ARTS AND SCIENCE COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCE COUNCIL held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 9:00 am in the Governing Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall

Present

David Cameron (Dean)  Derek Allen (Chair)  Gillian Hamilton (Vice-Chair)  Igor Samardzic (Vice-Chair)  Deborah Robinson (Secretary)  Thomas MacKay  Martha Harris  Kevin Mak  Donald Ainslie  Brent Berry  Alana Boland  Randy Boyagoda  James Cahill  Eric Cazdyn  Weijia (Jasper) Chen  Samuel Delage  John DiMarco  Paul Downes  Sebastian Duncan  Geneva Ferguson  Carol Finlay  Ruth Foulds  Harry Fox  Kanishka Goonewardena  Daphne Goring  Paul Hamel  Ikran Jama  Symon James-Wilson  Rebecca Jockusch  Michael Kessler  Reid Locklin  Penelope (Poppy) Lockwood  Abdullah Malik  Nakanyike Musisi  Sarah Louisa Namer  Mirella Pasquarelli-Clivio  Katherine Patton  François Pitt  Dhvani Ramanujam  Marlene Rong  Kaitlyn Simpson  Arjun Singh  Tatiana Smolyarova  Thomas Socknat  Sam Stead  Cheryl Suzack  Ramtin Taramsari  Guillaume Thomas  Marten van Kerkwijk  Marie-Anne Visoi  Foti Vito  William Watson  Ira Wells  Melanie Woodin  Helen Yang  Runqun (Helen) Zheng  John Zilcosky

Call to Order and Dean’s Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am by the Dean, David Cameron. As Chair on a pro tempore basis, he welcomed everyone and acknowledged that this was the first meeting of 2018-19. He announced that the meeting would start with the reading of two memorial resolutions followed by the election of Officers of Council.

Memorial Resolutions

The memorial resolution respecting former Assistant Dean, William Douglas Foulds, was read by Dean Cameron. Prior to the reading of the resolution, Dean Cameron acknowledged the attendance of Dean Foulds’ daughter-in-law, Ruth Foulds at this meeting. A minute of silence was observed after the resolution was read.

Dean Cameron then called for the reading of a memorial resolution respecting Professor Emeritus Alex Harrison from the Department of Chemistry. This motion was read by Professor Rebecca Jockusch, Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies from the Department of Chemistry. A minute of silence was observed after the resolution was read.

The text of both resolutions is included in these minutes at the end of the document.
1. Election of Officers of Council for 2018-19

The Dean called upon Mr. Thomas MacKay, Director, Faculty Governance, to facilitate the election of Officers of Council for 2018-19. Mr. MacKay first explained the purpose and responsibilities of Proctors and called for nominations from the Council. All four of the members nominated were acclaimed.

The Proctors acclaimed were Nelson De Melo, Trinity College; François Pitt, Department of Computer Science; William Watson, Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies; and Ira Wells, Victoria College.

Mr. MacKay then described the purpose and roles of the Chair and Vice-Chairs and followed with calls for nominations. One nomination was put forth for each of the Chair and Vice-Chair (Teaching Staff) roles. Derek Allen was acclaimed as Chair, and Gillian Hamilton was acclaimed as Vice-Chair (Teaching Staff). Igor Samardzic, Sebastian Duncan, and Samuel Delage nominated themselves for the Vice-Chair (Student) role. Each of the three nominees gave a brief statement prior to the casting of votes. On a vote Igor Samardzic was elected as Vice-Chair (Student).

Next, Mr. MacKay explained the role of the Agenda Committee and called for nominations for three Council members, in keeping with the tradition that the three elected members would reflect respectively, students, administrative & technical staff, and teaching staff. Paul Hamel was acclaimed as the teaching staff member, and Nelson De Melo was acclaimed as the administrative & technical staff member. Arjun Singh, Sebastian Duncan, and Samuel Delage nominated themselves for the student member role. All three nominees were given the opportunity to provide a brief pitch prior to the casting of votes, but Sebastian Duncan withdrew his nomination shortly after. On a vote Arjun Singh was elected as the student member of the Agenda Committee.

Once the elections concluded, Derek Allen took the Chair’s seat to continue the meeting of Council.

2. Approval of Minutes of the April 18, 2018 Meeting of Council

The Chair called on a motion to approve the minutes, which was carried. There was no business arising from these minutes.

3. Report of the Dean

There were several items that were communicated to the Council in the Dean’s report.

The Dean announced that the Arts & Science self-study has been completed and is available for viewing on the Arts & Science’s External Faculty Review website. The external review team, which consists of Carla Hesse from the College of Letters and Science and the University of California, Berkeley; R. Bruce Lennox from McGill University; and Carol Padden from the University of California, San Diego, will be visiting the Faculty from October 29-31, 2018. Following the external reviewers’ visit, a report will be written and submitted through university governance, thereby setting the stage for the Faculty’s next academic planning process. The Faculty will be setting up working groups shortly to examine and subsequently report back on various initiatives. It is expected that the academic planning process will take place during the 2019-20 academic year.

Next, the Dean offered an update that there has been a substantial curriculum review of the Rotman Commerce program, a program jointly offered by the Faculty of Arts & Science and the Rotman School of Management. The proposed overhaul of the curriculum will ensure benefits offered by both parties are brought to students in an intentional way. Dean Cameron thanked everyone who was involved in this endeavour and noted that the revised curriculum would be expected for governance this academic year.

Finally, the Dean acknowledged the complexity of interdivisional agreements that exists between the Faculty and other U of T divisions. He emphasized the need to focus on identifying and developing pedagogical benefits and
opportunities. As there is substantial work involved in meeting this need, Professor Melanie Woodin has been appointed as the inaugural Vice-Dean, Interdivisional Partnerships to manage the different relationships and agreements. The Faculty is seeking nominations for the now-vacant position of Associate Dean, Undergraduate Issues and Academic Planning.

The Chair thanked Dean Cameron for his report.

4. Abbreviated Orientation for Council Members

Mr. Thomas MacKay returned to conduct an abbreviated orientation for Council members, with the recognition that a formal orientation for new members had already been held in September.

He provided a distinction between the Dean and the Council and its delegated responsibilities. He also gave an overview of the structure of the Arts & Science Council and its standing committees. The Committee on Admissions was dormant for some time but has since revived as it plays an important role in reviewing proposed policies and changes in tandem with the different curriculum committees.

Mr. MacKay acknowledged the significance of the Arts & Science Council as members were brought forward by their constituents to provide balance with respect to the Faculty's well-being. He encouraged members to come to ask questions and to exercise their democracy. He also emphasized the importance of quorum to ensure Council matters are presented, discussed, and voted in a responsible manner. Voting members can use the RSVP form sent to them by the Arts & Science Governance unit to indicate if they would need to send a proxy from the same constituency to come to the meeting on their behalf.

A member inquired about committee involvement for new members. Mr. MacKay responded that different standing committees tend to have different time spans in terms of turnover. He asked her to contact him to let him know of the area of interest.

5. Membership Update (Elections and Appointments) for Arts & Science Council and Standing Committees

Mr. Thomas MacKay explained that elections take place twice a year for positions on the Council and its standing committees. While new student members are elected each year, teaching staff positions on the Council are often acclaimed as each department would usually run its own elections internally. Considering that two elections – one in April and one in October – had already been held, Mr. MacKay indicated that he would need to consult with the Agenda Committee to determine if another by-election for the unfilled student positions would be feasible. He concluded his update by once again welcoming all new members of Council.

6. Other Business

A member asked for an update on the search for the next Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Science. Dean Cameron responded that he does not have purview over the search process. He suggested to the member to direct questions to Archana Sridhar at the Office of the Vice-President & Provost, as that office actually oversees the nomination and search process.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

William Douglas Foulds
Assistant Dean and Faculty Secretary
Faculty of Arts and Science
University of Toronto

Be it resolved that the Council of the Faculty of Arts & Science deeply regrets the passing of William Foulds, a former Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, on April 1, 2018, at the age of 99.

William Foulds (Bill) attended Ridley College in St. Catharines Ontario from 1934 – 1936 where he won the silver and gold medals for academic excellence and then went to the University of Toronto, University College, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1940.

He also played football and hockey and was a proud member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity and served as the Captain of Artillery in WWII. He was inspired by his grandfather W.C. “Billy” Foulds who was the first quarterback for the Toronto Argonauts and he was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 1963.

He began his career at the University of Toronto in the 1950s, working in the Registrar’s Office for the University of Toronto in Simcoe Hall, which is now Enrolment Services. He then moved to the position of Assistant Dean and Faculty Secretary in the Faculty of Arts and Science where he served for more than 50 years before retiring in 1984, and was awarded the Chancellor’s Award.

He served on numerous Committees including the Committee on Standing and the General Committee of the Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

He was also one of the original members of the Faculty Club, where he served in many capacities including the Secretary of the Board. After his retirement he continued to visit and have lunch with the Retired Members Group every Thursday. The Faculty Club designed and built the W.D. Foulds Dining Room in his honour and awarded him with a life-time membership.

Bill is survived by his son Gary, grandchildren Jesse and Jefferson, and his many nieces and nephews. He will be remembered for his sense of humour, as well as his kindness and generosity to all, but, also for his humility.

Be it further moved that this resolution be inscribed in the minutes and that a copy be transmitted to the survivors as a token of our deep respect.
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
Alex George Harrison, 1931–2018
Professor Emeritus of Chemistry
University of Toronto

Alex George Harrison, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, University of Toronto, was born on April 1, 1931 and died on September 7, 2018 at the age of 87.

Born in Peterborough, Alex grew up on farms near Lakefield and Watford, Ontario. He studied chemistry at Western, receiving his B.Sc. and M.Sc., and then moved to McMaster where he obtained his Ph.D. “Isotope Effects in the Reduction of Sulphur Compounds” with Harry Thode. He then worked as a postdoctoral fellow at McMaster and later at the National Research Council in Ottawa.

He joined the University of Toronto in 1959 becoming a full Professor in 1967. Alex had an illustrious career in gas-phase ion chemistry and mass spectrometry, spanning more than 50 years. In the early part of his career he studied the structures and reaction mechanisms of gas-phase organic ions and developed new methodologies to probe these. In 1983, Alex wrote what is now a classic book in his field, Chemical Ionization Mass Spectrometry. Although Alex retired in 1993 and was appointed Emeritus Professor, he remained active in research for more than the next twenty years. After retirement, Alex launched a series of studies on an entirely different class of ion chemistry, with his focus shifting to the energetics and fragmentation of peptides, making seminal contributions to that emerging field.

His research contributions were recognized by an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship (1962-64), Noranda Lecture Award of the Chemical Institute of Canada and a Killam Research Fellowship (1985-87). He has the distinction of being the first Canadian to be elected to the Board of Directors of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry. Alex also served on many chemistry societies, journal editorial boards and was a frequent invited speaker at universities and conferences in North America and Europe.

In 2005, the Department of Chemistry established the Alex Harrison Graduate Fellowship in Analytical Environmental Mass Spectrometry.

Professor Harrison was an admired colleague, teacher and mentor, and a devoted member of the Department of Chemistry and the University of Toronto.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council express its gratitude for the life of Alex Harrison and his service to the Department of Chemistry, and that this Resolution be inscribed in the Minutes and a copy sent to his family with the Council’s sympathy.