



# Innis College

## Innis College Council, 330<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Friday, February 17, 2023, at 2pm

Innis Events Room/MS Teams

### Minutes

**Present:** Dan Adleman, Shayla Anderson, Andrea Blackler (guest), Jannie Chien, Jason Daye, Rhea Gosain, Sana Imran, Denise Ing, Eva-Lynn Jagoe (assessor), Kimiya Karbasy, Bradley Kulay, Suzanne Macintyre (assessor), Steve Masse (assessor), Tony Mei, Kyle Newcombe, Daniela Pirraglia, Karen Reid, David Roberts, Noel Simpson, Mary Stefanidis, Raven Stoddart, Eilene Su, Ayaka Teshirogi, Joanne Uyede, Ryn Van Leeuwen, Ben Weststrate (secretary), Victor Zheng

**Regrets:** Mikaeel Abbas, Donald Boere (assessor), James Cahill, Lydia Ghernaout, Joty Gill, Ria Gupta, Elijah Gyansa, Kate Johnson, Nina Kamal, Rhonda Liu, Aditi Mehta, Mike Orr, Archi Parikh, Ishaan Shetty, Emil Stoynov, Sanam Syed, Bart Testa, Andrea Williams, Cindy Yan

#### 1. Welcoming remarks

Chien chaired the meeting.

#### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

A motion to approve [the minutes of the December 16, 2022](#), meeting was moved (Gosain), seconded (Pirraglia), and carried.

#### 3. Business arising from the minutes

None reported

#### 4. Principal's report

##### A. Staffing updates

Reid welcomed (back) three college staff.

- **Jordan Grace**, audio visual coordinator, began in a term position January 5. He fills Sean Rogers' vacancy while on secondment to Rotman until January 2024.
- **Steve Masse**, dean of students, returned from parental leave February 13.
- **Megan McDonald**, associate director – advancement, begins February 21. Megan comes to Innis from Trinity College, where she has been associate director, philanthropy.

## B. [Innis Alumni & Friends magazine, 2021-22 edition](#)

The latest edition of the College's annual magazine was published in January and features contributions from several ICC members, including **Shayla Anderson**, **Sana Imran**, **Eva-Lynn Jagoe**, **Joanne Uyede**, and editor **Ben Weststrate**.

## C. 2023 U of T Student Leadership Award recipients announced

Reid congratulated Innis's nine UTSLA recipients: ICC members **Rhea Gosain**, **Eilene Su**, and **Ayaka Teshirogi**; and **Fiona Cui**, **Elad Dekel**, **Rosa Mancuso**, **Eli Rose**, **Chiao Sun**, and **Samara Tower**.

## D. Innis College Renewal and Expansion Campaign update

Reid introduced members of the College's Advancement Office, who presented council with an overview of how far the project, and its capital fundraising campaign, have come and next steps. [Find the slide deck in Appendix 1.](#)

**Weststrate**, communications officer, summarized the fundraising goals and status. He noted that, as we are nearing the 50% mark of our \$10 million goal, we can move the campaign from a "quiet" (aka, "pre-public") to a "public" phase. 386 unique donors during the quiet phase is a substantial total and reflects Innis College's spirit of broad community support, expressed by our slogan "We're Innis Together." With the impending public launch of the campaign, the scope of the fundraising efforts will broaden.

Weststrate presented a timeline of major project developments since inception over six years ago.

**Gosain**, a student ambassador for the Renewal and Expansion, described how students have been engaged from the project's outset. This includes membership on the student-staff Project Planning Committee in early 2017; several consultation sessions with the architects; the 2018 formation of the "Student Ambassadors" program, whereby student volunteers represent the project to students and alumni; and the 2019 endorsement of a student referendum vote to establish an annual levy that helps fund the project over time (i.e., \$1.3 million total).

**Blackler**, development officer, described some of the largest gifts given to the campaign to date. Major gifts (i.e., \$25,000+) are the tentpoles of the campaign they inspire other to get involved and give.

She also pointed to the Campaign Cabinet, a group ten alumni and friends volunteers, who have been a driving force during the quiet phase, both as individual donors and by leveraging their networks.

Blackler highlighted major gifts from cabinet members **Laura Murphy** (BSc '99 Innis), whose giving is tied to the new green roof and who has "named" the roof, **Greg Kalil** (BA '83 Innis) whose "planned gift" involves assets such as a life insurance policy. Other ways to give include bequests made within wills and monthly giving through payroll deductions.

**Stoddart**, another student ambassador, described a September 15, 2022, "soft launch" event at the home of major-gift donor **Linda Schuyler** (BA '74 Innis). 65 alumni and friends and 11 students gathered to discuss the Renewal and Expansion, emphasizing its impact on students.

**Anderson**, events coordinator, previewed a public launch event on June 3, 2023. The open house-style event will take place across the main level of 2 Sussex, involving a keynote presentation, compilation video, food, and drink.

**Uyede**, a co-chair of the campaign cabinet with her partner **Joe Uyede** (BSc '69 Innis), emphasized the importance of gifts of any size; reaching our ambitious goal will take a collective effort. She added that, with the exception Town Hall Revitalization Campaign, Innis has never approached the alumni community to initiate a capital project. Everything has been done with limited means (i.e., on a shoe-string budget).

Weststrate provided an overview of the design development, conducted by local firm Montgomery Sisam Architects since December 2017. He presented a timeline of key design deliverables that progressively refined the plans.

Weststrate identified the 2022 “rescoping” efforts, incited by inflation pressures on the (fixed) budget, which necessitated shifting around and pausing certain aspects of the project. Reid added that A&S was highly supportive during the rescoping period, insisting that student-focused space be maintained as much as possible in the redesign.

Reid reported that the project is now progressing quickly; meetings are increasing in frequency. A few governance steps (e.g., Governing Council approval in June 2023) with respect to funding remain. U of T Planning has hired the construction manager, who is using the design documents and working with the architects to map out the construction costing and process. We are scheduled to begin demolition as soon as August. The project is expected to take two years. Optimistically, we are looking at a September 2025 re-opening date.

Reid noted that, during construction, college user groups (e.g., academic program staff, student groups) will be relocated from the west wing to other locations.

## **5. Executive Committee report**

Chien noted that the fourth and final ICC meeting of the year will be during the April exam period. Weststrate will circulate an availability request as soon as the A&S exam schedule has been posted.

We hope to be joined by special guest **Angela Treglia**, director of U of T’s Sexual Violence Prevention & Support Centre, who will speak about the recent Review of the Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence.

## **6. Other business**

### **A. Student Services Committee funding proposals**

Chien reminded council of the March 3 deadline to request Student Services funding for any student-driven initiative that enhances the Innis College student experience, using [the submission form found here](#).

## **7. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved (Chien), seconded (Gosain), and carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.