



Innis College

Innis College Council

325th Meeting

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 4 pm

Minutes

Present: Holly Andrews, James Cahill, Martin Calcaterra, Chloe Chau, Jannie Chien, Lauren Cramer, Dianthi Fernando (designate of Madi Frost), Mira Ghosh, Rhea Gosain, Tony Hu, Sana Imran, Eva-Lynn Jagoe (guest), Kate Johnson (assessor), Charlie Keil, Sophie Liu, Suzanne Macintyre (assessor), Steven Masse (assessor), Cynthia Messenger, Mukti Patel, Emma Paulus, Jake Pereira, Tony Pi, Amisha Punja, Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, Jenna Renders, Scott Richmond, Noel Simpson, Ayaka Teshirogi, Joanne Uyede, Kevin Wang, Ben Weststrate (secretary), Carol Ye, Jacky Yu (designate of Welna He)

Regrets: Larry Afun, Ennis Blentic (assessor), Donald Boere (assessor), Curtis Chambers, Jocelyn Chen, Jason Daye, Madi Frost, Ria Gupta, Welna He, Henry Hill, Nina Huang, Claudia Li Tang, David Roberts, Andrea Williams, Patrick Woodstock

1. Speaker's welcome

Student speaker Punja chaired the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

A motion to approve [the October 19, 2021, meeting minutes](#) was moved (Punja), seconded (Ghosh), and carried.

3. Business arising from the minutes

None reported

4. Principal's report

Keil reported series of staffing changes since the last meeting.

- Alumna **Shayla Anderson** began as events and mentorship coordinator on October 25.
- Three staff members started November 1: **Phoebe Chiu**, financial services officer; **Dylon McLean**, residence life coordinator; **Robert Trevisan**, AV coordinator.
- **Kimiya Karbasy** began on November 15 as assistant dean, residence life.

- **Joe Minichini** welcomed a slightly earlier-than-expected baby girl, Sienna Teresa Minichini. This brought his coverage of **Daniela Pirraglia's** parental leave to an end. Daniela returns to the Registrar's Office in January.

Keil welcomed **Eva-Lynn Jagoe**, newly appointed vice principal, who will begin in January 2021. Jagoe comes from the Departments of Spanish & Portuguese and Comparative Literature. The vice principal term ends when Keil's second term as principal does.

Jagoe expressed her interest in engaging in the College's close community and academic programs, which resonate with her own areas of professional interest.

Keil noted that the vice principal portfolio at Innis College will largely form over time, ideally evolving in accordance with Jagoe's interests.

5. Board reports

A. Academic Affairs

Hu, who was elected board moderator, reported the following highlights of [a November 26, 2021, meeting](#).

- Patel was elected secretary.
- New faculty are being hired in the Cinema Studies Institute and Urban Studies Program.
- Urban Studies is considering a jointly offer major and minor program in urban planning with the Department of Geography & Planning.
- Writing & Rhetoric is considering shifting 400-level research courses to the 300 level because, as a minor-only program, the lower level is more appealing to students.
- Enrolments in Innis One and FYF@Innis are generally healthy.
- The Writing Centre has been offering in-person, online, and asynchronous support.

Keil added that the Writing Centre has since decided to move exclusively online for the winter term.

B. College Affairs

Pereira, who was elected board moderator, reported the following highlights of [a December 3, 2021, meeting](#).

- Jonathan Keats, a designate of Hu, was elected secretary.
- Innis Residence has seen many refurbishments, including to blinds and kitchens. Two new barrier-free suite renovations are planned.
- The residence is near capacity (90%). A higher-than-normal proportion are Arts & Science students.
- Many refurbishments were done to the college building over the summer, including painting, chair replacement, and a significant overhaul of the commuter lounge and student offices.

- The new college-wide website was launched in October. Network infrastructure (i.e., bandwidth) increased tenfold to accommodate increased remote work (e.g., meetings).
- Innis Town Hall continues to offer virtual, livestreamed events but plans to transition to a hybrid model.
- The Innis Café seating area has reopened, thanks to a proof-of-vaccination system. Mask removal in other prohibited areas of the College has been observed.

C. Community Affairs

Punja, who was elected board moderator, reported the following highlights of [a December 2, 2021, meeting](#).

- Teshirogi was elected secretary.
- The Advancement Office mounted several virtual fall-term events.
- A “Friends of Innis” mailer (book and coffee beans, courtesy of Innis alumni) is being sent to a core affinity group.
- The annual *Innis Alumni & Friends* magazine is in final stages of production.
- The new website has effectively integrated alumni-focused web content into the broader college site. This creates more cohesiveness between alumni and student content.
- The Renewal and Expansion Campaign will move into a public phase in the spring. Developments include the installation of exterior banners at 2 Sussex Ave and a generous \$50,000 gift from Later Life Learning.

D. Student Affairs

Teshirogi, who was elected board moderator, reported the following highlights of [a December 3, 2021, meeting](#).

- Hu was elected secretary.
- The ICSS office is open by appointment, and orientation coordinator hiring underway (January 17 deadline).
- IRC has launched a new website, including a calendar, and will relaunch a yearbook.
- IRC and Residence Life have been collaborating on a series of residents’ forums
- Residence Life has offered several in-person and virtual events this term. They have seen a clear resident preference for in-person offerings.
- OSL collaborated with ICSS on another successful Orientation, titled “Innis Together: Make Yourself at Home.” This overarching title/brand has been codified through an MOU for future Orientations.
- OSL launched the first of two successful “Adulthood Weeks” and reinitiated the Alumni Mentorship Program and the first-year peer mentorship program, “The Insider.”
- OSL also launched two significant community wellness-related initiatives: online wellness advising appointments with Sana Imran, assistant dean, community wellness; and a Student Wellness Advisory Group (SWAG). The annual Mental Health Skills Certificate program was a success.

Teshirogi also reported that the Student Affairs Board approved two new award records, which were brought forth by the registrar acting on behalf of RAAC.

Keil summarized the awards. The Mehler Paperny Award was inspired by Innis College's demonstrated commitment to supporting Indigenous students (i.e., the recently created Innis Admission Scholarship). The donor is a not otherwise affiliated with the College. The Beth and Ethan Memorial Award is made possible by two Later Life Learning members.

A motion to approve the *Mehler Paperny Family Innis Award for Indigenous Students* and *Innis College Beth and Ethan Memorial Award for Life Science Students* was moved (Teshirogi), seconded (Hu), and carried.

E. Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Committee

Gosain, who was elected committee moderator, reported the following highlights of [a November 17, 2021, meeting](#).

- Weststrate was elected secretary.
- The committee discussed the College's BSE Working Group Report and noted that specific attention should be given to Black commuter students. Low-income and first-generation students were also identified as equity-deserving, when discussing committee scope.
- The committee reviewed several college responses to the BSE report: progress tracking webpage; expansion of fastforward.utoronto.ca to enable filtering by a "Black student" identifier; Black Alumni Mentorship Program pilot; and the Library's Celebrating Black Scholars initiative.
- The committee will meet next on Wednesday, January 12 at 11 am to discuss, among many things, the College's plans to recognize Black History Month.

6. Other business

Punja reported several upcoming events and deadlines:

- Application deadline for Orientation Coordinators is January 17.
- Alumna Michelle Orange will discuss her memoir *Pure Flame* with fellow author Pasha Malla on January 27.
- The Social Innovation Certificate returns in the winter term. The first session, Social Impact 101, is also on January 27.

Punja introduced [an anonymous form](#), co-created by Paulus and her, for ICC members to request items be added to future council, board, and committee meeting agendas.

Uyede and Punja wished everyone a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved (Punja) and carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.