



# Innis College

## Innis College Council

### 335<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 2:30pm

Events Room, Innis Residence

## Minutes

**Present:** Daniel Adleman (guest), Jason Brennan (assessor), Aaron Chan, Lydia Ghernaout, Elijah Gyansa, Charlie Keil, Cindy Lei, Anya Liu, Madeline Keizer (guest), Megan McDonald (assessor), Aditi Mehta, Michael Mejia (designate of Kelly Curran), Cynthia Messenger, Kyle Newcombe, Kathy Nolan-Garner, Gheyana Purbodiningrat (guest), Noel Simpson, Raven Stoddart, Joanne Uyede, Sophia Wang, Ben Weststrate (ICC secretary), Carol Ye, Jamie Yi

**Regrets:** Shayla Anderson, Yona Anderson, Donald Boere (assessor), James Cahill, Anson Chan, Jocelin Chang, Jannie Chien, Corinn Columpar, Juliana Concini, Osarumen Ekhaton, Max Hazen, Vedant Iyer, Eva-Lynn Jagoe (assessor), Kate Johnson (assessor), Andy Lee, Yiming Ma, Suzanne Macintyre (assessor), Maahi Patel, Jake Pereira, Tony Pi, Dryden Rainbow, David Roberts, Andrea Williams, Kieran Yan, Lina Yan, Daina Zweig

### 1. Welcoming remarks

Ghernaout, student speaker, chaired the meeting.

### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

A motion to approve [the minutes of the February 28, 2024, meeting](#) was moved (Lei), seconded (Newcombe), and carried.

### 3. Business arising from the minutes

None reported

## 4. Principal's report

Principal Keil reported the following:

### A. Staffing changes

- **Jordan Grace**, who had been covering for Sean Rogers' secondment, temporarily stayed on the Innis AV team in a casual capacity to support events, but has since accepted a role at Learning Space Management. His last day at Innis was April 8.
- Facilities & Services recently appointed a new property manager to 2 Sussex Avenue and 111 St. George Street, **Rachel Tennant**.
- **Kimiya Karbasy** will go on secondment to the Family Care Office from May 6 until February 2025, taking on the role of "family advisor and education & communications coordinator." In her stead, **Nick Callow** has been hired as the interim assistant dean – residence life. Nick will be seconded from New College's Residence Life staff. His first day at Innis will be April 29.
- **Kelly Curran** will return to the Student Life Coordinator role in May.
- **Andrea Blackler's** last day as development officer (DO) is April 30. Andrea will leave the University to operate a private psychotherapy practice, as part of a graduate program. **Maya Waldman** has been hired as the new DO and will begin on April 29. She comes to Innis from DUA's Annual and Leadership Giving team.
- CSI is in the process of making an offer to the new assistant professor of trans cinema and media, which is a cross-appointment with the Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies.
- **Charlie Keil** has been appointed acting vice-dean – college relations effective July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025, during Professor **Markus Stock's** upcoming administrative leave.

### B. Renewal & Expansion updates

- The construction crane was installed on site on March 20-21 and should remain 12 months.
- Recent site activity includes preparations for and pouring the Expansion's foundation.
- Keil thanked Later Life Learning for a recent \$25K donation toward the Renewal and Expansion campaign.

## 5. Board reports

### C. College Affairs

Lei, board moderator, reported the following highlights of [the March 27, 2024, meeting](#):

- Budgets were completed for the College, CSI, and Innis Residence.
- A series of space re-allocations and IT and facilities updates were implemented throughout the College and residence.

## D. Community Affairs

Weststrate, on behalf of board moderator Chien, reported the following highlights of [the March 20, 2024, meeting](#):

- The Advancement Office reported on \$75K in new donations, including 50K to the Renewal and Expansion.
- 65 alumni volunteered in the 2023-24 cycle of the annual mentorship program.
- Several alumni-oriented, public events were hosted in Town Hall.
- Installation of art from the 2023 cycle of the Student Art Exhibition is imminent at 2 Sussex Avenue.

## E. Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Committee

Weststrate, on behalf of committee moderator Awoleye, reported the following highlights of [the April 16, 2024, meeting](#):

- An extensive discussion was held with representatives of the Black Student Experience Working Group. The group has rebranded as the Black Student Network (BSN), reflecting a refocusing of their mission.
- The Office of Student Life (OSL) reported on a newly reconfigured position, assistant dean – student life & equity (ADSLE), which should be hired for by early May.
- The Communications team presented a multi-channel strategic for recognizing dates of significance to Innis students.

## F. Student Affairs

Yi, on behalf of board moderator Pereira, reported the following highlights of [the April 9, 2024, meeting](#):

- Students **Shovik Fayaz** and **Sam Guevara** were hired as 2024 Innis orientation coordinators.
- ICSS Formal was hugely successful, and the intramural soccer team from the championship. The student society's goal is to resolve its auditing backlog through the summer.
- The IRC elected its 2024-25 executive, with student **Juliana West** as the incoming president. The council's audit is complete; it is in good financial standing.
- The OSL-run Social Innovation Certificate saw one of its highest participation rates this year. The Alumni Mentorship Program was also successful from the student-facing side of the program. 2024 orientation will be a five-day affair and occur one week earlier; planning is well underway.
- In addition to the imminent hiring of the ADSLE, the OSL has completed 2024-25 residence don hiring. Summer residence spots are nearly full.
- The Registrar's Office reported there being no apparent effect on college admissions stemming from an OUAC change to allow "no preference" in college ranking. Innis College should have 7.5% of the A&S total population in 2024-25. It is also anticipated that recent federal policy changes for international students should not affect U of T enrolment.

Registrar's Office staff are participating on a working group for implementation of a new "student advising portal" (SAP).

- Student Services Committee approved six proposals for Student Services funding: residence lobby furnishing, *The Spectatorial* student publication, feather-friendly film installation at the College, expansion of the Innis Garden, more funding for the Innis Pantry, and reserve funds for future commuter lounge furnishings.

## 6. Executive Committee

As stipulated in section 8A of the ICC Constitution, a motion re-elect Weststrate as council secretary for the 2024-25 session was moved (Ghernaout), seconded (Keil), and carried.

## 7. Other business

### A. Summer adjudication authority for student awards

A motion to extend temporary authority to adjudicate awards to the registrar, while RAAC is inactive throughout the Summer and early Fall sessions, was moved (Ghernaout), seconded (Yi), and carried.

## 8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved (Newcombe) and carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.