**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COUNCIL**  
**Friday, March 18, 2016 – 1:30pm**  
**Croft Chapter House**

**Present:**

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<td>Julia Rodriguez</td>
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<td>Khamla Senghavvy</td>
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**Regrets:**

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**Guests:**

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WELCOME

The speaker brought the meeting to order and began with a Memorial Resolution for Emeritus Professor Stephen Clarkson read by Donald Ainslie.

**Memorial Resolution for Stephen Clarkson**

Stephen Clarkson, long associated with University College and a champion of Canadian independence, died on February 28th at the age of 78. He fell ill in the midst of doing what he loved, leading a group of students on a research trip to Europe.

Stephen joined the Department of Political Economy in 1964, and continued to identify as a political economist long after the Economists sailed away in 1982. He was an ardent Canadian nationalist, alongside his friend and colleague Abe Rotstein, and deeply concerned about the erosion of Canadian independence arising from one-sided foreign investment and international trade deals. He was a progressive liberal who believed that state authority could be – and should be – marshalled in support of collective interests. He was, as a former student put it, dedicated to Canada at its best. He was an idealist who encouraged students, as Political Science chair Lou Pauly has put it, “to imagine a Canada that could live up to their highest aspirations.”

Stephen was an extraordinary teacher, and to the end loved that part of his life. Shortly before leaving for Portugal for this year’s reading week trip, he talked enthusiastically about what was in store for his students. He demanded a lot of his students, holding them to tough high standards, but he also nurtured them. He published with them, and retained contact with many, and it was no surprise that he won an Outstanding Teaching Award from the Faculty of Arts and Science in 2004. Though obliged to formally retire at the age of 65, he never stopped teaching.

He received the most distinguished awards possible for his scholarship. He won a Killam and a Fulbright, was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and in 2010 was appointed to the Order of Canada. He was not just a prolific author, but a writer of books that were read far beyond the academic world. Alongside Christina McCall, his second wife, he produced a monumental biography of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, the first volume of which won the Governor-General’s award for non-fiction – an honour celebrated with pride at a 1990 reception held in this building.

University College Council joins Stephen’s family, his many friends, his colleagues in Political Science, and countless students and associates around the world in lamenting the passing of a passionately committed public intellectual.

The speaker then asked for a moment of silence.
1. **MINUTES**

The speaker put forward the minutes from the last meeting for approval. A spelling error was noted and corrected, and no other corrections were raised by Council; the motion to approve the minutes was seconded by John Marshall and were approved nem.con (unanimously).

2. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Donald Ainslie reminded Council that at the previous meeting the College Review had been distributed to members and that due to the full agenda of today’s meeting there would not be enough time to discuss the Review. However, Donald encouraged members to go over the recommendations and if there was a desire to have an additional meeting to have a discussion to inform him. No other business was put forth, and the Speaker moved to the next item on the agenda, the UC Revitalization Project.

3. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION: UC Revitalization**

Donald provided background information on the project, which began in 2011. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed and in 2012 retained the architect, Charles Hazell (Taylor Hazel Architects), to prepare a report on how to make the building work for 21st century students. Donald reminded members that the main recommendations that came out of their report was to move the library back to its historic location in the East and West halls of University College and make accessibility an integral part of the plan to ensure access to all students at the University. Donald went on to point out that there was also a proposal to update Croft Chapter House into a conference centre (with the Senior Common Room working as an ancillary space), as well as a proposed third phase of the project, the revitalization of the University College quad.

Donald shared that, in further developing a plan for the quad, the College has recently chosen to work with the landscaping team that has been hired for the overall “Landscape of Landmark Quality” for the historic green spaces in the university (Michael van Valenburgh and KPMB Architects). Donald also clarified that this is still only in the planning phase, but that Phases 1 and 2 of the UC Revitalization which involve the library, Croft, accessibility updates and the sUCcess Commons space were underway and that Kohn Shnier (in partnership with the heritage firm, ERA) had been retained to complete the project and to translate the Taylor/Hazell concept into a plan that would work with our historic building.
Donald then reminded members that a Users’ Committee had been meeting with the design team to provide feedback, but he encouraged everyone to share their thoughts on what was being presented and to engage with the design team on the plans as they evolve.

John Shnier introduced himself and his team to Council, and reiterated that the team was meeting with UC Stakeholders and that the student, staff, and faculty experience are an important part of the agenda for their planning.

Graeme Stewart then spoke about the heritage aspects of the project after which John walked through some of the proposed concepts for the Revitalization.

FOR THE FULL PRESENTATION, PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS DOCUMENT.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

The first question was from Glenn Loney about the choice to have the elevator tower stand out from the rest of the building. The design team shared that the approach was related to the heritage principle that there should be a clear distinction between new and old construction and that the focus is on making the elevator tower complementary to the College design by using materials inspired by the college and design cues that work with the building aesthetically.

Donald Ainslie then shared that the revitalization would involve the College getting listed as a heritage site, and thus the plan will require city approval.

John Marshall asked about maintaining a fire exit in the new design, and the team shared that they were looking to create an exit through the proposed lobby in the Croft Chapter House and Senior Common Room spaces.

Sean Hawkins made a comment regarding the new Reading Room and whether it was a space dedicated to seating vs. standing and to consider some standing spaces. He also asked what the materials in the two halls were going to be and how the team was planning on addressing the amount of yellow light in the space.

The designers shared that the concept was a synthesis of modern and heritage architecture, with the qualities and details of the building highlighted and used in the interiors. Also the visibility of the library and the mezzanine was a factor and thus they planned to use books and shelving as details in the space. John also spoke of selecting finishes to work with light sources and introducing LED in the space.
Pia Kleber inquired about what changes were being made to the Senior Common Room. Donald Ainslie responded by explaining that the SCR was going to be designed as a shared space and that it would become more of a bookable space.

Ho K Sung asked the team about whether the current design narrowed the view and how they planned to achieve transparency to open up the vista in the new Library. He also asked about ramping to improve accessibility in the space. The Design team gave an overview of the accessibility strategy for the library.

Jim Reilly asked about accessibility improvements between the main space and the ‘Cloister’ area. Donald confirmed that this was an important issue but that it was currently not within the scope of the project. John Marshall then followed up with a comment about room A101 and the importance of making that an accessible entrance.

Julia Rodriguez asked about the possibility of including solar panels, and the team informed the group that they are working on HVAC, as well as issues of sustainability and forms of natural ventilation. Pia Kleber also asked about office air-conditioning and the team confirmed that improved air-conditioning was part of the plan though primarily in the areas being renovated.

Andrew Bernaus reminded Council of the stages of project:

The first stage, which is to be completed in early summer, is for Schematic Design (spatial organization, general design directions). The proposed plan would be costed and then, following a review, Design Development (fleshing out the initial design) would commence; it is to be completed by the end of the summer. After another review of costing and any adjustments necessary, we will start developing Construction Documents. We plan to go to tender in the winter with construction starting in the spring. We expect construction to take a year, with the new space opening in summer 2018.

Pia Kleber asked if both projects would take place at the same time, and Donald confirmed that was going to happen.

The Speaker ended the discussion, but encouraged the Council to forward any feedback to the Principal’s office and the design team. The Speaker moved to the next item on the agenda, Reports from the College.

4. REPORTS

UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The speaker noted that there was no report from the Principal.
UPDATE FROM THE LIT

President Amanda Stojcevski shared that the elections for the incoming Lit Executive team had been completed and that the Revitalization Referendum has passed. This will mean students will contribute approximately $2M to help renovate student spaces (third floor café; sUCcess Commons; and related accessibility improvements) as part of the Revitalization. Amanda also shared that the Diabolos was in the process of a hiring permanent manager for stability.

Donald asked Amanda to share with Council the winners of the 2016-2017 election and Amanda announced that Ramsay Andary had been elected President and that Daman Singh would serve as Vice President.

There were no questions from Council, but Donald asked to put forward the following motion:

“Be it resolved that UC Council expresses its deep appreciation to Amanda Stojcevski and Ramsey Andary for their exemplary leadership of the College’s Literary and Athletic Society over the past year. Their accomplishments include the successful campaign for a student levy that will help to pay for student spaces in the revitalized UC building; the re-opening of Diabolos Coffee Bar; important contributions to University-wide student politics and the development a representative student group on the St. George campus; and oversight on the many important co-curricular events at the College, such as Orientation and Fireball.

“Be it further resolved that Council lauds the activities of other UC student leaders -- those on the Lit Council and its commissions; those involved in the Course Unions of the UC Programs; and those involved in the many clubs and team at UC. The College only thrives because of the contributions of student leaders like these.”

The motion was seconded by Yvonne MacNeil and passed nem.com (unanimously).

UPDATE FROM STUDENT LIFE

Dean of Student’s Melinda Scott was unable to attend but Principal Ainslie said on her behalf that she did not have a report to share with Council. There were no further questions.

UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Yvonne MacNeil reported that they were in the midst of budget and salary updates, but did share with Council that the University would be experiencing a growth of 1.158million over a 5 year planning period. Yvonne clarified that most of the revenue is from tuition and enrollment. Yvonne presented figures to Council which are included as attachments.
UPDATE FROM ADVANCEMENT

Acting Director of Advancement, Mark Riczu shared with Council that they had reached 90% of fundraising target for the year and that major gifts are up. Mark also announced the following events to Council:

- The Graham Lecture with Alison Gopnik of March 22
- Alumni Association Speakers
- The End of Term Party on April 6 in Croft Chapter House

Donald had a question for Yvonne regarding the flood in the H wing and Junior Common Room space over Reading Week. Yvonne clarified that the space for Advancement was ready for use again. She then added that the flooring would not be ready for another 3-4 weeks but that the space was suitable to work in.

Donald also asked about the Bonham Centre Awards Gala and whether student tickets are available. Mark Riczu shared with Council that the event would take place on April 13 at Hart House and honour individuals in the field of business. Students should connect with Scott Clarke in the Office of Student Life for tickets.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Donald shared that CASA (the Cognitive Science and Artificial Intelligence Association) had received notice that they were the Student Union of the year. Also UC One had their research and practice day event which had taken place earlier that day. As well, the Health Studies Conference was also taking place in UC that same day. Donald further shared that President Gertler had attended the undergraduate event and was happy to see one of his academic priorities in action.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The speaker clarified that there were no further announcements to be made.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The speaker then asked for a motion of adjournment which was put forth by Yvonne MacNeil. The speaker noted a second would not be required and the motion passed nem.com (unanimously).