



# Innis College

## Community Affairs Board, Innis College Council Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 10 am

### Minutes

**Present:** Shayla Anderson (guest), Madi Frost, Eva-Lynn Jagoe (assessor), Charlie Keil, Suzanne Macintyre (assessor), Emma Paulus, Amisha Punja, Jenna Renders, Ben Weststrate (ICC secretary), Andrea Williams

**Regrets:** Ennis Blentic, Mira Ghosh, Rhea Gosain, Henry Hill, Tony Hu, Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, Noel Simpson, Ayaka Teshirogi, Joanne Uyede

#### 1. Minutes of the previous meeting

A motion to approved [the December 2, 2021 meeting minutes](#) was moved (Punja), seconded (Keil), and carried.

#### 2. Business arising from the minutes

None reported

#### 3. Advancement Office report

##### A. Fundraising and stewardship

On behalf of Ennis Blentic, associate director – advancement, Weststrate reported the following:

New posting for [development officer position](#) is now live, after small modifications to the description were made in the hopes that it will attract qualified candidates.

Capital campaign updates:

- Around \$3.8 million has been raised to date, toward our \$10-million goal.
- Plans in place for a possible late spring soft launch of campaign, with larger public launch slated to take place in Fall 2022.
- A number of major gifts have been secured since the last time the board met, and the campaign now has well over 200 unique donors.
- Later Life Learning has committed to raising a minimum of \$250,000 in support of the campaign and toward a named space; a Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted and signed by the LLL president and Principal Keil. Over \$100,000 has been raised by LLL to date.
- Campaign cabinet met on March 4 and will do again on April 18.

Long-time Later Life Learning member, **Arlene Freeman**, made a significant deferred gift intention by naming Innis College in her will. Her legacy gift is specifically directed toward the support of Indigenous students at Innis.

The children of filmmaker Arthur Hiller, **Henryk and Erica Carpenter Hiller**, have made transformative contributions (\$200,000) in support of a soon-to-be established *Hiller Scholars Endowment* for Black and racialized students in the Cinema Studies Institute (CSI). This is an expansion of the previous Hiller fund, bringing the endowment to \$300,000 — the largest scholarship at CSI.

Keil added that racialized students will receive an entrance scholarship upon entrance into the program. There will be multiple recipients annually. The Hiller family bolstered the fund to achieve this goal.

## B. Alumni engagement: events and mentorship

Shayla Anderson, events and mentorship coordinator, reported the following:

- Eight events were held since the board last met: 5 film screenings, 1 book talk, 1 concert, 1 discussion. [See appendix 1.](#) *The Many Saints of Newark* screening saw the highest registration and attendance.
- The Advancement Office is beginning to resume in-person activities and events.
- Two upcoming events are scheduled:
  - April 19 a hybrid (i.e., Town Hall and Vimeo) screening of the Academy Award-nominated 2015 documentary *Winter on Fire: Ukraine's Fight for Freedom* with director **Evgeny Afineevsky**. Professor **Lucan Way** of the Munk School will moderate. Ukrainian Ambassador **Yulia Kovaliv** will also participate in the program, and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress will have representation. This will be a fundraising event with all proceeds going to the Scholars-at-Risk Fund in support of Ukrainian students at the University of Toronto
  - April 21 is the annual Innis Alumni Lecture, titled “Can You Say That on the Internet? The Law and Politics of Online Content Moderation,” with **Vivek Krishnamurthy** (HBA '02 Innis). It will be held exclusively online.
- 41 pairs of mentorship continue in the Alumni Mentorship Program, four of whom are participating in the Black Alumni Mentorship pilot. An additional five secondary, duplicate pairings have been formed, consisting of students and mentors who have connected in a one-off and casual manner.

Frost added that participants are being offered free headshots, which is connected to a LinkedIn training workshop offered earlier in the year.

## C. Communications

Weststrate, communications officer, noted that, as reported at the previous ICC meeting, [the 2020/21 edition of \*Innis Alumni & Friends\*](#) has been published. Planning for the 2021/22 edition, which centres on the theme of “Storytelling” is now underway. Weststrate encouraged

all board members to reach out if they are interested in contributing in any way.

#### **4. Later Life Learning (LLL)report**

Keil reported that LLL recently made a \$25,000 donation. The passing of a cheque between LLL President Henry Hill and Principal Keil will be marked with a photo shoot tomorrow, Thursday, March 31.

While 2021/22 LLL lectures were offered entirely online, they intend to return to Innis Town Hall, wholly or hybrid, in Fall 2022.

#### **5. Harold Innis Foundation (HIF) report**

On behalf of HIF chair, Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, Weststrate reported the following highlights from a March 3, 2022 board meeting:

- 2022 Harold Innis Lecture will be delivered by [Aaju Peter](#), an Inuit lawyer, activist, artist, and member of the Order of Canada. The foundation is exploring November 2022 dates with Ms. Peter and is considering potential 2023 lecturers now.
- 15-person board of directors for 2022 includes **Charlie Keil, Ben Weststrate, Joanne Uyede, Kay Armatage, Ennis Blentic, James Chapman, Joyce Hahn, Anne Innis Dagg, Jaren Kerr, Joanne Mackay-Bennett, Ceta Ramkhalawansingh, David Roberts, Andrew Zhao**, and two new students members: **Amisha Punja** (ICC student representative) and **Angelina Zahajko** (Innis student representative).

#### **6. Art Committee report**

Punja reported the following highlights from a February 9, 2022 Art Committee meeting, where Punja was elected moderator and Mira Ghosh secretary. [Click here to view the minutes.](#)

- Art Committee reviewed the full artwork exhibition cycle and delegated responsibilities to various offices at the College.
- Discussion of submission criteria (What physical dimensions and artistic mediums are acceptable? What types of students can submit?) and potential artwork display locations and duration.
- A working group of staff is preparing a submission form and “look book” of potential spaces with dimensions, to accompany the call for submissions. That working group meets this afternoon (March 30).
- The first call for submissions will likely go out in early May, with a first deadline of mid-June to include students prior to graduation. The next deadline would be in early October to include first year students.

#### **7. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved (Punja) and carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.

## Appendix 1: Event Summary (December 10, 2021 to April 21, 2022)

Date	Event Title	Event Type	Moderator/Host	Special Guest(s)	Registered	Attended	Platform	YouTube Link
2021-12-10	5th Annual Refugee Student Fund Benefit Concert	Concert	Charlie Keil, Andrew Zhao, Emily Shi	Various	107	88	Vimeo	<a href="https://youtu.be/qrArD4rGpbc">https://youtu.be/qrArD4rGpbc</a>
2022-01-27	Michelle Orange's <i>Pure Flame</i>	Book Talk	Pasha Malla	Michelle Orange (HBA '98 Cinema Studies)	139	55	Zoom	<a href="https://youtu.be/uuzxsuHB1ns">https://youtu.be/uuzxsuHB1ns</a>
2022-02-17	<i>One of Ours</i>	Screening	Huda Hassan	Yasmine Mathurin, filmmaker	253	113	Vimeo	<a href="https://youtu.be/Ln0hPkkEIXw">https://youtu.be/Ln0hPkkEIXw</a>
2022-02-24	<i>Akilla's Escape</i>	Screening	Yazmeen Kanji (HBA '20 Innis, Cinema Studies)	Charles Officer, filmmaker	171	82	Vimeo	<a href="https://youtu.be/-tzpiUnH4bY">https://youtu.be/-tzpiUnH4bY</a>
2022-02-28	<i>Beyond Moving</i>	Screening	Deirdre Kelly (BA '83 Cinema Studies)	Vikram Dasgupta, filmmaker; Siphe November, film subject	505	271	Vimeo	<a href="https://youtu.be/Uwwmipe9axM">https://youtu.be/Uwwmipe9axM</a>
2022-03-10	<i>Night Raiders</i>	Screening	Duncan McCue	Danis Goulet, filmmaker	393	155	Vimeo	Pending
2022-03-17	<i>The Many Saints of Newark</i>	Screening	Charlie Keil	Alan Taylor (BA '81 Victoria)	1628	647	Eventive	<a href="https://youtu.be/l0it4QihtxU">https://youtu.be/l0it4QihtxU</a>
2022-03-24	Writers on Writing with Canisia Lubrin	Conversation	Andrea Williams	Canisia Lubrin, poet-writer	83	33	Zoom	Pending
2022-04-19	<i>Winter on Fire: Ukraine's Fight for Freedom</i>	Screening	Lucan Ahmad Way	Evgeny Afineevsky, filmmaker	Pending	Pending	Hybrid	Pending
2022-04-21	Innis Alumni Lecture	Lecture	TBD	Vivek Krishnamurthy (HBA '02 Innis)	Pending	Pending	Zoom	Pending