Russell on November 4; the 2021 Harold Innis Lecture with David Miller on November 16; and a book talk with alumnus Jesse Wente on November 25. All event registration pages will be available on the new Innis website homepage.

C. Student Code of Conduct
Charlie noted the re-appointment of Steve Masse as the College's chief investigating officer for a three-year term starting July 1, 2021.

A motion to appoint Boere as chief hearing officer until June 30, 2024, was moved (Keil), seconded (Uyede), and carried.

D. U of T Student Leadership Award (UTSLA) applications
Keil reminded graduating students (i.e., intending to graduate in June or November 2022) of the November 19 deadline to apply for the UTSLA. Contact Innis’s divisional coordinator, Ennis Blentic.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved (Ghosh) and carried. The meeting ended at 4:48 pm.