UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COUNCIL
Friday, February 5, 2016 – 1:30pm
Croft Chapter House

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WELCOME

The Speaker welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new member of Council, Khamla Sengthavy, who was replacing Deniz Ozturk.
1. **MINUTES**
The speaker put forward the minutes from the last meeting for approval. There were no corrections from Council; the motion to approve the minutes was seconded by John Marshall and was approved nem.con (unanimously).

2. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
John Marshall put forward a motion to approve the student representatives for the Appointments Committee. Matt Thomas seconded the motion and the motion was approved nem.con (unanimously).

No other business was put forth, and the Speaker moved to the next item on the agenda.

**REPORTS**

**UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**
Donald Ainslie began his report with the announcement that he has accepted a second term as principal to June 2019. He offered his gratitude for this opportunity and that he was looking forward to serving the UC community in the coming years. He reminded Council about the Review of the college and the summary of recommendations and suggested that it would be worthwhile for the community to offer feedback on those recommendations. Donald also proposed that a discussion of the recommendations be moved to the next meeting due to time constraints.

Donald’s next item was in regards to the building project. Donald shared that Kohn Shneir Architects has been selected in partnership with ERA, a top heritage firm that is very experienced in working with the University. Donald shared that they will be working on detailed designs for Croft, and East and West Halls (the new library), all the way to tender documents for contractors; the design for the third floor café will be limited to the development of a detailed plan (unless funding for implementation emerges). The team will be guided by the Project Planning Report that details the College’s needs. In addition, a Users’ Committee has been struck that will work with the project team to ensure that the architects live up to what was embodied in the original report. Implementation of the project will pause at the tender documents phase unless full funding has been secured by that point. With funding in place, the new library and other spaces could be open for the 2017-18 school year.

Donald also introduced Andrew Bernaus as the project manager.

Donald also shared that the architects would be attending the next meeting of Council and encouraged everyone to attend to provide input from the community.

Donald also reported on Phase 3 of the project – upgrades to the UC quad – and that if the project can go ahead that there would be consultations with the community once we have secured a landscape architect. Donald assured the group that those consultations would take place regardless of whether or not the regular Council meetings had finished for the year.
Donald then paused for questions and David Orenstein inquired as to whether there was any initiation to look to the academic programs viewpoint of the college for what they have to say about the revitalization. Donald confirmed that there was faculty involvement in the development of the original Project Planning Report and that there are faculty members on the Users’ Committee and that they are happy to involve programs to see if they have distinctive needs.

Margaret Fulford provided a correction to the listing of the Users’ Committee by noting that Lorne Tepperman should be listed as faculty. The correction was noted by the secretary for Council, Jessica Barnes.

There were no further questions about the revitalization, so Donald moved on to the other items in his report.

Donald shared that the new Art Museum had its launch on January 21st as the new incarnation of the federated galleries of the University of Toronto Art Centre (UTAC) at UC and the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery at Hart House.

Donald also noted for the committee that UC had a Rhodes Scholar, Jessica Phillips and wanted to bring her success to Council.

Donald went on to remind Council that sesquicentennial planning was underway and that there are two distinctive funds for students and faculty to celebrate U of T’s role in Canada’s history. Donald added that UC has a special connection to this celebration through its student’s involvement in the Fenian raids, and that their sacrifice was commemorated in the stained glass in East Hall and a sign of UC’s connection to confederation. Donald announced the deadline for the student’s fund in the end of March with a second round of funding in the fall for events to happen during calendar year of 2017.

Donald finally announced to Council that the Public Lectures slate has been filled for next year. Paul Muldoon will be delivering the Stubbs lecture, Karen Beckman will be providing the Teetzel lecture, Chad Merkin will be delivering the Graham Lecture in Science in early January, Terry Castle will deliver the Alexander Lecture and Jill Lepore will be the guest for the Priestley Lecture.

Donald added that we are almost ready to announce our next Barker Fairley Distinguished Visitor and that we will be sharing that news soon.

There were no further questions from the group, so the Speaker moved to the report from Ramsey Andary on behalf of The Lit.

**UPDATE FROM THE LIT**

Ramsey Andary informed Council that Fireball would be taking place this weekend. He also reminded the group that Diabolos was up and running and they have finalized the process of doing full financial reporting every few months to monitor the café’s finances.
Ramsey shared with Council that the Lit held its Annual General Meeting and that they had hit quorum for passing the constitution and the changes to the Lit Council. Ramsey also informed everyone that the referendum question for Revitalization had passed. He also reported that the Lit has hired the co-chairs for Orientation and that they were in the process of hiring for the Manager positions.

The speaker asked if there were any questions, and Donald Ainslie asked Ramsey to share with Council the theme of this year’s Fireball event. Ramsey informed the group that theme of the event was the Magic of Fiction with each space having its own dedicated decor.

There were no further questions, so the Speaker moved to the next report from UC’s Registrar, Shelley Cornack.

**UPDATE FROM REGISTRAR**

Shelley reported that the Registrar has had a number of changes to the staff in the Registrar’s Office. As was previously reported, Ryan Woolfrey left to go to the Faculty of Arts and Science as the Associate Director, Enrollment Services and Records in early September 2015. Mily Van, the former Petitions Advisor for 10 years has been hired into the Associate Registrar, Counselling and Petitions position in Ryan’s place. Suxian Yang, their former Front-Line Receptionist has been hired as the Petitions Advisor replacing Mily. Angela Hansen who has been with the office on and off for three years as a maternity leave replacement for Suxian when she was on maternity leaves has now been hired as our continuing Front-Line Receptionist and will be re-joining the team on Tuesday February 16th, 2016.

Shelley also thanked Stacey Upton for her invaluable service to the office as they have been running the searches. Stacey has been filling in on the Petitions and Front-Line duties for the last six months.

Shelley then informed Council that the first round of admission offers for Ontario applicants began on Wednesday February 3rd. Also, that the Faculty of Arts and Science has developed a new Admissions Tool which is automating the Ontario applicant admissions process. The second round of Ontario admissions will be in mid-March and the last is late April/early May.

Shelley then shared that the Admissions for International applicants began in November and that this process is different from the Ontario applicant process and is completed on a rolling basis. She did clarify that this process is also under review and has already produced some good changes with the possibility of an earlier completion date and possible automation as early as next year.

Shelley informed Council of the following enrollment information: “This past year, 2015/16, the Faculty of Arts and Science admitted and enrolled 6589 first year students: 3940 were Ontario applicants and 2,649 were out of province and international students. Of these, UC admitted and
enrolled 1132 new students: 688 Ontario applicants and 444 out of province and international students.

UC’s international student (= student visa/other visa) enrollment numbers are the following:
International Students registered at UC as of October 2015:

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Shelley then informed the group that they are also very pleased to report that the UC Registrar’s Office staff (Julia Rodriguez, Eva Mandrapilias and Linda Nauman) and UC Advancement staff (Maheesha Ranasinghe and Lori MacIntyre) worked together on the third Annual Awards Reception for students who were awarded in-course awards in 2014/15 and for newly admitted students who received admission awards in September 2015. The Registrar’s office awarded 565 in-course awards and 274 admission awards. We had 182 students and guests attend as well as two donors. Mark Riczu will report on the event itself.

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, the Registrar’s Office has provided a list of scholarship and bursary expenditures for the fiscal year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 for review and approval. They have not provided a list of scholarship holders for the allocated awards but that information is available from the Registrar’s Office should anyone be interested.

Shelley then put forth a motion to Council: “Mr. Chair, I would like to move that University College Council approves the list of scholarship and bursary expenditures for the 2014/15 fiscal year as proposed in the Report of the Scholarship and Bursary Committee.” The motion was seconded by Ramsey Andary and passed nem.con (unanimously).

Shelley also reminded Council that the Registrar’s Office will be closed on Thursday February 16th, 2016 for an interdivisional Registrars’ Professional Development Day.

The speaker then opened the floor to questions and Ted Wells asked for information about what the grade cutoffs were for admission. Shelley informed the group that the admission grades differed depending on the program stream you were applying to; around 79 for humanities, 85-87 for science students, and that for commerce students, Rottman’s admission cutoffs were very high.

Sylvia Bashevkin had a question for Shelley about the purpose of the new admissions tool. Shelley responded that the new tool was created to streamline the admissions process and that was designed to speed up the process. Shelley went on to explain that rather than going through data manually, the system calculates everything for you. Also, that the information is uploaded to the
system and the admission targets are already in the system. Shelley also shared that this tool gives Registrars a broader perspective on admission rates.

There were no further questions, so the Speaker moved to the next report from Chief Administrative Office, Yvonne MacNeil.

**UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**
Yvonne shared with Council that financial forecasting was underway and that she was currently meeting with program directors. Yvonne also informed the group that she had hired a new IT person who would be starting on February 29th and that she was still recruiting in Food Services for the new Sous Chef position.

Yvonne also shared that there were upcoming changes to the Office of Academic Services, and that Khamla Sengthavy was now in the Principal’s office in his new role as an Academic Liaison and Assistant to the Vice Principal. Yvonne also shared that there Cecille Sioulis was now in room 173 with new program responsibilities and the Susan Lishingman and Maricar Velasco would now be doing more financial reporting responsibilities.

The Speaker opened the floor to questions, as there were no comments from Council, the Speaker moved to the next report from Advancement, presented by Alana Clarke on behalf of Advancement Director Mark Riczu.

**UPDATE FROM ADVANCEMENT (ALANA CLARKE REPORTING FOR MARK RICZU)**
Alana Clarke presented to Council the following updates on recent events. The most recent lecture in the UC salon series, “Museums and Soft Power,” was now available on the University College YouTube channel, and was well attended, with approximately 35 attendees. There was also the Dog Days event that was attended by 40 people and 17 dogs.

Other events included the Speed Mentorship was attended by 45 students with 6 law mentors and the UC Book Club which was the most successful ever and Alana gave thanks to Mike Henry and Margaret Fulford with over 30 people attending.

Alana then reported on the Student Award reception with guest speaker Kuldip Neelam, Creator of the Mrs. Gurdev Kaur Neelam Memorial Scholarship, followed by the recipient of the award, Noha Miah. Alana then provided an update on upcoming events: On February 18th there will be an Alumni Salon, and a very busy March working on the Bonham Centre Gala. Alana informed the group that the Alumni of Influence nominations were now open. And that Advancement is working on a program-heavy spring reunion.

Alana shared with Council that the UC Magazine will be coming out in April. And that Alana and Lori MacIntyre were working on Leadership Annual giving meetings as well as organizing a donor appreciation event in April. Alana also shared that they were working on preparing the Donor Wall in
Morrison with Melinda Scott. Alana also provided a fundraising updated that we were currently at 35 million out of our 40 million targets for the Boundless campaign.

Alana asked Council to put forth the following motion: “Be it resolved that University College Council extend its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Pia Kleber for her hard work and dedication to UC. The Anne Mirvish Gala was incredibly successful due to her creativity, vision and leadership.” The motion was passed nem.con (unanimously).

The Speaker opened the floor to questions, and David Orenstein provided a report on behalf of UC Alumni. David shared that they had visited a U of T wide event for Alumni and student leaders to network, but there was no representation from UC student groups. David also shared that they are trying to secure an Alumni Council date in February and he would report back at the next Council meeting.

There were no further comments from Council, and the Speaker moved to the next report from Vice Principal, John Marshall

UPDATE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL
John Marshall shared with Council that Research and Practice day would take place on March 18th. John also announced that Canadian Studies would be holding a lecture on February 25th on reasserting the humanities in Canada with Smaro Kamboureli.

John also informed Council that he was in the process of budget planning and that updates would be forthcoming on the process.

The Speaker opened the floor to questions, and as there were no comments from Council, the Speaker moved to the next report from the Dean of Students, Melinda Scott.

UPDATE FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS
Melinda Scott shared with Council that Leah McCormack Smith has left UC for a position as Dean of Students at New College and that the position of assistant Dean had been posted and that the hiring process was underway.

Melinda also informed the group that they were in the process of hiring Dons for the 2016-2017 academic year and that the redesign of the residence was still in process and in consultation and that any feedback could be directed to her office.

Melinda also shared that nominations for Merit Awards are currently open and that the form is on the website with a deadline of February 15th with the ceremony to be held on March 16th. Melinda’s final item was the release of the final report of the Presidential and Provostial Committee on the Response to the Prevention of Sexual Violence, for which Melinda served on the policy and procedures working group. She encouraged members to take a look at the final report on the
Provost’s website. Melinda shared a few of the recommendations from the report including the creation of a sexual violence centre which was part of a tri-campus mandate and would provide support, triage and reporting as well as the creation of a university-wide sexual violence policy, to cement that acts of sexual violence and harassment are not tolerated on campus.

The speaker opened the floor to questions; Matt Thomas had a question asking for clarification about the Merit Awards and who was eligible. Melinda clarified that only graduating students were eligible. There were no further questions, so the speaker moved to the next item on the agenda.

3. PRESENTATION: LANDMARK – SHIRLEY BLUMBERG

Donald Ainslie introduced the meeting’s guest speaker; Shirley Blumberg. Donald began by providing background on the Landmark process, beginning with the project planning report on the possibility of pedestrianizing the green spaces in the historic core of campus. The next step was an ideas competition for design plans for which resulted in four finalists, and the winner was then announced in December, KPMB Architects in consultation with Michael Van Valkenburgh landscape architects and Urban Strategies, a planning and consulting firm. This team is now working on a master plan that will be shared with the community. After consultation with the University community, they will develop a detailed plan with the next step being fundraising, and finally implementation. Donald then added that there is one element of the planning that is UC specific -- Sir Dan’s quad -- and that a meeting will take place with stakeholders to discuss the plans for that space.

Donald then introduced Shirley Blumberg, a partner of KPMB, to the group.

Shirley’s presentation is included in the supplementary documents.

After Shirley completed her presentation, the Speaker opened the floor to questions:

David Orenstein commented that it was important to preserve the ‘island of nature’ in the core of the city and wanted to know what the team is planning on doing to maintain and enhance what is already here. Shirley confirmed that that is the design teams’ intention. And that their focus is on the city around us as well as to reinforce the ecology, but that this would be more the concerns of a landscape architect. David also suggested that it might be positive to include certain plants to encourage those species.

Sylvia Bashevkin then offered her concern about pedestrians with the increased focus on cycling, and wanted the design to consider protecting pedestrians from aggressive cyclists. Shirley agreed and stated that one of the features of the design would be to slow down traffic and cyclists through paving and that the design was focused on accommodating bikes and foot traffic. She also suggested the possibility of creating an opposite lane for cyclists.
Isabelle Cochelin asked if there was a need for covered area to store bikes and if in the design images provided in the presentation if that was grass between the tiles. Shirley clarified that that was not the case with the tiles as there are construction restraints for emergency vehicles as they need to be able to reach within a certain distance.

Rebecca Thorpe asked about the process of garnering feedback and what a formal cycle consultation would look like. Shirley confirmed that there would be consultation with a group that would be cycling representation (BikeChain). Rebecca also asked for clarification about the design images presented which included dismount areas. Shirley reminded Council that these were preliminary images and that the design process was still underway.

Ted Wells then had a question about how the new design would accommodate tour and shuttle buses on campus. Donald Ainslie responded that the shuttle bus to UTM would possibly be relocated to an underground option for loading and that tour buses were not a concern in the planning. Sarah Hinves clarified that they were exploring the option of a dedicated area for tour buses by Tower Road.

The next question was from Dev Chaudhuri who questioned the idea of adding more greenery which could close off views of what is happening on campus. Shirley answered that the design will focus on preserving campus life and the views of the different buildings on campus. This idea was seconded by Donald Ainslie who confirmed that finding a balance in the design would be very important.

Christian Tai Udovicic then asked if it was possible to have bike enclosures or bike lockers included in the new design. Shirley confirmed that the team was considering different options but the lockers themselves were not very pleasant to have as a view. Christian added that the pathways had to be accessible for more than just cyclists. Shirley agreed that accessibility was one of the most important parts of the design process moving forward.

John Marshall added that it would be worthwhile to distinguish the needs between commuters and the needs of those in residence in regards to cycling. Dean of Students, Melinda Scott clarified that long term storage is available for residence student’s bikes.

John then added that long term bike parking is important and that he would also affirm the idea of having a skating rink on the back campus, as suggested in the presentation. Isabelle Cochelin added that bicycle racks could be an attractive feature on campus and need not be obstructions in the design.

Ramsey Andary asked about preserving the view of Sir Daniel quad in the design. Shirley agreed and suggested that it could be worthwhile to speak with students about the social qualities of the quad as well maintaining privacy for those in residence. Ramsey also commented that the pathways around King’s College Circle should be considered to make them safer for walking in the winter. Shirley
agreed and stated that one of their main goals with the design was to balance safety with sustainability.

Bob Boeckner then commented that he hoped that the plan takes bad weather and winter into consideration. Shirley confirmed that environment was being taken into consideration and that the plan will correct drainage and water issues that can affect the campus.

Sarah Wakefield inquired as to how the design team would like feedback submitted. Shirley confirmed that the team is at the beginning of the process. And that from now to September they will be meeting with stakeholders and then adjusting the master plan from feedback received. The next step would then be more design work with fundraising beginning in September with an open house in April and in mid-June. Sarah Hinves also reminded the group that any feedback about the project could be sent to the dedicated email address: landmark.committee@utoronto.ca.

Shirley then asked those present to provide information to her group about what kind of events the redesign would need to accommodate and that would be helpful feedback to send to the team.

Sean Hawkins had a question regarding the paving for the design and how what was represented in the images could be an issue with accessibility. Sean also suggested that it might be beneficial to explore geothermal energy for heating walkways to improve the surfaces for individuals with mobility concerns. Shirley confirmed that this was already being considered and that her team was focused on the importance of maintenance and operations in the planning.

There was no further time for questions, so the speaker reminded the group that they can direct further feedback and questions to the email address Sarah Hinves provided. The Speaker then moved to the next item on the agenda.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Donald reported on the recommendations that arose out of the UC Review that was distributed in advance of the meeting. Donald went over the recommendations, and then opened the floor to any questions. However, due to time restraints the discussion was tabled until the next Council meeting.

Donald Ainslie then shared thanks from Emily Gilbert and Smaro Kamboureli with Council:

“Smaro Kamboureli and I would like to thank the UC community for all the support that we received in our efforts to bring a Syrian refugee family to Canada. Our family of six arrived suddenly last weekend: father, mother and four children: one boy age 9, and three girls, 7, 5 and the youngest who just turned 3 in her new apartment. It's been a hectic week, and all of us are overwhelmed, but we think that the family is pleased to be safe in Toronto. The children look forward to starting school on Monday!
Information about financial donors is never released to us so we cannot contact you individually to say thanks. But we very much appreciate all the financial and other contributions made by the UC community.”

Matt Thomas announced that UC Lit is putting on, in collaboration with RECODE Collaborate (a nonprofit organization dedicated to innovation in higher education, represented on campus by an Engineering student group), and event for students, faculty and staff to get together and discuss at a roundtable what they are thinking for innovation in higher education and that they are looking for Faculty participants. Matt encourage faculty to volunteer and to speak with Matt after the meeting.

There was no other business from Council, and the Speaker moved to the next item on the agenda.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The speaker reminded Council that Anthony Grafton would be giving the F.E.L. Priestley Lectures in the History of Ideas on March 9, 10, and 11. Donald also shared with the group that Alison Gopnik would be giving the N. Graham Lecture in Science on March 22.

Yvonne MacNeil then put forward a motion “Be it resolved that the faculty, staff, student, and alumni would like to congratulate Principal Ainslie on his renewal of another three years and acknowledge the many achievements and accomplishments of the last five years of his appointment and that we all look forward to working with him on the upcoming projects of the next three years.” The motion passed nem.con (unanimously). Phillip Sohm also initiated a round of applause for Donald in congratulations.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The speaker then called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ramsey Andary. The motion passed nem.con (unanimously).

*Next Council Meeting: March 18th, 2016*

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