UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COUNCIL
Friday, October 28, 2016 – 1:30pm
Croft Chapter House

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Regrets:

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Guests:

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WELCOME

The Speaker welcomed all to the first Council meeting of the 2016-2017 term, and began with the Memorial Resolution for Emeritus Professor Craig Brown.

1. MEMORIAL RESOLUTION for Professor Robert Craig Brown

Robert Craig Brown died on September 22, 2016, at the age of 80. Prof. Brown had a long and distinguished career in the University of Toronto. He came to Toronto from the United States in the 1950s to do graduate work and chose post-Confederation Canadian history as his field of research. After completing his doctorate under Donald Creighton and teaching at the University of Calgary, in 1964 he accepted an appointment in the Department of History here at Toronto, where for decades he was a dedicated teacher and a much-admired mentor to graduate students. His impeccable scholarship led to a great many excellent publications, but he is best known as the leading historian of Canada’s role in the First World War, having published a superb two-volume biography of Canada’s wartime prime minister, Sir Robert Borden. Prof. Brown joined University College in the 1980s. He served in many administrative capacities in the university, including as an associate and acting dean of the graduate school, as a vice-dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, and as chair of the Department of History. Beyond the university, Prof. Brown was president of the Canadian Historical Association, editor of the Canadian Historical Review, general editor of the Champlain Series, and president of the Academy of Humanities and Social Science of the Royal Society of Canada. In the latter role, he was crucial in developing an innovative collaboration with the Beijing Academy of Social Sciences. Craig Brown is survived by his wife Gail, their three children, and four grandchildren.

➢ 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 Brown.

Council members were called to observe a moment of silence in memory of Professor Craig.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

The speaker asked all the members to go around introducing themselves.

3. MINUTES

There were no requests for changes or additions to the minutes. James Reilly moved the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by ____________

➢ BE IT RESOLVED to approve the minutes of March 18th 2016 Council meeting and distributed to members.

➢ APPROVED nem.con (unanimously).
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the minutes of the March 18th meeting, so the Speaker moved to the next item on the agenda.

5. REPORTS

UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Donald Ainslie updated Council on the Landmark project. Donald shared that the main focus of the Landmark project is the outdoor space at the centre of campus (King’s College Circle, Hart House Green, Sir Daniel Wilson Quad, Tower Road and the other spaces surrounding the back campus field). The team of architects – Michael Van Valkenburgh and Associates, KPMB Architects, and ERA Architects -- is working on pedestrianizing this space by moving the cars into an underground parking and adding gardens and newly paved walking paths.

UC is taking advantage of the University’s engagement with a landscape architecture team to have our plans for the UC quad developed as a “schematic design.” The landscape architects met with UC students, staff, and faculty several times over the summer.

Question:
Bryan Finlay inquired about the poorly lit, unkempt and depressing state of the UC Quad. Donald Ainslie explained that the upgrades include a new lighting plan as well as a new landscaping design with shorter trees to improve the flow of light to the Quad and create garden spaces under which people can sit. Responding to Mr. Finlay’s suggestion of adding benches, Donald Ainslie further said that while a seating plan is also being considered, it was important to bear in mind that the options selected are sustainable i.e maintained by the University.

Question:
Responding to Ramsey Andary’s request for further details about the underground parking, Donald explained that it will be below the lawns. The entry will be such (coming into the campus from Wellesley) that it blends into the surrounding building structure.

Question:
Paul Hamel questioned on how snow will be removed. Donald explained that snow melting tracers will be installed around the entrance of the building and the remaining will be ploughed.

Donald informed Council of the following succession processes and new leadership appointments:

Vice-Principal Advisory Committee: Donald reminded Council that John Marshall’s term as Vice-Principal ends on June 30, 2017. A VP Advisory committee has been struck and will be meeting shortly to make recommendations for next steps. Note that John is eligible for reappointment.

Health Studies: Donald reminded the group that Sarah Wakefield will also be reaching the end of her term in June and a process will be underway for her succession.
University leadership:
Kelly Hannah-Moffat has been appointed as the new Vice-President, Human Resources and Equity. Ted Sargent is the new Vice-President International, a newly created position in the President’s portfolio to develop international strategy focusing on international exchanges and building research networks. He is in the process of developing a plan and will be consulting widely in the next few months.

A new Vice-Dean, Academic Planning and Strategic Initiatives, Poppy Lockwood, has been appointed in Arts and Science to oversee planning initiatives, external reviews, and special projects.

Pamela Klassen, is the new Vice-Dean Undergraduate at FAS. She will focus on curriculum development and other aspects of the undergraduate experience.

Susan Stevenson, Vice-Dean Teaching and Learning, has been appointed to a modified portfolio focused on developing FAS capacity in curricular and co-curricular pedagogy at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. One example is the Graduate Milestones and Pathways program that has been established to support graduate students both during their studies as well as after they graduate.

The report on the presentation of standing committee membership for which council approval is needed, was tabled for want of student representative information.

There were no further questions on the items presented by Donald, so the speaker moved on to the next item on the agenda.

**UPDATE FROM THE LIT**

Ramsey reported that Orientation week ran successfully and invited input from Council regarding hiring for next year. He reminded Council that Diabolos was up and running and open for business. Ramsey shared that the students are enjoying the newly renovated JCR space.

Ramsey also reported on the progress of the candidate who is sponsored by the UC refugee program; the sponsored student is residing at UC and being supported and well taken care of by the co-directors.

Daman Singh added that the budget committee will be meeting this weekend at which the different program union budgets will be approved.

The Speaker supported Ramsey on promoting Diabolos coffee.

**Question:**
Jean Claude Ting asked about when the UCLit website would be up and running. Ramsey responded saying that it is being updated and should be functional by the end of October.

**Question:**
Donald Ainslie inquired about the theme of Fireball this year. Ramsey informed Council that this year the theme is Season Premiere and will be held on Feb 11.
There were no further questions on the items presented by Ramsey, so the speaker moved on to the next item on the agenda.
UPDATE FROM REGISTRAR

The speaker noted there was no update from the Registrar. Shelley had to leave to attend to a pressing matter with a student.

The speaker moved on to the next item on the agenda.

UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Yvonne MacNeil reminded Council that since it is the start of a new year, there is very little to report on budgets. Yvonne reported that the JCR, was refurbished over the summer and invited Council to pay a visit to see how it has turned out. Yvonne also gave an update on the progress of restoration and refurbishing that is still in progress in the JCR and other parts of the college.

As there were no questions for Yvonne, the Speaker moved on to the next item on the agenda.

UPDATE FROM ADVANCEMENT

Naomi Handley provided the list of College events and dates planned until the end of the calendar year: Alumni of Influence (November 16, 2016), screening of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate factory for alumni and their grand/children (October 26, 2016), Stubbs lecture (October 27, 2016), UCCA Alumni Lecture Series (November 3, 2016), Fall Convocation reception (November 8, 2016), Alumni Mentorship Speed mentoring (November 21, 2016 – in conjunction with Student Life), Leadership Donor Recognition (November 29, 2016), UC Holiday Party (December 1, 2016), and Hanukkah Party (December 8, 2016).

Naomi commented that there are 11 living recipients attending the 2016 UC Alumni of Influence Gala and 3 family representatives accepting on behalf of deceased award recipients. The Lewis-Landsberg recipients have asked to receive their awards at the 2017 awards gala. There are currently 25 sponsored student seats, which Advancement will be working with the Office of the Dean of Students to populate.

Naomi Handley thanked all of the members of Council who attended this year’s UC Book Sale. She reported that final numbers from the book sale were not available at the time of College Council and commented on the countless volunteer hours it takes to prepare for the sale, including sorting and pricing the books, moving the books in to East and West Hall, staffing the sale, and clean-up after. On November 22, the annual Wine-down celebration will take place to recognize all the book sale volunteers.

Naomi Handley made a MOTION to thank all the UC Book Sale volunteers which was seconded by Margaret Fulford.

- BE IT RESOLVED that the College thanks all the UC Book Sale Volunteers for their hard work in coordinating this year’s Book Sale.
- CARRIED nem.com (unanimously)
UPDATE FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

Melinda Scott briefed the Council on the following topics:

Staff changes over the summer: Scott Clarke has moved into the role of Assistant to the Dean, Residence Life; Meng Lim has moved into the role of Student Life Coordinator; Colin Henderson has joined the team in the role of Residence and Student Life Assistant; Sean Blanchard has moved into the role of Steward of Whitney Hall; and, Cathie Dennis has joined their office in the role of Overnight Residence Steward.

College-wide Committee on International Support: The first meeting of the College-wide Committee on International Support, a collaborative effort with the Registrar’s Office, will be held in the upcoming weeks. The purpose of the Committee is to review the supports available for international students at the College, assess the needs of our international students, and where appropriate make recommendations and/or implement programs or services. The Committee is comprised of staff from the Office of the Dean of Student and the Registrar’s Office, as well as the embedded International Student Advisor and several international students.

Step Forward grant: Last year the Dean of Students office received a Step Forward grant to support Mentorship programs in the College. This has supported our e-mentorship program which provides an online mentor for every incoming UC student from the point they accept their offer of admission to the middle of first term. The office is also working in collaboration with the Advancement team on the alumni mentorship program and to expand the speed mentoring event that was developed last year.

Residence operation: The summer residence operation was successful again this year, with good occupancy and relatively few behavioral issues. This fall had a smooth residence move-in and the buildings are at full occupancy.

My Journey and new student orientation: Melinda congratulated the Lit on an extremely successful My Journey and new student orientation. There were no major problems and very positive feedback from participants. Melinda shared that her office has conducted a survey of first-year students and explained that this was the first time when all seven Colleges had collaborated on common questions. Thus there will be Faculty-wide data available from this survey which will be useful in assessing Orientation programming. Her team is in the process of analyzing the data collected.

Melinda called the motion to congratulate and thank the UClit on a successful Orientation which was seconded by Donald Ainslie

➢ BE IT RESOLVED that the University College Council congratulates the UC Literary and Athletic Society on a successful Orientation, and thanks them for their hard work and dedication in welcoming new students to the College.

➢ CARRIED nem.com (unanimously)
Donald Ainslie reminded the Council that, with the introduction of a fall reading week for 2017-18, the start of classes in September 2017 will be on the Thursday after Labour Day. This will have to be taken into consideration by the UCLit and the Dean of Students office when planning Orientation day.

**UPDATE FROM THE VICE-PRINCIPAL**

The College receive funding from the Vice-Provost Innovation in Undergraduate Education’ LEAF Fund to support experiential learning in some of our programs (Canadian Studies, Health Studies, and Sexual Diversity Studies, with the development of a course in Cognitive Science currently underway; plans for experiential learning opportunities in Drama have been postponed for the time being). Siobhan O’Flynn has been hired to lay the groundwork for the various experiential learning courses and a small stipend has also been provided to the relevant course instructors as much of the work they do it off campus and outside the conventional academic schedule.

John informed Council that the curriculum process has changed this year in that FAS expects new course proposals separately from programs in which changes are being proposed. The former has to be submitted earlier; the latter a little later. The following new courses are proposed:

- **UC One**: One new Course; The Urban Mind
- **COG**: Two New Courses; Seminar in Cognitive Science; Cognitive Science in Practice;
- **CDN**: Two New Courses; Asian Canadian Space & Place; Landscapes of Violence in Canada
- **HST**: no changes

*[See attachment for detailed notes on this report]*

John noted that the original UC One courses reflected the programs that the college sponsored at the time that that initiative started. With the return of Cognitive Science to UC, we would like to have the opportunity for a related UC One course, on the assumption that we will rotate our offerings over the years among the different UC One options.

**Question:**
Donald Ainslie inquired whether Criminology was consulted for the course on Landscapes of Violence in Canada. John explained that since this course was under Geography, he would have to check with them if Criminology had been consulted.

**Question:**
Paul Hamel wanted to know if Indigenous Studies had been approached since that would be a big component of the course. John stated that was his initial recommendation as well, but he would have to check with Geography if that had been the case.

Nelson Wiseman, who John invited to share the committee’s early discussions on the courses that were being introduced said, that the courses that are being offered at the second year level will provide students a pathway towards the Asian Canadian Studies minor early on in their programs. Nelson also commented on listing courses on the website in such a way that students can easily find their courses.
John Marshall called a motion to accept the changes that were being proposed, which was seconded by Nelson Wiseman.

- **BE IT RESOLVED** that council endorse the curricular changes proposed by the curriculum committee
- **CARRIED nem.com** (unanimously)

John then updated Council on the process for renewing College membership for UC faculty. He will be providing continuing members with a negative option when inquiring about whether they are interested in renewing their membership. With the renovation about to cause disruption in the building, John reported that he is not planning to recruit for new faculty appointments to UC membership this year.

### 6. UC REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Donald Ainslie updated the Council on the progress of the UC Revitalization project. Giving an idea of the timelines, Donald reported that over the summer the main focus was on Design Development (DD), which has recently been costed. The plans are now in the Construction Design phase (CD). This will take a few months after which the project will go to tender. By April next year the contractors will be secured and construction should begin in May and go on for a year. The new spaces will be available in summer 2018. Rooms 179 and 101 will receive some upgrades. A LULA elevator, which was part of the initial report, has been replaced by a full service elevator. Because the scope of the project has changed, we will need to go to Governing Council for further approvals. Donald shared that we might have the final approval by January 2017.

Donald reminded Council that the Users’ Committee that has been meeting with the architects regularly during the SD and DD phases is made up of representatives of students, staff, alumni and various stakeholders from various areas of the University community.

Donald shared updates on the accessibility strategy including ramps being added which will start in the Croft Chapter House area and then move up to the main hallway to get people into the central parts of the building.

As the current mailroom will be converted into an elevator chamber, Yvonne’s present office will become the mailroom. The caretaker’s office near the front entrance will become Yvonne’s office bringing her in closer proximity with her team. The caretaker’s will be moving into a new caretaking office in the basement. There will also be a ramp that will improve accessibility to the Quad.

The Croft Chapter house will also see some changes that will make it a space that is flexible to use. As well better lighting and acoustic features will be added to improve the sound in the room. Donald shared that Anne Michaels, the Poet Laureate of Toronto, has proposed for her legacy project to write a line of poetry which will be translated in 150 languages currently spoken in the city. These will be etched on a glass wall of what will be the lobby of the Cadario Conference Centre at the Croft Chapter House. Donald further shared with Council that new doors will be installed in the loggia leading to Croft in order to keep out the wind (the ‘axe’ doorway will remain in place). Donald emphasized that the new door will be invisible from the outside thereby ensuring it does not disturb the original design of
Donald informed Council that processes are underway to have the UC building designated as a heritage site at the same time as the renovation secures approval from city council.

Lori asked if paintings will continue to stay in this room. Donald responded that Prof. Croft’s painting should stay in the Croft Chapter House. The remaining could be moved to other parts of the college. Donald agreed to explore John Marshall’s proposition for a mix of permanent and rotating art installations in the college building.

Jean Claude Ting inquired if the room would be temperature-controlled? Donald Ainslie confirmed that it would and added that window-treatments are also part of the plan. Yvonne suggested that, in addition to the HVAC upgrades in the Croft area, the increase in power available in the cloisters should make it possible to remove floor model air-conditioners and increase the number of wall mounted models in offices in those locations.

Donald reminded Council that there will be a new coffee shop in the central tower (UC 376), which will connect directly to the mezzanine of the new library in East Hall. The computer room in the library will be replaced by providing lendable laptops.

Donald briefed Council that Success Commons will include the Writing Centre alongside other curricular and co-curricular services for students.

Donald then presented the designs of the new library and other facilities which will be in the East Hall and West Hall. To ensure safety when the library is open while the rest of the building is closed, the hallway that leads to the principal’s office will have locked doors as will the doors that lead to the cloisters. Donald shared that Yvonne is currently working on getting that organized. Margaret Fulford shared that she is working on the signage as well as how donors will be acknowledged in the various alcoves (in collaboration with the Advancement Office).

Council discussed at length on where the piano currently in West Hall should be placed. Margaret Fulford expressed concern that some students may find the sound of the piano disturbing. Ramsey stated that there should be another option for students who like to play the piano other than the one in the JCR. It was suggested that Hart House has pianos. Melinda suggested that the piano could be placed in the residences and students could sign-up for playing time. Another option to consider was suggested by Jean Claude Ting near the A wing at the top of the stairs, away from the library.

Council supported Donald’s suggestion to strike a working group of the college to explore how and whether the College’s history with Indigenous peoples should be acknowledged in the renovated building. Donald proposed that one option to explore would be moving the totem pole currently in the East Hall stairwell to a space on the second floor where it could be contextualized by acknowledging the complex history of indigenous people at and its relation to UC and U of T. Donald reported that Shannon Simpson has agreed to sit on a UC working group to work on this issue. Bryan Finlay stated that the working group should have a strong representation from Indigenous groups which was acknowledged by Donald Ainslie.

[See attachment for detailed notes on the presentation]
7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business that was brought to Council for discussion, so the Speaker moved on to announcements.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donald Ainslie shared that Kent Monkman will be speaking on Feb 1, 2017 for the Teetzel lecture series. The Holiday Party will be on Dec 1st, while the celebrations for Hanukkah will be on Dec. 8th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3.33 pm.

*The next College Council meeting will be held at Croft Chapter House on Friday Nov 25, 2016, 1:30-3:30.*
Summary of Changes proposed by the Curriculum Committee

UC One: one new course
COG: two new courses
CDN: two new courses and housekeeping
HST: no changes

UC One

- UNI 105Y The Urban Mind [12P / 54S]

This course will examine the role of Cognitive Science in various locations throughout Toronto such as Baycrest, MaRS, and the Rotman Centre to see how Cognitive Science contributes to the development of important new technologies, lines of scientific investigation, and innovations for the business world. The cognitive tasks and challenges of communal, and particularly urban, living are also examined.

Cognitive Science

- COG 403H1 Seminar in Cognitive Science [36S]

The role of Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning in the design and construction of cognitive systems and their role within Cognitive Science. Topics may vary from year to year, but may include deep learning, neural networks, knowledge representation and reasoning, and computational Neuroscience.

- COG 415H1 Cognitive Science in Practice [24L / 24P]

This course supports service learning placements that respond to organizational need for self-evaluations. This may take the form of "cognitive ethnography" of real world situations. Classroom teaching and discussion facilitates disciplinary
reflection on the field to enable and inform the practical application of cognitive science of such topics as problem solving, logistics, decision making, etc.

**Canadian Studies**

- **CDN 225H1 Asian Canadian Space & Place [24L]**

  A comprehensive examination of the socio-cultural dimensions of space and place in the contemporary Asian Canadian context. Explores Asian Canadian landscape, culture and heritage, place and identity formation, multiculturalism and nationalism, spatial conflict and contestation, and the political economy of cultural space.

- **JUG325H1 Landscapes of Violence in Canada [24S]**

  This course examines how violence is enacted in Canada, at various scales, and across domestic, urban, national, and international landscapes. We will interrogate what is meant by violence; examine its colonial, racial and patriarchal dimensions; explore the impact on people and communities; and attend to forms of resistance and repair.

**Motion**

That council endorse the curricular changes proposed by the curriculum committee.