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College Council

Friday, October 1, 2021 1:30-3:30pm

Zoom

Present:

Markus Stock	Emily Gilbert	Siobhan O'Flynn	Michael Widener
Ryan Woolfrey	Naeem Ordóñez	Yvonne MacNeil	Margaret Fulford
Naomi Handley	Jerry Plotnick	Youssef Metwally	Emerson Hachinski
Dayna Waltman	John Marshall	Yang Xu	Djanet Sears
Seika Boye	Scott Rayter	Paul Hamel	Suzanne Stevenson
Antje Budde	Maricar Velasco	Fazeela Amiri	Ayush Kumar
Asma Jaseem	Kiana Ravanasa	Neha Sultana	Mrinmayee Sengupta
Ryan Borochoviz	Sue Ropchan		

Regrets:

John Vervaeke	Nikki Cesare Schotzko	Dana Seitler	Barbara Fischer
Juliana Melino	Walid Saleh	Sarah Wakefield	Michael Cobb
Elizabeth Legge	Naveen Minai	Julia Rodriguez	Hannah Fleisch
Shreyansi Gandhi	Jad El Ghali	Muskan Nagra	Nayli Mohamad Zaki

Officers:

David Klausner	Melissa Szopa		
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Guests:

Hannah Anderson	Jessie Chen	Gabrielle Fournier	Myrto Grigoroglou
Scott Hendershot	Smaro Kamboureli	Pia Kleber	Angela Paschalidis

Quorum (1/3 of College Council Voting Members) – Met.

WELCOME

1. College Council Zoom Protocol

(By: University College Council Secretary, Melissa Szopa)

- Please ensure microphone remains muted unless speaking
- ‘Raise hand’ function for seconding motions, and signaling comment or question
- Motions voted upon by using ‘yes’ and ‘no’ buttons, with ‘go slower’ as abstention
- Chat comments monitored by the Secretary

2. Introductions

- All attendees present briefly introduced themselves

3. Motion to approve minutes of the meeting held on March 12, 2021

Motion called by Emily Gilbert

Motion seconded by John Marshall

Motion approved unanimously

4. Motion to approve committee membership for 2021-22

I. Appointments Committee

Vice-Principal (ex-officio)	Emily Gilbert
Registrar (ex-officio)	Ryan Woolfrey
1 Program Director	Michael Widener
4 Teaching Staff	Walid Saleh
	Tania Li
	Giancarla Periti
	Cynthia Goh
2 undergraduate students (Appointed by UC Lit)	Juliana Melino
	Lucy Stark

Motion called by Emily Gilbert

Motion seconded by Kiana Ravanasa

Motion approved unanimously

II. Curriculum Committee

Vice-Principal (ex-officio)	Emily Gilbert
Registrar (ex-officio)	Ryan Woolfrey
All Program Directors from College Programs (ex-officio)	Siobhan O'Flynn
	Michael Widener
	John Vervaeke
3 Teaching Staff	Hannah Anderson
	Myrto Grigoroglou
	Sarah Wakefield
2 students appointed by Program Course Unions	Daniella Ekmekjian (HST)
	Karl Abian (CDN)

Motion called by Emily Gilbert
Motion seconded by Smaro Kamboureli
Motion approved unanimously

5. REPORTS

I. Update from the Principal, Markus Stock

(Presentation attached – Appendix 1)

Land Acknowledgement

- I would like to start by acknowledging that we operate on the traditional lands of Huron-Wendat peoples, of Haudenosaunee peoples, and of Anishinaabe peoples. We continue to appreciate having the partnerships with our Indigenous colleagues, students, and staff in this institution.
- I encourage those on this call to reflect upon the land from where you are viewing UC College Council.

Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30)

- Orange Shirt Day has been acknowledged by U of T and by University College
 - Please see UC website for full statement
 - uc.utoronto.ca/news/uc-recognizes-inaugural-ntrd
 - UC Library Twitter has provided resources
 - @UCLibrary_UofT
 - Faculty of Arts & Science has provided resources
 - artsci.utoronto.ca/about/strategic-overview/indigenous-learning-knowledge/national-day-truth-and-reconciliation
- I hope you were able to reflect on significance of Orange Shirt Day yesterday (Sept. 30), and attend an event, if possible
 - Events still open for registration that have not yet taken place
 - Including virtual tours of former residential school sites
 - Encourage UC community members to participate
- Training and professional development available for faculty and staff; student sessions also available
 - UC as a College has participated in EDIA training and plans to continue to do so
- Attended event at Woodland Cultural Centre (former Mohawk Institute) yesterday evening
 - Woodland Cultural Centre, like many other former residential schools, provides virtual tours
- Reminder that UC released UC's Response to the Truth and Reconciliation Report in November 2019 after ratification at College Council
 - UC due for biennial check-in on our progress on recommendations this November 2021
 - Update will be brought to November College Council meeting (Nov. 19)
 - Grateful to Gabrielle Fournier, UC's Indigenous Initiatives Advisor, for dedicating her work to documenting UC's progress and making new recommendations
- Heartened by active engagement and activism that UC students participate in and their overall awareness of societal issues that require our ongoing and persistent action
 - Student-led developments in continuing conversations in UC community on the TRC report are commendable and have not gone unnoticed

COVID-19 Response and Resources

- UC has been engaged and participating in safe return to campus
 - Committed to health and safety of students, faculty, and staff
- Everyone is aware of vaccination requirement and face masks being mandatory indoors
 - Noticed that students are very responsible with face masks
- UC Classrooms have been tested for air flow and ventilation
 - Learning Space Management (LSM, formerly ACE) responsible for classroom spaces
 - LSM is central university body responsible for classrooms, including UC classrooms
 - Changes have been made in classrooms
 - Issues to work through including finding alternate classrooms for classes that were close to capacity
 - Thank you to Emily Gilbert, UC Vice-Principal, for leading these conversations
- Fung Dining Hall and Café Reznikoff open with limited capacity
 - Open to U of T students, faculty, and staff; not open to the public
- Reminder to fill in UCheck when planning to be present on any U of T campus
 - There are some U of T buildings where UCheck green screen is checked, i.e. Robarts Library
 - Unfortunately, not feasible for UC to be monitored in this way due to many entrances
 - Personally, when teaching, ask students whether they have done UCheck before coming to campus and whether they all have a green screen
- Larger meetings and events virtual for the Fall term
 - i.e. College Council, Senior Common Room, etc.
 - Unfortunate as University College is an ‘event College’ and public lectures draw many people
 - Benefit of wider audience with virtual events
- Links to resources
 - UTogether: A Roadmap for the University of Toronto
 - utoronto.ca/utogether
 - UCheck
 - utoronto.ca/utogether/ucheck

UC Academic Staffing Announcements

- Prof. Michael Widener – New Director of Health Studies Program (2021-26)
 - Associate Professor in Department of Geography & Planning
 - Holds Canada Research Chair in Transportation and Health
 - Thank you for taking on this role, great to have new energetic people in this role
- Thank you to Prof. Paul Hamel for service as interim Director of Health Studies Program (2020-21)
 - Interim Director of Health Studies Program in difficult year
 - In addition to the regular responsibilities of the Program Director:
 - Managed challenges that students and instructors faced due to pandemic
 - Taught two sections of course (HST464 Nature of International Health)
 - Served on several successful hiring committees
 - Assisted the Health Studies Student Union in organizing student events throughout the year

- Professor Siobhan O’Flynn will continue to serve as Director of the Canadian Studies Program (2021-23), and also as UC Experiential Learning and Online Teaching advisor for academic year (2021-22)
 - Research focuses on digital media, narrativity in the digital realm, and data privacy of minors in Canada and internationally
 - Recognized through a Faculty of Arts and Science Superior Teaching Award

MOTION of gratitude to outgoing interim Director of Health Studies, Paul Hamel, for his hard work and dedication to UC over his year of service.

Motion called by Markus Stock
 Motion seconded by Michael Widener
 Motion approved unanimously

UC Faculty Announcements

- Hannah Anderson
 - UC Fellow in Early American History
- Prof. Naveen Minai
 - Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream at Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies
- Prof. Jason Sonnenschein
 - Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream in Health Studies Program, UC
- Emily Gilbert, Vice-Principal, to introduce these new faculty members in agenda item

UC Staffing Announcement

- Gabrielle Fournier
 - UC Indigenous Initiatives Advisor
 - Gabrielle recently filled in as University College Librarian while Margaret Fulford was on research leave, Jan. 1 – June 30, 2021
 - In role as Librarian, Gabrielle was instrumental in highlighting Indigenous authors and working on actions recommended by UC’s response to the TRC Report
 - Gabrielle has a Master of Information degree (2019, specializing in Library & Information Science and in Book History & Print Culture) and an Honours B.A. in English (2014), both from U of T
 - Gabrielle working on biennial report to log progress and add recommendations to UC’s Response to TRC report (2019)
 - In conversation with many different members and groups of the College
- UC also has many new staff members in the areas of Student Life and Student Advising and Registrarial services
 - Pressing needs in these areas of College right now
 - Deeply grateful for work UC staff members are doing in the background to help our students navigate difficult situations

Faculty Search in Progress

- Richard Charles Lee Chair in Chinese Canadian Studies
 - Search started last year (2020-21), paused, and now being reissued (2021-22)
 - External and international search
 - At the rank of Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor
 - Key position in Canadian Studies Program

- Job advertisement to be posted in near future
- Will keep UC community updated on progress

Ongoing Committees

- UC Sustainability Committee
 - Successful committee from 2020-21, renewed for 2021-22
 - Co-Chaired by UC Principal and UC Lit Sustainability Commissioner, Willow Cabral
- UC International Student Committee
 - Successful committee from 2020-21, renewed for 2021-22
 - Chance for international students to talk directly to administration about ideas and concerns
- Not official Council committees
 - Smaller groups of staff, faculty, and students

UC Building Revitalization

- UC Building Revitalization Project is completed after many years
 - Offices have moved back to the front of UC building
 - Classes and tutorials are taking place in UC building
- Video featuring virtual tour of revitalized spaces to be circulated to UC and U of T community on Tuesday, October 5

UC Library

- Won Ontario Library Association (OLA) Architectural and Design Transformation Award
 - Congratulations to Margaret Fulford, UC Librarian
 - Thank you to everyone involved in this project
- UC Library will be opening soon

UC Quad Project/Clark Quadrangle

- Renovation possible by major gift by Ed and Frances Clark
- Currently under renovation
- Notified of noise complaints during teaching
 - Working with contractors on minimizing disturbances
- Renovated UC Quad will retain heritage and character
 - Renovations include improving accessibility, repairing walls, improving electrical A/V outlets, and adding seating
- Project running on time, scheduled to be completed November 2021

Upcoming Virtual Events

- Please see item 7 Other Business (page 18) for details

II. Update from the Vice-President of the Lit, Youssef Metwally on behalf of President of the Lit, Juliana Melino

Updates

- Thank you to UC Orientation Co-Chairs Anne Yolland and Aiyana Harvey for successful UC Orientation 2021
- Currently in the midst of UC Lit elections
 - Working to fill full Council
 - Once Council is filled, to have team-bonding event

- Encouraging UC Lit commissioners to hold more in-person events
 - Following health and safety protocols
 - To interact more with first- and second-year students who have not had the opportunity to participate in any in-person UC Lit events
 - Working on community outreach to get more students involved

III. Update from the Chief Administrative Officer, Yvonne MacNeil

COVID-19 Updates

- COVID-19 protocols in place for those continuing to work from home and those that have returned to offices
- Food services and residence staff working under current COVID-19 protocols
 - Approximately 600 students in residence
 - Opened Fung Dining Hall to limited seating abiding by distancing protocols from central administration
 - Opened Café Reznikoff with limited seating in adherence to physical distancing rules
 - Health and Safety reviewed and approved seating arrangements
- Faculty and staff are reminded to use UCheck self-assessment each time they enter UC building

Space

- Moved main office staff back to UC 173
 - Maricar and Susan in office daily
 - Marley in office on shift basis
 - Jessie and Khamla returning after Thanksgiving long weekend on staggered schedule
- Still have items to move back from H-Wing
 - Some moves need to be paused until UC Quad ramp is completed as they are larger items and difficult to move via Croft Chapter House ramp
- Mailroom and photocopier have been moved into UC 158
 - Difficulties with IT/photocopier/printers, working to have this fixed for next week
 - Access to mailroom is now via key fob
 - Most people have picked up new keys from Susan, please contact Susan if you have not already

UC Quad Project/Clark Quadrangle

- Quad project moving along well
 - Completed dry wall rebuild, laid paving stones for seating area, replaced pavers in front of Art Museum and set up area for new benches
 - Both new ramps are underway, one up to Art Museum area and one leading out to Laidlaw Lane
 - Planting has started
 - Irrigation infrastructure and lawn will be done last in order to ensure these are not damaged by equipment
 - Furniture to arrive November or December
 - Still on schedule to be completed in November 2021

Landmark Project

- Landmark project is moving along well

- Sir Dan's Quad portion completed
- Paving up to Hoskin Avenue completed
- Now encircled by work on Soldiers' Tower Road and Hart House Circle
 - UC building closed off on east side

Financials

- Beginning process of creating ancillary budget for submission in November for 2022-23 academic year
- Will be doing a financial reconciliation of budgets to actuals now that term and teaching assignment pay has started
 - To report back on where we are thus far for budget year 2021-22

IV. Update from the Registrar, Ryan Woolfrey

Operational & Staffing Updates

- Academic Advising and Registrar's Office (AARO) has resumed in-person operations
 - Aligned start with first day of in-person classes
 - Offering in-person front line advising to students
- Front Line Advisors, Associate Registrars, and Academic & Financial Advisors will work on a hybrid schedule for Fall Term
 - Six staff in office and four staff working remotely from home at one time
 - Staff are responding to student email inquiries from 8:45am-5:00pm
 - In-person office hours limited to Monday through Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm
- Health and safety measures in place prior to re-opening front line services
 - Includes directional wayfinding, protective equipment and barriers, enhanced daily cleaning services, and visitor screening through UCheck app
- Most one-on-one scheduled advising appointments will continue to take place virtually by staff in office and at home, through Microsoft Teams, Zoom, or by phone
 - To limit volume of students in small spaces in AARO
 - Students enjoy virtual advising appointment option, lower no-show rate
- Virtual drop-in advising sessions for students on Zoom will be launching later this month
- This summer, welcomed two new Academic Advisors to team
 - Carol Ye
 - Portfolio focuses on support for international students
 - Eduardo Padilla
 - Portfolio focuses on students who are in upper years of study

Advising Updates

- New student advising and events took place virtually over summer due to pandemic
- UC continued to collaborate with six other colleges in creation of academic advising and orientation content for new students on Quercus via UC 101: Your New Student Guide
 - Successful again this year
- Working closely with Office of the Dean of Students
 - Offices partnered to run two successful summer welcome sessions for newly admitted students over Zoom
 - At these newly developed sessions, students learned about course selection, fees and finances, student life, and got a live tour of residences from Kimiya and Jen on Residence team
 - Thank you to team at Office of the Dean of Students for great partnership
- Student requests for advising and support continue to increase significantly compared to same time period last year

- In five-month period from May-September of 2021, responded to over 14,000 emails from students, which represents a 10% increase compared to same time period in 2020
- Also continue to see increased demand on phone lines; average about 650 phone calls per month for front line advising services
 - Over 80% of phone calls to office are answered in less than three minutes
- Has been an incredibly challenging year for students and advising staff as a result of complications around return to in-person classes
- Significant number of students in Arts & Science faced travel bans from India and Morocco, and many students seeing significant delays with processing of study permits by IRCC
 - As a result, some special accommodations have been made to enrol these students in limited online sections of certain courses with help of college advisors, but lack of online course options has resulted in a higher than usual number of admission deferral requests and leaves of absence for international students
 - Advisors in AARO are working hard to help advise students in these situations determine their best options and next steps
- Additionally, U of T's recently introduced vaccination requirement has driven high levels of traffic and inquiries to AARO, especially from international students who are arriving late, participating in mandatory quarantine, and/or are not able to meet vaccination deadlines set by Office of the Vice-Provost, Students (OVPS)
 - Working to support students who have been denied exemptions to vaccination requirements, and assisting with leaves of absence or enrolment in limited online course options

Recruitment, Admissions & Enrolment Updates

- Healthy first-year enrolment at UC and in Arts & Science
 - On track to meet overall targets for both domestic and international enrolment for 2021-22
- University College has registered 1,339 newly admitted students for September 2021
 - This represents 18.8% of total Arts & Science new student population (n=7,106)
 - 864 (65%) Domestic [Canadian Citizen/Permanent Resident]
 - 475 (35%) International [Study Permit/Other Visa] [2021 A&S: 35%]
 - In total, UC has registered approximately 5,321 students in 2021-22 Fall/Winter Session
- By Year of Study
 - 1416 Year 1
 - 1358 Year 2
 - 1185 Year 3
 - 1318 Year 4
 - 44 Non-Degree
- By Attendance Status
 - 4,864 Full-Time
 - 457 Part-Time
- By Domestic/International
 - 3,774 (71%) Domestic [Canadian Citizen/Permanent Resident]
 - 1,547 (29%) International [Study Permit/Other Visa]

Financial Aid & Awards Updates

- Newly admitted registrants in September 2021 include following major scholarship recipients:
 - 5 Pearson Scholars
 - Highest number yet; two are deferrals from 2020
 - 1 National Scholar
 - 2 Schulich Leader Scholars
 - 11 President's Scholars of Excellence
 - 3 Arts & Science International Scholars
 - 6 Arts & Science International Merit Scholars
- U of T nominated three University College student for Rhodes Scholarship this year
 - May recall that Jeffrey Fasegha was successful in Rhodes Scholarship last year, began studies at Oxford this year
- Breakdown of UC's 2020-21 award expenditures will be brought to November Council meeting
- UC Scholarship & Bursary Committee membership almost finalized
 - Motion to approve 2021-22 committee will be presented at November Council meeting

MOTION: Be it resolved that University College Council approve the following new scholarship that has been reviewed by the 2020-21 Scholarship Committee (Appendix 2):

- The Brenda Evans Memorial Scholarship

Motion called by Ryan Woolfrey

Motion seconded by Djanet Sears

Motion approved unanimously

Upcoming Award Deadlines

- Harcourt Brown Travel Fellowship
 - To provide assistance to graduate students, junior (i.e. untenured) faculty members or post-doctoral students with research-related visits to archives, libraries, museums, galleries or sites essential to the conduct of their research in the humanities and history of ideas. There is no restriction as to location but the award is meant to encourage access to documents.
 - Application Deadline December 1, 2021
 - uc.utoronto.ca/scholarships-awards/harcourt-brown-travel-fellowship

V. Update from the Director of Advancement, Naomi Handley

Fundraising Updates

- Recently UC received a generous donation of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to be applied to existing Fletcher-Clark Scholarship in Science and Economics
 - Earned income, approximately \$25,000, will assist UC Indigenous and Black students, using same award criteria as Fletcher-Clark Scholarship in Science and Economics
 - UC is grateful for this generous support from alumni Ed and Fran Clark

UC Building Virtual Tour

- UC Revitalization tour video to be unveiled to UC community on Tuesday, October 5
- Video was first debuted to lead donors of project at virtual event on September 23

- Ed and Fran Clark, namesakes of Clark Reading Room and Clark Quadrangle and Paul Cadario, namesake of the Paul Cadario Conference Centre at Croft Chapter House were present at this event
- The following individuals should be acknowledged for their involvement in the video:
 - Aiyana Harvey, student who led the tour of the College
 - Yvonne MacNeil and Marley Rosen for assistance during filming
 - Margaret Fulford for fact-checking script
 - Emily Sands for unwavering commitment to the project
- Look out for virtual tour link in email inboxes, UC website, or UC Alumni Youtube channel

UC Alumni Career Mentorship Program

- Advancement Office is collaborating with Office of Student Life on Alumni Career Mentorship program
 - 151 alumni mentors signed up to participate this year
- Jean Chow will be keynote speaker at Kick-Off Event, offering both mentors and mentees guidance on how to make the most of this mentorship opportunity

Launch Panel Event for Certificate in Black Canadian Studies

- Working with Siobhan O’Flynn, Director of Canadian Studies, on promotions for launch of new certificate in Black Canadian Studies
- Panel discussion event to promote new certificate to take place in November
- Article highlighting new certificate to be published next week on UC website

Queer and Trans Research Lab (QTRL)

- Worked with Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies (SDS) on articles promoting the launch of Queer and Trans Research Lab (QTRL)
 - Article recently picked up by central U of T news

UC Magazine

- Fall issue will be digital version only
- New UC magazine in development and will be published November 25
- Issue will include an interview with new Barker Fairley Distinguished Visitor (BFV), Donna-Michelle St. Bernard, and an article on the Clement-Coutts family who has five generations of UC grads
- Unveiled in this issue: 2021 recipients of UC Alumni of Influence Awards

Public Lecture Series

- Working with Principal’s Office on F.E.L. Priestley Memorial Lecture Series
- Prof. Lorraine Daston, Director emerita, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science: “*How Rules Succeed and Fail: An Intellectual History of the Particular*”
- November 2, 3, & 4; 4:30pm over Zoom

Welcome

- Welcome Dayna Waltman, new Chair of UCAA, ex-officio member of College Council
- Welcome Sue Ropchan, new alumni representative on College Council

MOTION: of gratitude to Erika Bailey for her year of service, dedication, and hard work as Chair of the University College Alumni Association.

Motion called by Naomi Handley
Motion seconded by Michael Widener
Motion approved unanimously

Comment by UC College Council Speaker, David Klausner: I had the opportunity to view UC Revitalization Virtual Tour video, and it is stunningly well done. I encourage everyone to view this video when it is made available.

VI. Update from the Dean of Students, Naeem Ordóñez

Programming

- Significant amount of transition programming and virtual programming over summer
- Welcome sessions hosted in partnership with AARO
 - Thank you to Ryan Woolfrey and his team at AARO
 - Successful and will continue similar programming in future years
- E-mentorship program
 - Launched in June
 - Effort to connect with incoming students to support pre-arrival and transition
 - Program wrapped up at end of September
 - Evaluations of e-mentors being collected
 - 60 e-mentors
 - Grateful for their work
- Hosted event for second year students two weeks ago
 - This group essentially did not have in-person experience for first year
 - Continue to support this group in making connections and introductions
- First in-person activity taking place right now in Clark Reading Room
 - Make Fridays Matter series of programs
 - Creates space for students to connect and refocus on academics
 - Hoping to continue this programming weekly
- UC Career Mentorship Program
 - Collaboration with colleagues in Advancement Office
 - Launch event taking place in late October
 - Provides third- and fourth- year students with mentorship opportunities
- Looking to add more programming to increase student access to UC community that is both safe and meets needs of students for space to spend time outside of classes

Student Staffing

- Residence Don and Community Coordinator Training
 - Two weeks of in-person, all-day, intensive pre-service training
 - Last two weeks of August
 - To prepare for arrival of residence students and to support off-campus students
- Residence Dons and Community Coordinators have been working very hard to support UC students

Residence Operations

- Managing vaccination requirements for students and evolving public health guidelines
 - Significant challenge to respond to changing guidelines
- Continuing to support small residence population over summer
 - Approximately 60 students
- Successful move-in
 - Majority of students moved in over labour day long weekend

- Scheduled move-ins over period of two weeks
 - To better help accommodate students in safe manner
 - Many students navigating quarantine, delayed Visa issues, vaccination requirements, etc.
- Residence occupancy effectively full
 - Capacity of just over 600 students
 - Few withdraws and some no shows; working to backfill
 - Reaching out to UC students in overflow residences at Chelsea hotel
 - Reaching out to students on waiting list

Orientation

- Successful orientation week
 - Tabulating results from feedback tools and surveys
 - Vast majority particularly highlighted exemplary work from orientation leaders and student leaders that took time and effort to facilitate connections and build community among students

Office of the Dean of Students

- Always at least one staff members available in-person as of September 13
 - Monday – Friday 8:45am – 4:30pm
 - Available on-call and off-hours for emergencies
 - Available to support students with afterhours programming and activities

Student Spaces

- Working on opening more spaces for students to use between classes
- Commuter Student Centre (CSC) in UC Union building opened on Sept. 27
- Supporting UC Lit in reopening spaces
 - Look to UC Lit social media accounts for reopening dates

UC Residence Commission (UCRC) Elections

- Elections took place this week
- Congratulations to Emerson Hachinski and team elected to respective roles
 - Team eager to get to work right away to support constituents in residence
 - Training and development for UCRC supported by Office of the Dean of Students this weekend

U of T Student Leadership Awards

- Formerly Cressy Awards
- For graduating students
- Nomination process concludes in November
 - Office of the Dean of Students welcoming nominations

MOTION of gratitude to the 2020-21 UC Lit members for their hard work and service.

Motion called by Naeem Ordóñez
 Motion seconded by Emily Gilbert
 Motion Approved unanimously

MOTION of gratitude to the UC Orientation 2021 Co-Chairs, Anne Yolland and Aiyana Harvey, for their hard work and service.

Motion called by Naeem Ordóñez
Motion seconded by Yvonne MacNeil
Motion Approved unanimously

VII. Update from the Vice-Principal, Emily Gilbert

Updates

- Challenging and hectic start of term, even more complicated than last year
 - Working with both online and in-person instruction
 - Feeling both excitement and anxiety from both instructors and students
 - Thank you to course instructors, and students for helping things run smoothly
 - Special thanks to Program Directors for taking on more work that is usual to ensure everyone has best possible experience despite the circumstances

Programs

- Canadian Studies Program
 - Welcoming Barker Fairley Distinguished Visitor, Donna-Michelle St. Bernard
 - Siobhan O'Flynn, Director, Canadian Studies Program, working with Advancement Office to host event in Winter term in conjunction with Donna-Michelle St. Bernard
 - Donna-Michelle visiting students in classes, and working one-on-one by appointment through UC Writing Centre
 - Planning for public launch event for Black Canadian Studies Certificate
 - Delighted to introduce this as option for all Arts and Science students at the St. George campus
- Cognitive Science Program
 - Successful online welcome event
 - Included presentations by instructors about their courses and research projects, as well as information from students
 - Well attended
 - Many questions from students
 - Great opportunity for everyone to meet at this forum
- Health Studies Program
 - Successful online welcome event
 - Hosted by the Health Studies Student Union
 - Had many instructors present
 - Included trivia games
 - Introducing new mentorship program
 - Upper-year students available to advise lower-year students, and help them navigate the program
- All programs will be submitting curriculum changes
 - To be brought to November UC Council meeting for approval
 - To update and innovate curriculum
- UC One: Engaging Toronto
 - First-year program for incoming students
 - First plenary class, held in-person in largest classroom, UC 140
 - Guest speaker: Diana Chan McNally, Toronto Drop-in Network, Training and Engagement Coordinator
 - Develops and delivers proprietary workshops serving a network of 51 drop-in centers and affiliates across Toronto

- Talked about tent encampments across City of Toronto, particularly those that received much attention, and egregious ways that encampments were cleared by Toronto Police this summer
- History of tent encampments across Toronto, not a new problem
- Has become much bigger issue during pandemic
- Many students engaged, asking how they can become more involved

Equity Committee

- Chaired by UC Vice-Principal
- Created in Winter term 2020-21
 - Met once last year, at end of academic term
 - Gathered ideas on how to move forward
- Seeing need to address issues within the College, what we have accomplished, and what we can do better, more of, or differently
- Committee will be reconstituted soon
 - Will be looking for additional members: among students, staff, and faculty
- Work Study students
 - One student working over summer and one student working now
 - Researching information about equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility programs and policies at U of T and other universities
 - Looking at best practices and other strategies we might use moving forward
- Land Acknowledgements workshop for all UC staff over summer
 - Lead by John Crutch, Indigenous Training Coordinator at U of T
- Hope to be able to continue with workshops as anticipated
 - Addressing UC's, FAS's and U of T's responses to TRC
 - Addressing U of T's Anti-Black Racism Report issued March 2021
- Trying to take on board the calls to action put upon us
 - Addressing racism is taken very seriously

New Faculty Members

- Dr. Hannah Anderson
 - UC Fellow in Early American History
 - Teaching courses for both Canadian Studies Program at UC and Department of History, as well as two first year courses for incoming students
 - Current research is on environmental history of early British North America, with a focus on how non-scientists in settler communities understood and sorted plants that they encountered
 - Will be giving talk at Senior Common Room (SCR) on Nov. 22
- Prof. Naveen Minai
 - Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream at Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies
 - Undergraduate Coordinator at Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies (SDS)
 - Current work is on digital archives, sexualities, and queer affect within a transnational framework
 - Will be giving talk at Senior Common Room (SCR) on Dec. 6
- Prof. Jason Sonnenschein
 - Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream in Health Studies Program, UC
 - Brings over a decade of experience working as a health practitioner

- Will teach courses on topics including clinical environments, clinical ethics, and inequality and COVID-19
- Welcome to new faculty members, looking forward to working with you and getting to know you over the next year

6. Presentation on U of T Sustainability Office and Sustainable Buildings Network (SBN)

Scott Hendershot

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- Markus introduces Scott Hendershot

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(Presentation attached – Appendix 3)

- **Sustainable Buildings Network (SBN)**
 - Student-based network
 - sustainablebuildingsnetwork.com/index.php/past-projects-and-events
 - Design challenge
 - Last challenge took place April 2021 – low rise in midtown Toronto
 - Two day technical/policy design challenge
 - Open to undergraduate or graduate students across Ontario
 - Invited to look at a building, provided with baseline and left to create a proposal for technical or policy-centered innovations that relate with any Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
 - Present suggestions on energy consumption, space optimization, demographics, policy, etc.
 - Different teams had different outputs
 - Judging panel chooses winner
 - UC's Whitney Hall is the building that the challenge will be centered on this year
 - Great opportunity for U of T Sustainability Office, but also for UC to see what types of creative innovations and fresh ideas students may come up with
 - Keeping heritage value, but building in sustainability elements to increase efficiency
 - Vision: *state of the art heritage building*
- **Low Carbon Action Plan**
 - 2030 goals to cut down approx. 10,000 metric tons GHG emissions
 - 2050 goals for 80% reduction, to cut approx. 20,000 metric tons GHG emissions, plus offset
 - Plan to mitigate more carbon than putting out, net positive
 - Main portion of carbon footprint at U of T is our buildings
 - Tied to central steam plant and usage of natural gas to create energy
 - Buildings to operate at much lower energy intensity, via energy retrofits
 - Launched in 2020, Building Energy Performance Design Standard, state of the art for all new buildings
 - Driving performance of building efficiency
 - Central Steam Plant Renewal
 - Currently primarily based on natural gas
 - Plan to electrify
 - GHG Retrofit Program, completed 2018/19

- Solar energy, thermal energy, chiller optimization, technical upgrades including building automation systems
 - Government funded
 - Large impact, short amount of time
 - 100-year old district energy system, plan to utilize to distribute more energy efficient heating and cooling
 - Geo Exchange Program
 - Just finished drilling geo thermal exchange wells, half a CN tower height down
 - Using earth as battery; sends heat down in summer, use stored heat in winter to heat buildings
 - Immense GHG savings, low environmental impact
 - Estimated to reduce approx. 15,000 tons GHG emissions a year
 - Two levels of parking, subterranean classroom
 - Plans to also build geo exchange at UTM & UTSC
 - Solar Energy
 - Adding more panels to existing buildings
 - Building renewable site, off-site U of T owned
 - Carbon Capture
 - To install on St. George campus, capture excess energy from steam plant and convert escaped energy into fuel
- **Climate Positive Campus Plan**
 - Plan has not yet been revealed (*this presentation unavailable in Appendix 3*)
 - Plan for 2030-50, building on previous Low Carbon Action Plan
 - Climate positive by 2050
 - Also plan for campus to almost double in size by 2050
 - Managing Growth - Carbon and Energy Budget
 - New building proposals must go through Facilities and Services Offices: Sustainability Office and Energy Management Office to ensure building will be as efficient as possible
 - Extend district energy system through all new buildings
 - Building renewable energy sources off-campus
 - Renewal of Aging Infrastructure
 - Eliminating fossil fuel-based heating
 - Replacing natural gas to electric
 - Steam to hot water conversion, much more efficient method of transferring energy
 - Heating and cooling efficiency upgrades via retrofits
 - Resiliency
 - Adding nodes, interconnected across campus, to central energy system
 - Increase redundancy and resiliency, also increases reliability
 - **Facilities and Services Website – Sustainability Office**
 - Website has been recently overhauled
 - fs.utoronto.ca/sustainability
 - Will be continually updated
 - Sustainable Action Awards relaunching later this Fall
 - Previously Green Ribbon Awards
 - Sustainable Change Programs

- Encourages behavioural change
- Updated versions of Green Suite program
- Certifications for Sustainable Labs, Events, Residences, Offices, Courses
- Ranking, leaderboards for comparison, provides resources

Question: Is there a plan to implement a dashboard or monitoring system for those of us interested in keeping up to date on the current progress of the projects?

Answer: *Communications and cultural shifts are a large part of improving sustainability. Progress data on each project is currently decentralized due to the size of the institution. Planning to develop centralized dashboard system to keep all constituents informed, both internally and publicly.*

7. Other Business

Upcoming Virtual Events

- **F.E.L. Priestley Memorial Lectures in the History of Ideas**
Prof. Lorraine Daston, Director emerita, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science: “How Rules Succeed and Fail: An Intellectual History of the Particular”
Tues. Nov. 2, Wed. Nov. 3, & Thurs. Nov. 4, 2021, 4:30pm – Zoom
- **R. K. Teetzel Lecture in Architecture**
Prof. Lukasz Stanek, Professor, Manchester Architecture Research Group, School of Environment, Education & Development, University of Manchester: TBA
Thurs. Jan. 13, 2022, 4:30pm – Zoom
- **S.J. Stubbs Lecture in Classic Literature**
Prof. Phiroze Vasunia, Professor, Greek and Latin, University College London: TBA
Wed. March 9, 2022, 4:30pm – Zoom

Please check back on our website for event details and registration:
uc.utoronto.ca/about-uc-connect-us-events

8. Adjournment

Council adjourned at 3:30pm.

Appendix 1

Appendix 2

Appendix 3