

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**

**ARTS AND SCIENCE COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCE COUNCIL held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the  
Governing Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall**

**Present**

David Cameron (Dean)	Jason Hackworth	Ana Perez Leroux
Derek Allen (Chair)	Paul Hamel	François Pitt
Gillian Hamilton (Vice-Chair)	Angela Hou	Mary Pugh
Jina Aryaan (Vice-Chair)	Kerri Huffman	Michael Ratcliffe
Deborah Robinson (Secretary)	Thuy Huynh	Roger Riendeau
Thomas MacKay	Brian Jacobson	Branden Rizzuto
Martha Harris	Bill Ju	Andre Schmid
Kevin Mak	Peter Jurgec	Jane Seto
Donald Ainslie	Changmo Kim	Priyanka Sharma
Alana Boland	Peter King	Tatiana Smolyarova
Samantha Chang	Kyoungrok Ko	Thomas Socknat
Andrea Chiappetta	June Larkin	Kaitlyn Nicole Stuckless Simpson
Joseph Desloges	Christine Lehleiter	Cheryl Suzack
John DiMarco	Penelope (Poppy) Lockwood	Nathan Taback
Laurie Drake	T. Ephraim Lytle	Alexie Tcheuyap
John Duncan	Allison MacDonald	Vijin Venu
Dickson Eyoh	Geoff MacDonald	William Watson
Adam Fox	Brent Miles	Art Weis
Bernardo Galvao-Sousa	Amani Bosibori Moragia	Yanqin Wu
Daphne Goring	Mirella Pasquarelli-Clivio	Yingfei Zha
Pamela Gravestock	Katherine Patton	John Zilcosky
Joshua Grondin	Louis W. Pauly	

**Call to Order and Dean's Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by the Dean, David Cameron, who also thanked everyone present for giving their time and service to the Arts and Science Council.

**Memorial Resolution**

The Dean called for the reading of a memorial resolution respecting Professor Emerita Joan M. Bigwood from the Department of Classics. The memorial was read by Professor Ephraim Lytle, Associate Chair and Undergraduate Coordinator of the Department of Classics. A minute of silence was observed after the resolution was read.

**1. Election of Officers of Council for 2017-18**

The Dean called upon Thomas MacKay, Director, Faculty Governance & Curriculum Services, to facilitate the election of Officers of Council for 2017-18. 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.

**Proctors:**

- François Pitt, Department of Computer Science
- Paul Hamel, University College
- Katherine Patton, Anthropology
- Kerri Huffman, New College

Mr. MacKay then articulated the purpose and roles of the Chair and Vice-Chairs and followed with calls for nominations.

**Chair:**

- Derek Allen

**Vice-Chairs:**

- Jina Aryaan (Student)
- Gillian Hamilton (Teaching Staff)

The nominated Chair and Vice-Chairs were also acclaimed.

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. Changmo Kim, an undergraduate Sciences student was acclaimed as the student member of the Agenda Committee. Next, John DiMarco was nominated for the administrative & technical staff member of the Agenda Committee. Adam Fox was the next Council member nominated. Mr. DiMarco withdrew his nomination shortly after; subsequently Adam Fox was acclaimed. John Duncan was acclaimed as the teaching staff 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 19, 2017 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 from the Dean**

The Dean's report was deferred to allow item 4 to proceed, with permission from Council.

**4. (For Information) Establishment of the Centre for the Study of Global Japan as an Extra-Departmental Unit, Type D**

Professor Louis W. Pauly, Interim Director, Centre for the Study of Global Japan and the Munk School of Global Affairs presented background information leading to the creation of the Centre for the Study of Global Japan. For some time there has been interest in encouraging studies in this area, and the Government of Japan has been interested in formally endowing research. Over the past year, it was the right time and opportunity to establish an area at the University. There was particular interest as within Canada there is an opportunity to do more in this area; and the endowment will support a rebuilding within the field of Japanese politics.

The University received a \$5-million endowment earlier this year to establish the Centre for the Study of Global Japan. The Director appointed to this Centre would be divided between the Department of Political Science and the Munk School of Global Affairs. Last week, the Centre hosted the Japan Studies Association of Canada. Additionally, 15 undergraduate students are expected to participate in a student exchange in Japan during Reading Week. Furthermore, symposiums, lectures and seminars had already taken place prior to the University's receipt of

the endowment. A search for a Chair had already commenced. Professor Pauly felt that this was fantastic news for the Department of Political Science, the Faculty of Arts and Science, and the Munk School of Global Affairs.

The Dean added a comment to underline the important leadership role played by Professor Pauly in working with the Consul General heading the Consulate General of Japan and the Japanese Government in securing the endowment; and that it was a coup to have the only endowed chair in the country in Japanese studies at the University.

### **3. Report from the Dean**

There were two items that were communicated to the Council in the Dean's report.

The Dean indicated that preparation was underway for Academic Planning and that Penelope (Poppy) Lockwood would speak to this item later in the Council meeting. The second item conveyed was with respect to the merger between the University's Munk School of Global Affairs and the School of Public Policy and Governance.

Lively discussions about the potential merits of having the two Schools merge to become one entity had already taken place with faculty and staff from the two units during the winter 2017 term. Diverse views were expressed, with some initially strongly opposing to the idea. However, there was a gradual recognition of this idea being the appropriate direction to proceed.

A formal process has already been launched, with a provision calling for 120 days of discussion of the announced plans. This is a formal opportunity for stakeholders to express their views regarding the proposal. If the results indicate justification to amalgamate the two Schools, formal proposal would be brought forward to governance beginning in 2018.

A member of the Council asked about the restructuring process taking place in the Faculty of Forestry and its impact on the Faculty of Arts and Science. The Dean did not have a report at this time since the process was still unfolding.

The Chair thanked the Dean for his report.

### **5. Self-Study and Academic Plan for the Faculty of Arts and Science**

Penelope (Poppy) Lockwood, Vice-Dean, Academic Planning & Strategic Initiatives, provided an overview of two separate but related projects.

The first project was the commissioning of an external review of the Faculty of Arts and Science. Extensive consultation is taking place as part of the drafting process for this self-study. It is expected that the self-study would be drafted by March 2018 and finalized by Summer 2018, followed by a site visit to take place in Fall 2018.

Vice-Dean Lockwood is also embarking on a new academic plan. This time around, the process will involve the creation of a higher level plan that lays out strategic directions for the Faculty. It is expected that the academic plan will not be finalized until the recommendations from the external review have been received.

### **6. Abbreviated Orientation for Council Members**

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

He first provided a distinction between the Dean and the Council and its delegated responsibilities. He then gave an overview of the structure of the Arts and Science Council and its standing committees, further explaining the governance stages of academic change. Mr. MacKay stressed the significance of the Arts and Science Council as members were brought forward by their constituents to provide balance and to be a good governor. He also emphasized the importance of attendance at Council meetings as votes were delayed last year due to a lack of quorum. He encouraged people to come to exercise their democracy. An RSVP form via Google Docs is being introduced this year to encourage Council members to attend and name an alternate to attend on one's behalf if necessary. His Governance and Curriculum unit is working continuously to systematize processes relating to academic change, ensuring that they are vital and engaged.

A member asked if Mr. MacKay would be able to make his presentations slides available, to which he agreed and confirmed.

## **7. Membership Update (Elections and Appointments) for Arts & Science and Standing Committees**

Thomas Mackay continued to the next item to give a brief overview of the ex-officio and voting representatives of Council, followed by an update on the Elections to Council. The most recent set of Elections took place this past Monday, October 16. Teaching and administrative staff positions were acclaimed. Three new members joining the Committee on Admissions include:

- Andre Schmid, Chair of Department of East Asian Studies
- Allison Gibbs, Associate Chair of Department of Statistical Sciences
- Gillian Hamilton, Associate Chair of Department of Economics

Currently, one Council member position representing part-time students remains unfilled. In addition, one student member position for the Undergraduate Social Sciences Curriculum Committee remains unfilled. That student member must be registered in the Bachelor of Commerce program. Furthermore, there are several teaching staff member positions that remain unfilled. There is a mandate to run by-elections in January 2018 to complete these unfilled positions. There are also two unfilled positions for the Academic Appeals Board which have yet to be filled by teaching staff members. Voter turnout was low in these Elections: less than 1% for undergraduate students, about 3% for graduate students, and roughly 31% for administrative and technical staff members. The Governance unit continues to look for ways to improve engagement and interest.

## **8. Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **9. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.