UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COUNCIL
Friday, November 30, 2012 – 1:30pm
Croft Chapter House

MINUTES

Present:
Alan Ackerman
Nicole Belosevic
Ellen Cunningham
Emily Gilbert
Stephen Johnson
Nishi Kumar
John Marshall
Niamh O’Laoghaire
Jenny Purtle
Walid Saleh
Renee Tarantino

Donald Ainslie
Isabelle Cochelin
Benjamin Dionne
Paul Hamel
Kelcie Jones
Alexander Leggatt
Matthew Mohan
Ryan Phillips
Kathleen Qu
Melinda Scott
David Townsend

Suzanne Akbari
Shelley Cornack
Margaret Fulford
Alanna Horton
Daniel Konikoff
Munira Lila
Paul Morrison
Jerry Plotnick
David Rayside
Philip Sohm

Regrets:
Ryan Ackers
Naomi Hood
Christina Kramer
David Naylor
Aimee Quenneville
Lorne Tepperman

Brian Corman
Donghee Kim
Madison Kurchik
Yvonne MacNeil
James Reilly

Antoinette Handley
Jeffrey Kopstein
Tania Li
Cheryl Misak
Alex Smith

Guest:
Anita Comella
Scott Rayter

Jim Lawson
Rebecca Thorpe

Jason Lum-Yip
Jane Wolff

1 Welcome & Introductions
Speaker Alexander Leggatt welcomed Council members and called the meeting to order.

2. MINUTES
On a motion duly moved by Suzanne Akbari and seconded by Shelley Cornack, it was resolved that the minutes of the October 19, 2012 meeting be approved as distributed to members. Approved nem.con.
3. BUSINESS ARISING
There was no business arising from the October 19, 2012 meeting.

4. PRESENTATION – TO2015 Pan and Parapan Am Games – Field Hockey Centre
Anita Comella, Assistant Dean, Co-Curricular Physical Activity and Sport along with Jason Lum-Yip, Capatial Projects Manager, from the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education made a presentation to Council to inform them of the plans to develop the back campus in preparation for the TO2015 Pan and Parapan Am Games.

Discussion ensued

On a motion duly moved by Alan Ackerman and seconded by Suzanne Akbari, Council voted 31 for, 0 against and 3 abstentions to register strong concerns about the permanent loss of green space on the Back Campus.

5. REPORTS
Update from the Principal
Principal Ainslie began his report by apologizing to students for omitting the two Student Union Representatives on Council. The Principal indicated that the error has now been rectified and he welcomed Kathleen Qu from the Health Studies Student Union and Aimee Quenneville from the Sexual Diversity Studies Student Union. Aimee, previously a Lit representative member of Council, is replaced by Munira Lila who now serves as a UC Lit rep. The Principal also welcomed to Council Renee Tarantino as the UC alumni representative.

The Principal shared with Council that UC Faculty member George Elliot Clarke had just been named the Poet Laureate of Toronto.

The Principal reminded members about last year’s changes which Council approved to merge the undergraduate Drama Program with the Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance. The Principal was happy with the merger to date and indicated that he and the Centre Director, Stephen Johnson continue the process of finalizing the Memorandum of Understanding. Discussions are ongoing regarding the physical location for the Centre. Principal Ainslie indicated that both the College and the Centre hope to move more of its activities and faculty members to the UC Union.

The Principal reminded members that the Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies established as an EDU-B since 2008. The Centre’s undergraduate program was originally a minor program sponsored by the College since the late 1990s. Being both a College program and program of an EDU-B has created some administrative problems. Through the process of the Drama MoU it became clear that a similar Memorandum of Understanding was needed for the Bonham Centre where it would be officially understood as an affiliated Centre of the College.

Principal Ainslie moved the following motion which was seconded by David Rayside:
• Be it resolved that, on July 1, 2013, the Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies will become an affiliated Centre of University College, and will assume full responsibility for governance over the Sexual Diversity Studies Undergraduate Program, and for securing funding for it from the Faculty of Arts and Science and other sources. The College Principal and the Centre Director will finalize a Memorandum of Agreement that will ensure ongoing, deep connections between the Centre and UC and will clarify budgets, space, reporting relations, Advancement responsibilities, and the stewardship of Centre endowments once the Centre is fully responsible for its undergraduate programs.

Discussion ensued

Professor Emily Gilbert inquired if there were implications to the Constitution and what would happen to the student representation on Council.

Principal Ainslie flagged that the definition of ‘undergraduate student’ in the Constitution needs to be addressed for both Drama and SDS. Currently anyone who is a registered student in Arts and Science through UC counts as a member as well as anyone who is in a Major or Specialist in a program the College sponsors. The Principal is working with Simcoe Hall to clarify if we need to amend the Constitution or if we can interpret that sentence in the current constitution to allow us to include students in a Major or Specialist program from a College affiliated Centre.

Principal Ainslie indicated that this question would be taken to the Executive Committee and would then report back to Council.

David Rayside stated that much of Council’s work revolves around the life of the College and he would recommend that we do not move too far from that practice.

The motion was approved nem.con.

Principal Ainslie noted that the University of Toronto Art Centre is another affiliated Centre within the College and he, along with the Art Centre Director, Niamh O’Laoghaire have begun the process of establishing a Memorandum of Understanding which will be further developed through the Winter term.

The Principal was happy to share that the November 15th Alumni of Influence event was a great success. The building projects were officially publically unveiled at the Gala and The Varsity ran an amazing article on the “New UC” on November 19th. Naming opportunities have now been finalized and next term we will be working to identify potential donors. Principal Ainslie noted that his initial presentations have been met with extremely positive enthusiasm for the projects.

This summer we will be preparing a proposal for the Government to see if we could receive some government support of the projects, namely around the building accessibility issues.

Principal Ainslie noted that the Library and the UC Writing Centre will be temporarily moving into the southeast corner of the building previously occupied by CUHI and the current
computer lab (259/260/261), making way for Architecture to temporarily move some of its studios into the Laidlaw wing. This space will eventually become the permanent home of the Writing Centre and the sUCcess Centre. We are in the process of sorting out costs and other details which will also help to clarify and finalize the University's financial contribution to the project.

The Principal noted that he will be holding town hall meetings for the Student community as well as the Alumni community in the winter.

The Principal informed members that the Faculty of Arts and Science is undergoing a Self-Study this year which will lead to a Faculty Review. There will be ongoing consultation with faculty and students, including consultation at College Council.

**Update from the President, UC Lit**

UC Lit president, Mr. Benjamin Dionne was pleased to share that the student/faculty initiative held in the Commuter Student Centre on US election night was a great success and the Lit is looking forward to holding more of these in the coming term.

The President informed members that the Lit collects levies from each UC student which is then divided among UC sponsored program student unions. This year it was unclear if the levy should be shared with Drama as it is no longer a College sponsored program. Mr. Dionne noted that since this was unclear at present time, the Drama Union will receive the levy this year but discussions will be taking place regarding future distribution of these levies.

The UC Lit Council has been having discussions regarding the student contribution to the UC Building Projects. There will be a referendum vote in the first week of March. On January 20 there will be a vote to determine the referendum question that students would be voting on. The Lit Council is currently leaning towards the higher fee increase in order to donate a 2 million dollar gift towards the projects. There has also been discussion at Lit Council to contribute to a project that will make the College more environmentally friendly, but more research has to be done regarding municipal and provincial government funding for such projects.

Mr. Dionne concluded his report by noting that the Lit will be hosting a Co-Chair and Executive Orientation Town Hall on December 6. This will be an opportunity for students interested in these positions to ask questions prior to the January 14th deadline to submit their applications. Orientation Co-Chairs should be announced in early February.

Principal Ainslie thanked Ben and the UC Lit leaders for coming together and standing behind the Building Projects.

**Update from the Vice Principal**

Vice Principal John Marshall began his report by updating members on the UC One plenaries; fall term visitors included Rahul Bhardwaj and Mitzi Hunter. Next term visitors will include Matt Galloway from the CBC, playwright Brad Fraser and humanitarian activist Samantha Nutt.
The big news in Canadian Studies was the inaugural lecture in the Asian Canadian Studies, delivered by Vivienne Poy. Both the lecture and the reception afterwards were very successful.

The Vice Principal noted that with more experience based learning there is a need for Ethics approval and therefore the College is in discussions whether it makes sense to renew the process of undertaking ethics approvals for course related activities within the College.

Vice Principal Marshall noted that Health Studies Program director Paul Hamel’s term will be ending as of June 30, 2013. Paul has served two terms as Director during which he has brought the Program through some very challenging times and has made very important links to the natural and medical sciences as well as professional schools. With Paul’s help, the Principal and Vice Principal will be searching for a new director who will continue to build on these links and will help generate increased cooperation with the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, and continued collaboration with Human Biology, and Humanities and Social Sciences Departments.

The Vice Principal reported that all UC course changes were approved at the faculty level.

Vice Principal Marshall concluded his report by noting that the Appointments Committee has held its first meeting and discussed the new categories, Other Academic Appointees, graduate student appointees, etc. The committee is proposing a new procedure for nominating new members to the College and will be writing up descriptions for the new categories to present to Council in February.

Principal Ainslie added that at the inaugural lecture in the Asian Canadian Studies we announced the establishment of a new Chair in Chinese Canadian Studies thanks to a $4 million anonymous gift. There will be a search to fill this position in the coming year and we hope to have the new faculty member in place in September 2014. The Principal noted his thanks and appreciation to Emily Gilbert for all her work in securing this gift.

**Update from the Registrar**

UC Registrar, Shelley Cornack noted that the Registrar’s Office is currently meeting with students for Late Withdrawals (LWD), changes to CR/NCR status, Letters of Consideration and bursaries. The Registrar noted that many students with disabilities are no longer applying for bursaries due to the government’s requirement to have students now provide proof of permanent disability. Accessibility Services is working with the Colleges and Enrolment Services so that we can offer small bursaries for tutoring help, taxi chits, etc. for those students who are no longer eligible for these bursaries.

The Registrar shared that the next admission cycle begins in earnest in December with the first round of offers being made in mid-February.

The Registrar noted that the 2012/13 unofficial Admissions and Enrolment figures will be available for Council’s information at our next meeting in February. The Registrar will also be providing one or two new scholarships for Council’s approval as well as the list of scholarship and bursary expenditures for the May 2011 to April 30, 2012 at that meeting.
The Registrar concluded her report by noting that the review of FAS Registrars Offices which was requested under the FAS curriculum review should be available soon and will be presented at the January FAS Council meeting.

Vice Principal Marshall inquired if there was a way to inform Professors of students opting for late withdrawal from their courses. The Registrar will look into the possibility of having Blackboard email professors when there is a late withdrawal from their courses.

**Update from the Chief Administrative Officer**

Principal Ainslie provided an update from the Chief Administrative Officer who was unable to attend Council. We are on track in meeting our predictions with the administrative and academic budget. The Principal noted that a meeting earlier in the week had taken place with regards to the Ancillaries budget. A modest increase to residence fees is being proposed which will be tied in to significant investments to renew and enhance the ‘soft infrastructure’ to residences. A very modest increase is also proposed for food budget which will be to cover inflation. The Principal was happy to share that UC Food Service is doing very well and has seen an increase in outside business as well as an increase in catering orders. The Principal noted that the Dean of Students will be taking the budgets to the UC Residence Council for further discussion.

Principal Ainslie was pleased to share that the Dean of Students staff will be in their new space in the D Wing of the Cloisters in the new term. This change brings the Dean of Students’ staff altogether in one common area and allows them to work more effectively.

The Principal noted repair work continues in the Cloisters Wing, including remediation of asbestos, painting and installation of new floor tiles. This is all part of the general upkeep that we have been able to raise money for from Facilities and Services to bring up the general physical fabric of the College.

The Principal noted that he would be keeping the Chief Administrative Officer very busy over the next several months as we prepare for the Library’s move into its temporary space this summer.

The Principal concluded this report by bringing to members’ attention the continuing vandalism that is occurring around the College, in particular the copper downspouts being stolen. Principal Ainslie asked that members be alert and if they see anything suspicious to call Campus Police.

**Update from the Director of UC Advancement**

Jim Lawson delivered the following Advancement update on behalf of the Director of Advancement who was unable to attend the meeting.

University College celebrated its distinguished graduates at the first annual UC Alumni of Influence awards November 15, 2012 at the Eglinton Grand in Toronto. Nearly 400 guests, including 58 of the 100 award-winners or designates, attended. Speakers included the
Honourable Tony Clement, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka and President of the Treasury Board of Canada, and U of T President David Naylor, both University College graduates. The inaugural awards banquet marked the start of a new tradition at University College, which will recognize 10 additional alumni annually. Nominations can be made online at http://www.uc.utoronto.ca/nominations

Members of Toronto’s Asian Canadian community gathered at University College on November 28, 2012 for the announcement of a new, endowed Chair in Chinese Canadian Studies. Established with a $4 million anonymous donation and housed within the renowned Canadian Studies program at University College, the Richard Charles Lee Chair in Chinese Canadian Studies will be held by a rising star who will define the growing and dynamic field. The announcement of the Chair follows the establishment of the Asian Canadian Studies undergraduate minor program at UC earlier this fall, the first of its kind in Canada. In celebration of the launch of the Chair and minor program, University College hosted a lecture by The Honourable Vivienne Poy entitled “Are We Too Asian?” The Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport Ontario, and MPP for Markham-Unionville.

Donald Ainslie and members of the advancement office continue to meet with prospective donors to discuss their interest in the building project. The goal is to secure a leader donor ($3-$5M) to launch the campaign. Naming opportunities for the various spaces were recently approved by Governing Council. The next step is to develop campaign promotions material. The Advancement Office is also working on some fundraising initiatives for the Art Centre, UC One and there will be a significant Planned Giving campaign in the new year. Mr. Lawson was pleased to share that the Rotunda was recently refurbished with new furniture and lighting. This was made possible by the generous donation of alumni Jack Fine, a 1947 graduate of UC.

Save the date – Saturday, January 26, 2013, 1-4pm.
A panel of filmmakers: Shane Belcourt, Ruba Nadda, Clement Virgo, Don McKellar, Atom Egoyan, and Sarah Polley will discuss how Toronto is portrayed on the big screen. The panel and reception will take place at UC in East and West Hall.

Principal Ainslie clarified for members that our Boundless Campaign is about the Building project but it is also about supporting students through bursaries and scholarships as well as our UC sponsored academic programs and UC One.

Update from the Dean of Students
Dean of Students, Melinda Scott, was pleased to report that the refurbishment of Whitney Hall and Sir Daniel Wilson Residence is moving forward. In early November the McCaul, Loudon and Hutton Common Rooms received new furniture. In addition, 48 students received new desks, 50 received new desk chairs, 45 received new side chairs, and 15 received dressers.

The Dean noted that UC is again allowing students to stay in residence over the winter break. In order to enhance the security of the building during this time we have added additional staffing. A Don will be on call every day except December 24th and 25th and at least one Porter’s Office will be open every day. The fee for students staying over the break has been
increased to $25 per day or $350 for the entire break to better reflect the cost of keeping the buildings open during this time period. Students with demonstrated financial need can apply to have the fee waived.

The Dean announced that nominations for the Cressy Awards were now open. These are central student leadership awards, of which UC can nominate five students for college awards. The Dean encouraged members interested in nominating a graduating student who has made a significant leadership contribution to UC or U of T, to contact Leah Getchell prior to the deadline for applications which is Friday, December 14th.

The Dean shared that along with UC Registrar, Shelley Cornack, they are in the process of developing a report on International Student Support at the College. This will include an overview of what is currently provided by the College and through central Student Life, a review of best practices at other Colleges and/or institutions, and recommendations for further development in the area of International Student Support. The Dean encouraged members who have any feedback they felt would be relevant to this review to contact either the Dean or the Registrar.

The Dean noted that the UC Lit and Leah Getchell are organizing an orientation co-chair and executive information and planning session on December 6th, which will enable people interested in these positions to start thinking early about priorities and improvements to next year’s orientation. Residence and commuter don applications will be posted before the start of the winter break, and the hiring process will begin in the winter semester.

The Dean concluded her report by wishing the students well for the remainder of the semester and good luck in exams!

6. INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT FACULTY-STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Principal Ainslie reminded members of the breakout sessions held at the previous Council meeting and the discussions regarding opportunities for faculty-student engagement at the College. The Principal noted that there were many great ideas but we would not be able to have just one initiative. The Principal noted that rather than the College Administration coming up with ideas for engagement, we will help make it possible for UC faculty and students who have ideas for engagement to make it happen, including offering a small grant to help fund the event.

The Dean of Students added that the Student-Faculty Engagement Grant handout which had been previously circulated to members, is a small grant to help facilitate faculty and students activities. The Dean highlighted that proposals should focus on quality interaction outside of the classroom. Applications from students and staff will require a faculty co-sponsor and faculty proposals will require a student co-sponsor.
7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
   Principal Ainslie informed members that Paul Morrison would be leaving the College to begin his new role as Director of IT at the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education. The Principal thanked Paul for his seven and a half years of service at UC, including with SDS, IT, and as one of the first at-large staff members of Council.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   No additional announcements

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
   On a motion duly moved by Shelley Cornack and seconded by Matthew Mohan, the meeting was adjourned.