1 WELCOME
Principal Donald Ainslie welcomed Council members and called the meeting to order. The Principal noted that Council Speaker, Sandy Leggatt, was unable to attend the Council meeting and that Professor Anne Lancashire had been asked to serve as Speaker.

- The Principal moved that Professor Anne Lancashire serve as speaker at the April 27th, 2012 Council meeting. Approved nem.con.

Professor Lancashire stated that for the rules of proceeding she would be following the Robert’s Rules of Order which are the rules of order for most bodies at the University of Toronto.

Professor Lancashire noted that the Principal would like to make an addition to the Agenda as number 3A – a Memorial Resolution for Professor Krystyna Sieciechowicz, a member of the College who recently passed away. Professor Lancashire asked if there were any
objections to the addition to the Agenda and hearing none amended the agenda to include item 3A Memorial Resolution for Professor Krystyna Sieciechowicz.

2. MINUTES
Professor Lancashire noted that we had discovered two typos in the minutes, flagged these for Council members and asked members if there were any additional corrections, errors or omissions. Hearing none, Professor Lancashire requested a motion to approve the minutes.

- On a motion duly moved by Shelley Cornack and seconded by Mike Galang, it was resolved that the minutes of the March 16, 2012 meeting be approved (as corrected). Approved nem.con.

3. BUSINESS ARISING
There was no business arising from the March 16, 2012 meeting.

3A. MEMORIAL RESOLUTION - Professor Krystyna Sieciechowicz
Principal Donald Ainslie put forth the following Memorial Resolution:

Be it resolved that University College Council deeply regrets the passing of Associate Professor Krystyna Sieciechowicz, a member of University College and the Department of Anthropology, on March 22, 2012.

At the time of her death, Professor Sieciechowicz was also cross appointed to the Aboriginal Studies Program and to The Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Toronto. She served as Director, Canadian Studies Program at UC from 1990 to 1994. Professor Sieciechowicz obtained her B.A, M.A., and her Ph.D. in the Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto; her 1982 dissertation is titled “We are all related here”: the social relations of land utilization in Wunnummin Lake in Northwestern Ontario. Her academic and research interests were in social and political anthropology, First Nations, land use and land claims, and oral history. She is a co-editor of Chippewas of Sarnia: Environmental Health Assessment Project Establishing a Baseline published by The Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research, University of Windsor in 1996. She authored Kayahna Land Use Atlas, Royal Commission on the Northern Environment, University of Toronto Press as well as numerous journal articles and chapters in edited books. In recent years she championed the rights of First Nations Peoples as an expert witness in many land claims court cases.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be inscribed in the minutes of University College and a copy be sent to the family as a token of the deep appreciation University College feels for the life and career of our valued colleague Professor Sieciechowicz.

Council members observed a moment of silence in memory of Professor Sieciechowicz.
4. UC CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PROPOSED REVISIONS

Professor Lancashire noted that there were sufficient members of Council present to move ahead with this item and that we would need a two-thirds majority to approve this motion when it came time to vote.

Principal Donald Ainslie moved the following motion which was seconded by Shelley Cornack:

- As circulated on the agenda and as announced at the Council meeting on March 16, 2012, be it resolved that University College Council approves the revised University College Constitution and By-Laws as distributed to members. (With a proviso that the Principal is referring to the amended version that was distributed to members this week which includes the definition of ‘Other Academic Appointees’).

Principal Ainslie reminded members of the consultation process which has been taking place throughout the year. Consultations were held with faculty, staff, students, alumni leading up to the Council Retreat on November 8, 2011. In January there was an Ad-hoc Committee, the members of which were: two faculty members (the Principal and Professor Ian Radforth), two student members (Benjamin Dionne and Mike Galang), and two staff members (Linda Nauman and Margaret Fulford). The Ad-hoc Committee drafted a document following the templates provided by Governing Council for divisional constitutions. This was then brought to the Executive Committee on January 25, February 8, March 8 and April 11, 2012 and discussed at College Council meetings on February 3 and March 16, 2012. The draft document was sent to the Provost’s Advisory Group for review and returned with only minor editorial changes suggested, with one slight exception – item IV-7. The previous version of the document had Council “following the approval of the Curriculum Committee”. The Provost’s Advisory Group recommended this be changed to “following the advice of the Curriculum Committee.” The Principal reminded members that Council can only make recommendations to the Faculty of Arts and Science and does not approve any curriculum changes. Principal Ainslie noted that this change is also in line with what is stated in the By-laws. The Principal also noted that just this week, Simcoe Hall changed the University-wide definition of ‘Other Academic Appointee’ as follows: “A University of Toronto employee who is involved in the delivery of College programs and who has been appointed a member of the College by Council and who a) holds a part-time academic appointment of less than 50% in the University at various ranks or b) is a Sessional Lecturer I, II or III.”

The Principal noted that he had not received any further feedback on the latest version which was circulated to members.

Professor Lancashire reminded members that the Constitution and the By-laws were being moved together and opened the floor for discussion.

Paul Hamel asked for clarification on Section 3.2, why Council should be advisory only. The Principal clarified that Council is not simply advisory as it also determines its composition, number, composition and authority of its committees; it has a general advisory role but also
has specific and definite roles. The Speaker added that section 3.2 explains what the advisory role of Council is and other sections explain what its specific powers and duties are.

- Motion approved with 1 negative vote.

Principal Ainslie thanked members for all their hard work during the year in getting the new Constitution to this point and for attending the meeting to ensure that we had a quorum. The Constitution will now go to the Agenda Committee on May 22, Academic Board on May 31, and then the Executive Committee of Governing Council; with the latter’s approval the Constitution will be in force immediately. Principal Ainslie noted that in the meantime, he will implement the process of Faculty Elections for Council as the current Constitution allows such elections. Other elections and appointments will have to wait until the new Constitution is in force.

5. REPORTS

Report of the Principal

Principal Donald Ainslie began his report by updating members on the current challenges that the University and the Faculty of Arts and Science are facing. Principal Ainslie noted that with respect to the Provincial budget, there was an overall increase of 1.9% to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities budget compared to a 1% increase overall to the provincial budget. The Principal reminded members that UofT students are eligible to receive $1,600 from the Ontario Tuition Grant for families with an income of less than $160,000 per year. Although this was already in place, 40% of eligible students have not taken advantage of this grant. In three years’ time the annual cost of this program will be $411M. The Principal noted that the Province has increased student support but reduced the University budget. The University is under more financial pressure and there are a number of programs affected by the reduced budget including:

1. The Province has stopped paying its share of the work-study program (currently cost-shared: $1.8M UofT vs. $2.5M ON). The University is still trying to maintain the program but it is currently unclear if they will be able to do so.
2. The Province has stopped matching Student Aid Program at a cost of $3.4M for UofT.
3. The University has lost the Queen Elizabeth II Aim for the Top Scholarship at a cost of $4.6M for UofT.
4. The University has lost the Ontario Special Bursary at a cost of $270,000 for UofT.
5. The Provincial budget also indicates an undesignated $55M system-wide “efficiency” savings which will be approx. $10.3M cut to UofT by 2014-15 of which $3M will be a cut to the Faculty of Arts and Science.
6. Conflicting with the Province’s and the University’s stated interest in our increasing the internationalization of our Universities, the Provincial budget also includes claw backs for international students. The university will have to give $825 to the Province for each international student. This will be approx. $3M for the Faculty of Arts and Science. The Province has indicated that the University can increase international student fees to cover the claw back.
Principal Ainslie noted that there will be a salary freeze implemented for University administrators which will include Principals, Deans and PMs 7-9 but there is a lack of clarity on what else the salary freeze will involve.

Principal Ainslie indicated that the Provost has released a discussion paper “The View from 2012” which is a snapshot of how the University is doing in the context of the larger Towards 2030 strategic plan for the University. Principal Ainslie encouraged members to read the paper which is available on the Provost’s website. The paper is generally quite positive in the sense that we are accomplishing a lot despite the massive financial challenges. There have been improvements in the undergraduate experience and in recruitment; research excellence is still unparalleled in Canada and U of T is recognized as amongst the best institutions in the world. We have remained accessible both at the graduate and undergraduate level. The Principal noted that the key sentence of the document, which will be a continuing challenge, can be found on page 50 and states: “Ensuring adequate resources to meet and sustain our commitment to excellence remains our greatest challenge”.

The Principal was pleased to share that within the College we have accomplished a lot this year but that there is still much to be done. A new Management Team is now in place which includes a new CAO, new Director of Advancement and soon to be a new Dean of Students. A crucial element in helping the College move forward will be the need to get the resources to sustain our activities and take them up a notch.

Principal Ainslie updated members on the Master Plan project that he has been working on along with a Heritage Architect. Five key building projects are being developed as part of our special priorities for Advancement:

- East/West Hall
- Laidlaw wing/UC Library
- Croft/SCR
- UC Quad
- Classrooms

Principal Ainslie concluded his report by noting that there are many space issues still to be resolved including the UC Union, the H-Wing and the Laidlaw wing.

Discussion ensued.

**Report of the Past President, UC Lit**

The Past President of the UC Lit, Mike Galang reported that as of April 1st the 2011-2012 UC Lit has officially dissolved itself and the 2012-2013 Lit has officially started. Mr. Galang introduced the new President, Mr. Benjamin Dionne and the new Vice-President, Ms. Nishi Kumar. The Past President was happy to share with members that a very successful Grad Pub Night was recently held for UC graduates and that the Lit’s audit has been passed. The second installment of funds from the University has been received and the new Lit will be able to start off their year debt-free.
The Past President concluded his report by offering Dean of Students, Nona Robinson, a special thank you for all her help, guidance and encouragement during the past year and wishing her all the best in her new position at Trent University.

Report of the Interim Vice-Principal
On behalf of the Interim Vice-Principal Emily Gilbert, who was unable to attend the meeting, Principal Ainslie reported that all was going smoothly with the programs as they are wrapping up for the term. Summer courses are about to begin. Preparations are being made for the second year of UC One, which will begin in the fall; there are 164 applicants thus far, a number which is in line with the other, newer One programs. The UC One model will be changed for the coming year with the four streams meeting separately through the year and coming together for a plenary session once a month.

Principal Ainslie put forth the following motion which was seconded by Tamara Trojanowska.

- Be it resolved that, on July 1, 2012, the UC Drama Program (‘UCDP’) will become the undergraduate program of the Centre for Drama, Theatre, and Performance Studies (‘the Centre’). Before the end of June 2012, the University College Principal, in consultation with the current director of UCDP, will negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement with the Director of the Centre that will ensure ongoing, deep connections between the Centre and UC and will establish procedures to determine budgets, space, reporting relations, Advancement responsibilities, and the stewardship of UCDP endowments once the Centre takes on the undergraduate programs.

Principal Ainslie clarified for members that normally program related matters are brought to Council through the Program Committee. In this case the Executive Committee thought that this was not a matter that the Program Committee needed to address, but they were consulted and are in agreement with our moving forward in this manner.

Discussion ensued.

- Motion Approved nem.con.

Report of the Registrar
UC Registrar, Ms. Shelley Cornack, reported that the Registrar’s Office has been processing petitions through the exam session and assisting students with summer registration. There has been a new course limit of 2 full credit equivalents imposed on FAS students for the summer session.

The third and final round of high school admissions will also be processed in the second week of May and in June there will be a meeting with the TYP Admissions Committee to select successful TYP students who will be graduating into the Faculty of Arts and Science. Registrar’s staff are currently working on orientation for these TYP students which will take place toward the end of July.
The Registrar noted that her staff are working on the upcoming Welcome Sessions in June, updating course enrollment information for incoming students for sessions in July and have begun planning for UC Day with the Residence Office Staff and Co-Chairs for this year’s orientation.

The Registrar concluded her reported by noting that in-course awards will be determined at the end of June for September disbursement and admission scholarship reversions will take place in late August.

Report of the Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Administrative Officer, Ms. Yvonne MacNeil reported that it was the final week of year-end and we are making sure that our goal of a positive carry forward is met. The new budget year begins on May 1st and the Principal and the CAO have been meeting with all program directors to ensure that everyone has a clear understanding of how the budget works as well as giving them much more input in their program budgets.

Principal Ainslie added his appreciation to Ms. MacNeil for all her work on the budget. He also hoped that all unit leaders and program directors who met with the Principal or Ms. MacNeil had a good experience and found the new process a significant increase in transparency.

Report of the Director of UC Advancement
Ms. Naomi Hood, Advancement Director, reported that the Selection Committee is close to finalizing the list of 100 honourees for the Alumni of Influence event which will be held on November 15, 2012 at the Eglinton Grand. This inaugural event is a celebration of our alumni and a gathering of the UC community. The final list will be unveiled in the fall UC Magazine which is expected to be released on September 23, 2012.

Ms. Hood noted that fundraising totals for the end of year are not available but she expects them to be on par with last year’s totals. Donations have been received for scholarships, minor renovations and undesignated donations. We are still waiting for final approval of our advancement priorities for UC’s Boundless Campaign.

Invitations for Spring Reunion, which will be held from June 1-3, have been mailed. This year we will be hosting four events:
- The Women of Whitney Tea
- The Men of Sir Dan’s Pub Night
- UC Lit Reunion
- The Principal’s Brunch

Feedback received from alumni on these events has been extremely positive and all indications are that it will be a very successful Spring Reunion.
Ms. Hood updated members on the status of the new UC Website which is expected to be launched on September 1st. An Advisory Committee has been established and is presently working with the assistance of a web design company.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Hood concluded her report by noting that this was the final Council meeting that Victoria Hurlihey would be attending as UCAA President and put forth the following motion of gratitude, which was seconded by Michael Cobb.

- Be it resolved that University College Council greatly appreciates Victoria Hurlihey’s contributions and outstanding service in her role as President of the UCAA. Approved nem.con.

Report of the Dean of Students
Dean of Students, Nona Robinson announced that Leah Getchell has been hired as the Student Life Coordinator placing Renu Kanga-Fonseca who resigned from the position to pursue other opportunities at UTM.

Dean Robinson gave a final farewell as this was her last day as the Dean of Students. She thanked all members of Council and the College for a wonderful 12 years, eight of those as Dean of Students.

Principal Ainslie put forth the following motion which was seconded by Shelley Cornack and approved with Dr. Robinson abstaining.

- Be it resolved that University College is deeply grateful to Dr. Nona Robinson for her 12 years of service to the College and especially for her supererogatory performance as Dean of Students since 2004. We note especially her leadership in empowering students through mentorship programs and the creation of the Commuter Student Centre, and her heroic role in helping to bring Morrison Hall to completion in time for its opening in the fall of 2005. The College also wishes her the best in her new role as Assistant Vice-President, Students, at Trent University.

V UC VISION STATEMENT – Discussion
Principal Donald Ainslie reminded members of the process the Vision Statement has undergone in Council and in the Ad Hoc Committee on the UC Vision Statement. The Principal noted that there were two changes that he would like made; 1) from feedback the Principal has received it has been suggested that the word “prefer” in the third bullet point “those who prefer an open education” should be changed to “want” and 2) in the fourth bullet point the words “both from” be switched to “from both”.

Discussion ensued and minor changes were suggested.
Professor Lancashire inquired from Council if they felt the Statement was ready to be put to a motion or if they felt that it should be taken away, re-worked and brought to a motion at the next Council meeting in the new year.

Shelley Cornack suggested that the Vision Statement be put forth for a motion. Hearing no contrary opinions and after re-reading the statement with the four new changes suggested by members: 1) following discussions at the meeting the word “want” (as suggested by Principal Ainslie) in the third bullet point be replaced with “seek” “those who seek an open education”; 2) in the fourth bullet point the words “both from” to be switched to “from both”; 3&4) two changes to be made in the sixth bullet point, the addition of “and affiliated with” at the end of the first sentence to now read “…academic programs sponsored by and affiliated with the College.” and the removal of the list of fields in the final sentence to now read “…variety of fields and they return…”. The Speaker asked for a motion for the Vision Statement. Mr. Mike Galang moved that the Vision Statement with its elaborations be adopted by Council, seconded by Margaret Fulford.

- Be it resolved that University College Council adopts the revised Vision Statement as discussed and amended at the meeting of Council on April 27th. Approved with one negative vote.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Principal Ainslie informed Council that we have secured Ania Loomba as the 2013 Alexander lecturer which will be delivered mid-February 2013 and will include one main public lecture with a series of smaller events/lectures. We have also secured Dr. Barry Bergdoll as the 2013 Teetzel lecturer which will also be delivered in early-February 2013 and will also be one main public lecture with a series of smaller events/lectures.

Dr. Niamh O’Laoghaire announced that the Contact 2012 public exhibition opening would be held on April 28 and invited all members to attend.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly moved by Nona Robinson and seconded by Antoinette Handley, the meeting was adjourned.

Recording Secretary: Carla Vitoria