Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:14pm by the Chair.

Memorial Resolutions
The Chair called for the reading of a memorial resolution for Professor Emeritus R.M.H. Shepherd, of University College and Department of Classics, who had recently passed away. This motion was read by John Marshall, Vice-Principal, University College, and Associate Professor, Department for the Study of Religion.

The Chair then called for the reading of a memorial resolution for Associate Professor Emeritus Kenneth R. Thompson, Department of Classics, who had recently passed away. This motion was read by Ephraim Lytle, Associate Professor and Undergraduate Coordinator/Associate Chair, Department of Classics.

A minute of silence was observed after the resolutions were read, and the text is included in these minutes at the end of the document.

1. Approval of the minutes of the December 16, 2016 meeting of Council

The Chair called on a motion to approve the minutes, which was carried.

2. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Announcements
The Chair, Derek Allen, noted that there would be no report from the Dean, David Cameron, as the Dean was unable to attend this meeting. The Chair also noted that there was an item of Other Business on the agenda, regarding planning underway between the Munk School for Global Affairs and the School for Public Policy and Governance.

3. Approval of Major Modifications to Undergraduate Programs

Before proceeding with presentation of the Major Modifications to Undergraduate Programs, the Chair called for a show of hands to check that quorum was met. 21 voting members were counted. This was short of the required 25 to meet quorum. The Chair paused this item, to allow time for more members to arrive at Council, and moved to the next item in the agenda.

4. Other Business

Joshua Barker, Vice-Dean, Graduate Education and Program Reviews, introduced an item of Other Business regarding a proposed merger between the Munk School of Global Affairs and the School for Public Policy and Governance. This proposal is in the very early stages, and is being explored due to the similarities between the two schools and their programs. Both schools offer Master’s degrees in public policy, involving translating ideas into practice, and are working in similarities that would benefit from creating synergies. Bringing the two units together would also bring together faculty members who have interest in similar areas. Vice-Dean Barker explained that the consultation process is beginning, to explore the process of amalgamation. The prospect of retaining the two schools in their present separate state is also being considered. Consultation will be done with faculty members who have appointment lines within the two schools, as well as with faculty with joint appointments in other departments or units. The consultation will create a discussion paper for academic change. Currently, a timeline is being drafted, and group sessions with faculty from both schools are being explored. Over the next month a discussion paper will be drafted.

The floor was opened to discussion.

A member asked where the desire to merge had come from. Vice-Dean Barker explained that this came essentially from the top down. The purpose of consultation will be to determine whether there is a need to proceed, as there has been discussion about whether there should be a closer relationship between the two schools. When a review of the School for Public Policy and Governance was conducted, external reviewers raised the merger as a topic of discussion, so it is now being raised with a wider set of constituencies.

Approval of Major Modifications to Undergraduate Programs (revisited)

Returning to the third item on the agenda, the Chair asked how tight the timeline is for the scheduled Major Modification proposals. Pamela Klassen, Vice-Dean Undergraduate and International Programs, indicated there is still one more cycle of Undergraduate Curriculum Committees, but the proposals put forward for consideration today were the result of hard work done by the departments. Thomas MacKay, Director, Faculty Governance and Curriculum, said the impact of delays would be department-specific, but there was a vested interest for approved changes to be translated to students in time for open house events in advance of registration deadlines. The upcoming March meeting of Council would be just enough time for calendar publication and central reporting, but proposals were urgent under the circumstances. Vice-Dean Klassen asked if the Vice Chair of a department can vote in Council. Deborah
Robinson, Faculty Registrar, confirmed this to be the case if they attended in representation of the department. There was further discussion about voting membership.

The Chair conducted a second count, reaching a count of 23 voting members. A member raised the possibility of diverging from voting procedures in this instance. The Chair declined saying that this is a matter of Constitutional procedure and a precedent cannot be set. A member noted that he has observed Council attendance declining, and that there may be an impression there is no importance in coming to meetings to approve motions as a formality or when the agenda is thin. The Chair responded that the Council is charged with ensuring correct procedures are followed and that discussion may arise from any motion, noting a past example where Council determined that follow-up consultation was necessary and a motion was deferred to the following meeting and then approved. The member followed-up to ask whether the motions could be heard for discussion or advice in an advisory sense. The Chair said that discussion could take place but there would be no vote on the items. Vice-Dean Klassen said that discussion without vote would not meet the needs of colleagues who want their program changes to go forward.

The Chair said that there was clearly a need for communication from the Dean’s Office stressing importance of quorum, asking all members of council to indicate before date whether they will attend. Another option would be to have special meeting, but according to timeline probably not necessary. The next meeting of Council on March 22 would enough time to pass the motions although it would be tight. Mr. MacKay indicated that Calendar publication was scheduled for the end of March, so within the strictest sense of timing things could move forward if heard in March. A member asked if it would be possible to have discussion now, followed by a vote online, or if that was outside procedures. The Chair said that online voting was not provided for in the Council by-laws. A member asked whether if a member fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings, can they be removed from Council. The Chair said he was not aware of such a rule as a division of the by-laws. A member asked if a colleague from their department were to attend, could they also vote as Vice-Chair of the department. The Chair indicated that one extra person would still not meet quorum as the group would still be one member short. The Chair then confirmed that voting membership was 2 people short of quorum. The Chair then requested a motion to adjourn.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.
R.M.H. Shepherd, 1925–2016
Professor Emeritus of Classics
University College
University of Toronto

Be it resolved that the Council of the Faculty of Arts & Science/University College deeply regrets the passing of Professor Emeritus R.M.H. Shepherd, a member of the University College Department of Classics, on 18 May 2016 in his 91st year.

Professor Shepherd was born in St. Kitts, British West Indies, and grew up in Barbados, where he was educated at Harrison College and took a special interest in Greek, Latin, Ancient History, and Classical literature. He was awarded the Barbados Scholarship to attend Oxford or Cambridge in 1945 and entered St. John’s College, Cambridge, that fall, enrolled in the Classical Tripos. He took his BA in 1948 and following a post-graduate year in Cambridge, combined with short periods at the British Schools in Rome and Athens, he came to University College at the University of Toronto in 1949 as a Lecturer in ancient Greek. He received his MA in 1952, and was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1956, Associate Professor in 1962, and full Professor in 1966, retiring in 1991 though he continued to teach part-time in the Department until 1995.

From 1961-1970 he served as the Registrar of University College, and throughout his long academic career he contributed stalwart service to the collegial and academic missions of his Department, College, and University. For Classics, he chaired various committees and played a large role in the development and redesign of courses, including new offerings in translation which increased enrolment, among them his popular year-long course in Greek & Roman Mythology. For his College, he served not only as Registrar but also as Acting Principal and Chair of College Council in 1980-1981. For the University, he chaired the UTFA Committee on University Government in 1971-1972 and served on Governing Council in 1972-1973 as a member for the Humanities.

His academic service to the Department included service as liaison with secondary schools (1956-1963), when he was in charge of the Greek Sight Competition and contributed to organizing the Latin Verse—Reading contests (the annual Parva Torontoniensis). In 1966, he was appointed to the eight-person Presidential Advisory Committee on Instruction, Curriculum and Programs in the Faculty of Arts and Science, the “Macpherson Committee,” which prepared the ground for the “New Program” in the Faculty and led to the transition from its venerable Honours Program to the more flexible structure of degree requirements and courses which has continued to evolve. In 1978-1979, he chaired a Faculty Decanal Committee on Admissions Criteria: the “Shepherd Report” reintroduced more rigorous requirements which had lapsed in the aftermath of the new program.

His administrative commitments at the University level were also influential. He was an active member and committee chair in the University’s former Senate, from his appointment as UC Registrar in 1961. He served effectively on the 1970-1971 University-wide Committee on University Government, whose report led to the replacement of the Senate and Board of Governors by a unicameral Governing Council.
He subsequently participated in several Council committees, most notably as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee (1972-1973 and 1980-1982), which assumed the Senate’s former responsibility for academic policy, and as a member of the Executive Committee of Governing Council (1979-1982).

Professor Shepherd was widely known to his colleagues as a man of deep learning and high academic standards. His vigilant gaze might at times have been unnerving to colleagues who were imprecise in their thinking or expression, but his students quickly came to appreciate a teacher who called out their best, gave them credit for it and gave them his best in return. His gift for clear, detailed – even expansive – explication of a subject sometimes made him a challenging conversationalist but this was what also made him a great teacher. As a colleague once remarked, “He was that rare person who spoke even conversationally in fully-punctuated, publishable paragraphs.”

The Department of Classics and University College deeply regret the loss of our valued colleague.

Professor Shepherd is survived by his life partner, Norma Bliss; his son David (wife June, and their daughter Emma), and his daughter Diana.

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.

Alison Keith FRSC
Professor and Acting Chair
Department of Classics
University of Toronto

Glenn Loney
Former Registrar
University College
Be it resolved that the Council of the Faculty of Arts & Science deeply regrets the passing of Associate Professor Emeritus Kenneth R. Thompson, a member of the Victoria College Department of Classics, on 26 August 2016 in his 86th year.

Professor Thompson received his B.A. in 1953 from Queen’s University and his A.M. in 1954 from Harvard University. In 1954-1955, he worked as Principal Clerk at the National Research Council (forerunner of CSIS) in Ottawa, where he met his future wife Katharine (Appleby), and from 1955-1957 he taught as Lecturer in Classics at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Married in 1957, he moved back to Boston to pursue doctoral studies under the supervision of E.A. Havelock (formerly of the Classics department at Victoria College in the University of Toronto), with a proposed thesis on “Technique of Composition of Hesiod’s Works and Days.” He left Harvard ABD in 1959 to take up a position as Lecturer in Classics at Victoria College, where he was promoted to Assistant Professor (1963), Associate Professor (1973), Associate Registrar (1975), Acting Registrar (1977) and thence to Registrar (1978). During his years in the Registrar’s Office of Victoria College, Professor Thompson continued to teach Introductory Latin and Greek in the combined Department of Classics at the University of Toronto. He was a kind and patient teacher and a staunch and generous friend to generations of students and colleagues.

From 1978 to 1995, he served as the Registrar of Victoria College, and throughout his long registrarial career he contributed stalwart service to the collegial missions of his Department, College, and University. For Classics he served a lengthy term on the High School Liaison Committee (1982-1987), and for the University he served a still lengthier term on the General Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Science (1977-1995), with appointments along the way to the Faculty of Arts and Science Committees on Standing (as voting member or assessor in alternate years), Admissions (likewise), and Academic Standards, as well as to the FAS High School Liaison group.

But it was to his College that he devoted his energies most especially throughout his career. At Victoria College, he did yeoman service as the Secretary of the Senate of Victoria University as well as its various committees, including the Honorary Degrees Committee and the Baccalaureate, Charter Day and Convocation Committee; he chaired the Scholarship Committee, the Bursary Committee, the Office Space Committee, and the Committee on Academic Standards; and he served continuously on the Victoria and Emmanuel College Councils and various of their committees, including the Academic Advisory Committee, the Counselling and Recruitment Committee, the Research and Publications Committee, the Fellows Selection Committee, and a slew of ad hoc committees. The history and community of Victoria College were of great importance and interest to him, and he had a rich professional life there until his retirement in 1996 and well beyond. For he remained closely involved
with the College throughout his retirement, updating the scholarships and awards brochure and regularly advising on convocation procedures (including the Latinity of the College’s diplomas).

The Department of Classics and Victoria College deeply regret the loss of our valued colleague.

Professor Thompson is survived by his wife Katherine; his son Bernard (wife Kuniko, their daughters Mayuko and Hinako), and his daughters Cecily (husband Shakir Panjvani their children Michael and Sarah) and Hope (partner Simone Jones).

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.

Alison Keith FRSC
Fellow, Victoria College
Professor and Acting Chair
Department of Classics
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