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College Council Friday, September 23, 2022 1:30-3:30pm Hybrid – UC 163 & Zoom

Present:

Markus Stock	Emily Gilbert	Michael Widener	Ryan Woolfrey
Naeem Ordóñez	Yvonne MacNeil	Naomi Handley	Jerry Plotnick
Thérèse Perucho	Chelsea Song	Tony Cao	Jane Wolff
Xing Fan	Donald Ainslie	Joseph Heath	Jennifer Jenkins
Vikki Visvis	Paul Hamel	Naveen Minai	Antje Budde
Se (Carol) Ye	Melissa Melvin	Alvina Lai	Erika Bravo Soto
Anjali Mookerjea	Catherine Diyakonov	Alyson Roh	Eva (Eugenia) Karulina
Hasaan Mohsin	Hassan Mustafa	Kristin Amato	Ruth Masuka

Regrets:

Siobhan O'Flynn	John Vervaeke	Kathleen Gallagher	Dana Seitler
Gabrielle Fournier	Margaret Fulford	Barbara Fischer	Dayna Waltman
Isabelle Cochelin	Elizabeth Legge	Scott Rayter	Suzanne Stevenson
Alnoor Gowani	Manraj Johal	Sue Ropchan	

Officers:

Christina Kramer	Melissa Szopa		
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Guests:

Hannah Anderson	Myrto Grigoroglou	Pia Kleber	Clayon Levy
Danielle Meade	Joanna Panayiotopoulos	Emily Sands	Djanet Sears

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

WELCOME

1. College Council Zoom/Hybrid Protocol

(By: University College Council Secretary, Melissa Szopa)

- If joining virtually via Zoom:
 - 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
- If joining in person:
 - Speak into microphone so those joining via Zoom can hear reports and questions

2. Introductions

- All attendees present briefly introduced themselves

3. Motion to approve minutes of the meeting held on March 18, 2022

Motion called by Naeem Ordóñez
Motion seconded by Ryan Woolfrey
Motion approved unanimously

4. Motion to approve committee membership for 2022-23

I. 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	Paul Hamel
	Yang Xu
	Hannah Anderson
2 students appointed by Program Course Unions	Amina Shmanova (COG)
	Varun Muruganandarajah (CDN)

Motion called by Emily Gilbert
Motion seconded by Pia Kleber
Motion approved unanimously

5. REPORTS

I. Update from the Principal, Markus Stock
(Presentation attached – Appendix 1)

Welcome College Council 2022-23

- Thank you Christina Kramer for taking on role of College Council Speaker

- Thank you both new and returning members for agreeing to serve on College Council 2022-23
- Today marks first in-person College Council meeting since January 2020

Land Acknowledgement

- We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto and University College operate. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.
- We continue to appreciate our privilege of having partnerships with our Indigenous colleagues, students, and staff in this institution. Please take a moment to reflect on the Indigenous histories of the land upon which you live and work from wherever you are situated while you view this presentation.
- We must acknowledge that the process of reconciliation is ongoing and will never be complete, however, we are humbled to work with our Indigenous colleagues, alumni, students, and friends to guide us in what our College can do to promote reconciliation, and keep conversations flowing about important topics of Indigenous histories, and current day experiences.

Donation Drive Supporting Indigenous Communities

- Donation drive in lead up to National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day
 - Posters and emails have been circulated
 - Deadline: Sept. 30, 2022
 - Donations can be dropped off UC 165 or UC Library
- Donations being delivered to two local organizations: Native Men's Residence (Na-Me-Res) and Native Child and Family Services of Toronto

Welcome Back to Campus

- Great to have students, faculty, and staff back on campus
 - Especially exciting to see people using new spaces at UC
- Thank you for carrying UC through difficult times during the height of ongoing pandemic, has been challenging two and a half years
- Colleges are places of human interaction and togetherness, nice to have aspects of this back for this academic year

Orientation, Move-in, & Start of Term

- Successful Orientation events, Move-in Days, and Start of Term
- Special thank you to Student Life, Academic Advising and Registrar's Office (AARO), Program Administration, Food Services, Caretaking, Administrative Staff, and the UC Lit

Sustainability Certifications

- Special responsibility to aid institutions efforts in bringing down substantial carbon footprint
 - Certain challenges with old buildings and heritage buildings
 - Always more work to be done on topic of sustainability
- All three of UC's residences have been certified with silver standing in U of T Sustainability Office's Sustainable Change: Residences program
 - Whitney Hall
 - Morrison Hall

- Sir Daniel Wilson Residence
- Thank you to Lisa Lomax, Manager of Operations at UC residences, Kimiya Karbasy, previously UC's Residence Life Coordinator, UC Caretaking Team, and UC's Sustainability Committee for working towards sustainable change at UC
- To certify your office, lab, course, or event with the Sustainable Change Program through the Sustainability Office at U of T, please visit:
<https://www.fs.utoronto.ca/sustainability/sustainable-change-programs>
- UC Sustainability Committee starting up again for 2022-23 academic year
 - If you are interested in joining, email Melissa at uc.principal@utoronto.ca

UC Student Supports

- Received substantial funding from Faculty of Arts & Science (A&S) to gradually increase staffing in both AARO and Office of the Dean of Students
 - Have started hiring for new positions, ongoing effort over next several years
 - To better and more equitably support students across all Colleges

UC Clark Quadrangle

- Construction completed
- Wonderful, welcoming space
 - Especially popular with students

UC Building Revitalization Project

- Work completed
- Official Opening of Revitalized University College event
 - Thurs. Oct. 13, 2022, 4:30pm
- Special thank you to Naomi Handley & Office of Advancement, Yvonne MacNeil, Marley Rosen, and Melissa Szopa for preparing UC Building and organizing this historic event

UC Building Updates

- Laidlaw Wing renovations
 - As library has been moved to front of UC Building, former Laidlaw Library will be renovated to be the new home for Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies (CDTPS)
 - UC has deep ties with CDTPS and looks forward to continuing partnership
 - Architectural contract awarded to Kohn Schnier
 - Architects previously worked on UC Revitalization Project
- H-Wing & AARO
 - Longstanding space issue at AARO
 - Space needs exacerbated by new positions funded by A&S
 - Split AARO into two parts
 - Part of AARO staff moving to H-Wing
 - Part of AARO remains in UC 157
- H-Wing & BMO Lab
 - BMO Lab to move into old kitchen (H012) temporarily while Laidlaw Wing construction is completed

UC Area Updates

- Landmark and Steam Tunnel projects not under purview of UC, but directly affects UC community

- Thank you for patience with construction surrounding building
- Keep in mind that result will be a beautiful, more pedestrian-friendly campus
- Landmark Project
 - Construction areas shifting in near future
 - Will be unable to enter UC building from front, south side
 - Signage will be posted by construction company
 - Will defer to Yvonne for more specific information during CAO's report
- Steam Tunnel Construction
 - Ongoing project
 - Will defer to Yvonne for more specific information during CAO's report
 - In front of Bissell House and H-Wing in Sir Daniel Wilson Quad
 - To update steam tunnel to increase efficiency and safety

UC Book Sale

- Unfortunately, cancelled for 2022-23 academic year
 - Decision made in conjunction with UC Book Sale Committee
 - Largely due to complications from construction surrounding UC building and disruption from pandemic
 - Decided to focus on reopening the UC Book Shop
- Looking forward to supporting UC Book Sale next year when spaces are more accessible
- Thank you to our dedicated volunteers, the College very much benefits from their engagement

Faculty Search

- One search in progress
 - UC Fellow in Early American History
 - Posting closes Jan. 13, 2023
- Search for Richard Charles Lee Chair in Chinese Canadian Studies was successful
 - Announcement will be made in spring
 - Individual's appointment will begin July 1, 2023

Ad-Hoc Committees

- UC Sustainability Committee
- UC International Student Committee
 - Please email Melissa at uc.principal@utoronto.ca if interested in joining

II. Update from President & Vice-President of the Lit, Thérèse Perucho and Chelsea Song *About UC Lit*

- UC Literary and Athletic Society
- UC's student governing body since 1854 and Canada's oldest democratically elected student government
- UC Lit membership for 2022-23
 - Core-executives:
 - President: Thérèse Perucho
 - Vice President: Chelsea Song
 - Finance Executive: Shreyansi Gandhi
 - Executive Commissioners:
 - Communications and Outreach: Sabrina Shahidan
 - Equity: Maya Javier

- Off-Campus: Neha Sultana
 - Sustainability: Yashasvini Singh
 - Literary and Creative Arts: Elizabeth Chernyak
 - University & Academic Affairs: Emma Caramazza
 - Mental Wellness: Sarah Elliot
 - Formals: Kenzy Al-Morsi
 - Spirit and Social: Euan Pound
- Student Representatives:
 - Mid-Year Representatives (second- and third-year students):
 - Chiara Chu
 - Kristina Cò
 - Kelly Gong
 - Maggie Li
 - Poorvi Sharma
- UC Clubs and Ancillaries
 - Receive support, resources, and funding from the UC Lit
 - Active Ancillaries:
 - Diabolos
 - The Gargoyle
 - UC Follies
 - UC Review
 - World University Services of Canada (WUSC)
 - Active Clubs:
 - UC Dragon Boat Club (UCDBC)
 - GirlUp U of T
 - U of T Campus Lions Club
 - U of T Womxn of South Asian Heritage Collective (WoSAHC)
- All UC Lit Council, Club and Ancillary information can be found at uclit.ca

Elections

- Looking for Athletics Commissioner, first-year, and upper-year representatives
 - Elections to take place soon
 - Nomination forms open next week
 - Requires seconder and ten signatures of UC students to run
 - Currently hosting information sessions where students can drop in via Zoom and ask questions about available positions
 - Elections will be held virtually in early Oct.
 - Looking to fill:
 - Five first-year representative positions
 - One mid-year representative position
 - Three upper-year representative positions
 - One Athletics Commissioner position

Orientation

- Successful Orientation
 - Students very happy to attend in-person events again

Intramurals

- UC Lit manages and runs intramural sports teams

- As Athletics Commissioner position is still unfilled, several UC Lit members, UCRC members, and UC Student Life staff have been working together on organizing intramural teams
 - Special thank you to Jared Boland, Tony Cao, Kelly Gong, Maggie Li, Poorvi Sharma, Daman Singh, and Chelsea Song
- High influx of interest for intramural sports this academic year
 - In previous years, received approximately 300-400 applications
 - This fall, received over 550 applications

Office Hours

- Fully in-person
- Available for office hours Mon. – Fri., 10:00-4:00pm at Junior Common Room (JCR) offices
 - UC merchandise available for purchase

Diabolos Café

- In process of reopening
 - Deep clean scheduled
 - City of Toronto officials to conduct Health and Safety check after deep clean
 - Business license obtained
 - Awaiting shipments of product and materials
- Hoping to open late-September, or early-October
- To pilot seasonal drink menu

Meetings

- UC Lit voted to move meetings to in-person
 - To take place in JCR

III. Update from the Chief Administrative Officer, Yvonne MacNeil

(Presentation attached – Appendix 2)

Construction and Access to UC Building

- Three construction projects concurrently ongoing in and around UC Building
 - Landmark Project
 - Access to Front Campus, Hart House Circle, and Wellesley St. affected
 - Facilities and Services Steam Tunnel Excavation and Work
 - Access to Bissell House affected
 - Laidlaw Wing Renovation, CDTPS
 - Access to Laidlaw Wing affected

Landmark Project

- Construction at front (south side) of UC Building scheduled in two phases
 - Originally scheduled to be completed by Sept. 2024
 - New phased plan schedules completion date of Sept. 2023
- Phase one
 - Scheduled to begin Mon. Sept. 26
 - Expected duration of approximately 6 weeks
 - Installation of pavers up to front (south side) of UC Building
 - Temporarily lose access to the three front doors of UC Building during this phase
 - Accessible entrance at Paul Cadario Conference Centre at Croft Chapter House (southwest side)

- Main entrance (south side)
 - Entrance near AARO (southeast side)
 - Pedestrian access entrances
 - Sir Daniel Wilson Quad Patio entrance (southwest side)
 - A101 entrance ('via Hobbit Door') (west side)
 - F-Wing door from Sir Daniel Wilson Quad to Clark Quadrangle (west side)
 - Laidlaw Laneway into Clark Quadrangle (north side)
 - Entrance from Clark Quadrangle at Art Museum (northeast side)
 - Entrance at Soldier's Tower Road (northeast side)
 - 'Dragon staircase/' at Hart House Circle (east side)
 - Pedestrian access via St. George Street
 - Via Sir Daniel Wilson Quad, to Laidlaw Lane, through Clark Quadrangle gates, and into UC building south via A101 entrance or along north patio, and into entrance by Art Museum
 - Pedestrian access via Front Campus
 - Through Knox College parking lot, to St. George Street, north on St. George Street, and via Sir Daniel Wilson Quad between J. Robert S. Prichard Alumni House and Sir Daniel Wilson residence
 - Deliveries and Vehicular access
 - Large deliveries that require ramp access
 - North side of building via new ramp at Laidlaw Lane into Clark Quadrangle, into UC building via south A101 entrance or along north patio, and into entrance by Art Museum
 - Vehicles to access ramped accessible entrance via Hoskin Ave., to Tower Rd., to Laidlaw Lane
 - If ramped accessible entrance and short-term parking not required
 - Via College Street, around King's College Circle, exit onto College Street
 - Via Wellesley Street, around Hart House Circle, King's College Circle, exit onto College Street
 - No exit via Wellesley Street
 - Accessibility entrances
 - Via north side: Laidlaw Lane into Clark Quadrangle, into UC building via south A101 entrance or along north patio, and into entrance by Art Museum
 - Via west side: direct entrance into Paul Cadario Conference Centre at Croft Chapter House
 - Back entrance to remain clear, especially over winter months and during Laidlaw Wing construction
 - Please contact main office if north accessible entrance is not clear
- Phase two
 - Scheduled to begin mid-Jan. 2023
 - Paving around J. Robert S. Prichard Alumni House Pavilion to be completed
 - Temporary pedestrian walkway and vehicle access along King's College Circle to be flipped
 - Pedestrian walkway to change to north side, and vehicular access to change to south side of King's College Circle
 - Pedestrian access to be returned to the front of UC Building (south side)

- Three front entrances to be reopened for access at that time

Facilities and Services Steam Tunnel Excavation and Work

- Required project to abate asbestos from steam tunnel
- Scheduled to be completed by Nov. 30, 2022

Laidlaw Wing

- Renovations taking place for future home of CDTPS
 - Deconstruction completed
- Project going to tender for construction during first week of Oct.
 - Expect to start construction in early Nov. 2022
- Estimated completion date of Fall 2023

Question: When will the Owlery Café be open?

Response: *After Official Opening of Revitalized University College Event, late-Oct./early-Nov. 2022.*

IV. Update from the Registrar, Ryan Woolfrey

Staffing & Operational Updates

- All AARO staff back on site on full-time basis starting Sept. 26
- In addition to three new Academic Advisors hired over past two years, earlier this year received funding from A&S for more student support positions over next two years
 - In large part due to advocacy and support provided by UC's Principal
- To date, new positions have significantly improved staff to student ratio
 - In 2019-20, staff to student ratio was 626:1
 - As of summer 2022, ratio reduced to 480:1 and will decrease even further with rollout of new positions over next two years
- Stacey Upton joined AARO team as Associate Registrar, Administrative & Student Services this Apr. 2022
 - Filling in for an Associate Registrar who remains on a leave of absence
 - Previously worked in UC's AARO before moving to a role at New College
- Dianthi Fernando, currently Student Life Coordinator at Innis College, joins AARO as Front Line Advisor on Sept. 26
- Lise Watson, UC's Financial Aid & Awards Advisor filling in for Claire Howell's (formerly Skinner) parental leave since 2021, will be ending her term with our team on Sept. 27
 - Claire returns from parental leave on Sept. 26
- Starting Sept. 26, half of AARO team moves into UC's H-Wing offices
 - Will significantly expand footprint of the AARO at UC, and provide students with multiple locations where they can speak with front line and academic advisors

Advising Updates

- Over the summer, AARO and Office of the Dean of Students partnered to offer two virtual welcome and information sessions for newly admitted students
 - Including sessions dedicated for international students to learn about first year, and connect with college supports in preparation for course enrolment, registration, and arrival in Toronto
- In late Aug., advisors on AARO team participated in first year Orientation
 - Organized and led by Office of the Dean of Students

- Including UC Orientation Ceremony and UC International Students' Lunch
- Over the summer, AARO began offering drop-in academic advising sessions over Zoom, allowing team of advisors to connect with students one-on-one without need to wait for scheduled appointments
- Since first day of classes on Thurs. Sept. 6, AARO team has met with over 120 students at Zoom drop-in sessions, and over 160 students for scheduled one-on-one advising appointments
- Scheduled in-person advising appointments are currently available on an as-requested basis
 - Will be formally reintroduced as a bookable option to students in Oct. once AARO team is settled into new space in H-Wing

Admissions & Enrolment Updates

- Significant delays in processing of international students' study permit applications by IRCC
 - Over 70 UC students did not receive study permits by first day of classes
 - Resulted in significantly increased volume of requests for advising and support at AARO from this group
 - AARO's Academic Advisor, International Experience has been working closely with these students to help them understand their options and to assist with deferrals of admission to Sept. 2023
 - Expecting higher than normal deferral rate this year due to study permit issues
- As enrolment numbers for 2022-23 year are still in flux, will provide full update to Council in Nov. on UC's new student intake and overall demographic make-up
- Next admission cycle for Sept. 2023 will begin in Dec. 2022

Financial Aid & Awards Updates

- Newly admitted registrants in Sept. 2022 include the following major scholarship recipients:
 - 1 Pearson Scholar
 - 61 University of Toronto Scholars
 - 10 President's Scholars of Excellence
 - 1 Humanities Excellence Admission Scholarship Recipient
 - 1 C. David Naylor Scholar
 - 61 Arts & Science International Scholars
 - 29 Arts & Science International Merit Award Recipients
 - 2 Arts & Science Global Scholars
- U of T nominated two UC students for Rhodes Scholarship this year
- Over the past year, UC has introduced six new scholarships that give preference to Black and Indigenous students
 - Remains a continuing priority for both AARO and UC Advancement team
 - New UC Awards Profile, introduced in 2021, allowed AARO to better identify eligible candidates for these and other awards
- In Course and Admission Scholarship assessment and disbursement currently being finalized
- Breakdown of UC's 2021-22 award expenditures will be brought to Council for information in Nov.
- Motion to approve 2022-23 UC Scholarship Committee will be presented at Nov. Council meeting

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 conduct of research in the humanities and history of ideas
 - No restriction to location, but award is meant to encourage access to documents
 - Application deadline: Dec. 1, 2022
 - <https://www.uc.utoronto.ca/scholarships-awards/harcourt-brown-travel-fellowship>

V. Update from the Director of Advancement, Naomi Handley

Support Indigenous Communities Campaign

- Graphics and copy for Support Indigenous Communities Campaign provided by Fresh Art & Design Inc., a certified Aboriginal Owned Business
 - Dean and Susan Mitchell, co-owners of Fresh Art & Design waived agency fees in support of campaign

Upcoming Events

- N. Graham Lecture in Science
 - Professor LaRon Nelson, Associate Dean for Global Affairs and Planetary Health from Yale University, to deliver lecture: *Freedom as Prevention: Political Ecology, Self-Determination Theory and the Structural Overexposure to HIV Risk*
 - Hybrid event
 - Wed. Sept. 28, 2022
 - Lecture: 4:30 – 6:00pm in-person at Paul Cadario Conference Centre at Croft Chapter House and live-streamed via Zoom Webinar
 - Reception: 6:00-7:00pm in-person at Senior Common Room (SCR)
 - 55 in-person and 61 virtual guests registered
- Official Opening of the Revitalized University College
 - Hosted by President Meric Gertler, Chair of Governing Council Janet Ecker, and UC Principal Markus Stock
 - In-person event
 - Thurs. Oct. 13, 2022
 - Registration opens: 4:30pm
 - Remarks begin: 5:10pm
 - Self-guided tour of UC building
 - Event end: 7:30pm
 - Thank you to Yvonne MacNeil, Maheesha Ramessar (who returned early from parental leave to oversee event), Marley Rosen, Emily Sands, Melissa Szopa, Advancement team and Office of CAO team for contributions to preparation of UC Building for Official Opening event
 - Please email uc.rsvp@utoronto.ca to register
- Official Opening of Paul Cadario Conference Centre at Croft Chapter House
 - Co-hosted by UC Principal Markus Stock and Director, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, Peter Loewen
 - Event in recognition of namesake and friend of UC, Paul Cadario
 - Private event, invitation only
 - Fri. Oct. 14, 2022

- Alumni of Influence Event (AOI)
 - Thurs. Nov. 17, 2022
 - In-person at Carlu
 - Three years of AOI honorees celebrated

UC Magazine

- Next issue will celebrate completion of UC Revitalization Project and highlight revitalized spaces
- Issue will be published before end of 2022 calendar year

Fundraising

- Thank you to all students who participated in annual UC Donor Impact Report
 - To be published in early Oct.
- Wish to recognize Joanna Panayiotopoulos, UC Senior Development Officer
 - Recently closed first major gift, scholarship to support Black students at UC

Staffing & Operational Updates

- Communications Officer role remains vacant as incumbent is on extended leave until Apr. 2023
- Maheesha Ramessar, Special Events Supervisor, returned early from parental leave on Mon. Sept. 19
- Leadership Annual Giving Development Officer role vacant since Aug.
 - Lori MacIntyre, part of UC Advancement team for 13 years, recently accepted new role at Hart House
- Marsha Malcom will be joining Advancement team as new Alumni Relations Officer on Tues. Oct. 11
 - Marsha joins UC from Faculty of Dentistry
- UC Advancement Office moved to Bissell House
 - Set up has been delayed due to planning major opening events
 - Plan to be settled into new space by late Oct. or early Nov.

VI. Update from the Dean of Students, Naeem Ordóñez

Staffing & Operational Updates

- Office of the Dean of Students returned to in-person service on May 2
 - Very busy summer season
- Aligned with new funding support from A&S, Office of the Dean of Students posted for two new positions
 - Sonja Smiljanic will be joining Office of the Dean of Students as new Coordinator, Student Community Development on Mon. Sept. 26
 - Sonja previously worked in student support roles at Chestnut residence and Innis College
 - New role specifically supporting off-campus and commuter students
 - Position of Coordinator, Student Success and Transition in recruitment stage
 - Hoping to fill role in early Oct.

UC Residences

- High demand for student housing, based on increased enrolment numbers
- UC residences at full capacity
 - 696 students in house including 20 KMA students and 1 WUSC student
 - Approximately 170 UC students living in four additional residence locations

- Adjacent to campus, but not part of college or divisional residences
- Supports are in place for UC students living at additional residence locations
- OVPS hired full-time staff member to provide connection, support, and community-building to students in additional residences
- Student staff and student mentors from UC will be connecting directly with UC students to connect them with UC programs and services
- Thank you to Executive Chef Mike Kobayashi and food services team, Lisa Lomax, Operations Manager, UC Residences, and caretaking team, and maintenance team for preparing UC residences for move-in day
- Move-in Day was successful
 - Moved in 560 students in one day
 - Thank you to UC Orientation leaders and Student Life staff for support and spirit
- Thank you to UCRC for providing warm welcome and community-building activities this week in UC residences
- In partnership with A&S, UC is housing 20 KMA students, from Ukraine
 - In total, U of T housing 100 KMA students

Student Staff Training

- Student staff training took place over last two weeks of Aug.
 - Trained 23 Residence Dons, 8 Community Coordinators, and 27 Residence Porters

Programming

- UC Orientation was successful
- UC Move-in Day was successful
 - Undertaking robust assessment to ensure next year's Orientation and Move-in are even more successful

MOTION: Motion of gratitude to the 2021-22 UC Lit for their hard work and service to the College and our communities, especially under difficult circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion called by Naeem Ordóñez

Motion seconded by Pia Kleber

Motion approved unanimously

MOTION: Motion of gratitude to the 2022 UC Orientation Co-Chairs, Ella Levin and Dylan Smart, for their hard work and service to the College and ensuring a successful Orientation.

Motion called by Naeem Ordóñez

Motion seconded by Ryan Woolfrey

Motion approved unanimously

MOTION: Motion of gratitude to the Thrive Orientation Leadership, in particular to Tyler Riches, and the Thrive Planning Committee.

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

Comment: In reference to reports from both the Registrar and the Dean of Students, would like to underscore the positive development in UC's relationship with A&S, in that the Faculty and Dean understand the importance of student advising, registrarial services, and in providing student life supports. A&S Dean is committed not only to academic success of students, but also overall well-being of students. The funding for additional positions at both AARO and Office of the Dean of Students is significant, and we are grateful as a college.

VII. Update from the Vice-Principal, Emily Gilbert

New and Returning UC Members

- Rebecca Bleich
 - Joined UC this Fall 2022 as Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream
 - Teaching UNI198: Why Go To University, in both Fall and Winter terms, as well as working with students at the UC Writing Centre
 - Cross-appointed with St. Michael's College, where she is also working in the Writing Centre
- Hannah Anderson
 - Renewed for second year as UC Fellow in Early American History
 - Research is on "lived botany" of colonial North America, and examines how new plant classifications drew upon Indigenous ecological knowledge
 - Teaching several courses for Canadian Studies Program at UC and Department of History, including popular first year course on theatre phenomenon, Hamilton

UC One

- Great enrolment, 90 students
- Excellent first meeting on first day of classes, much excitement about being on campus
- First plenary next week when UC's Barker Fairley Distinguished Visitor (BFDV), Thea Lim, will join class

Canadian Studies Program

- Enrolment is very strong
- Last year Certificate in Black Canadian Studies was launched
 - Adriana Williams was first student to graduate with this certificate
 - 22nd President of the Black Students' Association at U of T

Cognitive Science Program

- High demand for program, long waitlists for many courses
 - Advisory Board has begun a discussion about some pressure points, and a curriculum review will be undertaken this year addressing capacity issues and increasing student interest

Health Studies Program

- Enrolment is very strong
- Two reviews undertaken last year, under direction of Program Director Michael Widener

- Alumni survey to better understand current attitudes of UC's Health Studies (HST) Program alumni towards the program, and to learn about career paths HST students take after graduation
 - Information will be used to help inform program priorities and goals over next four years
- Survey of curriculum with respect to EDI
 - Information will be used to inform ongoing curriculum review and innovation
- Thank you to students who prepared reports and Program Director Michael Widener for overseeing work

Program Coordinator

- UC Program Coordinator Jessie Chen is currently on parental leave
 - Danielle Meade in Program Coordinator role while Jessie is on leave

UC Writing Centre

- UC Writing Centre has ten excellent instructors working this term, providing one-on-one sessions with students both online and in-person
 - In line with other Writing Centres on campus
- Writing Centre has robust presence in UC courses this fall, with six in-course workshops scheduled
- Appointments can be made through Writing Centre for students to meet with UC's new BFDV, Thea Lim

Barker Fairley Distinguished Visitor

- Welcome Thea Lim to UC as BFDV 2022-2023
 - UC alum and previously worked at UC Writing Centre
 - Most recent novel, *An Ocean of Minutes*, was published in 2018, and was shortlisted for the distinguished Scotiabank Giller Prize, longlisted for Canada Reads, optioned for television, and translated into Mandarin, French, and Dutch
 - Also published a novella, *The Same Woman* (2007), and short stories, as well as essays and reviews in venues such as the *Nation*, *the Paris Review*, and *Hazlitt*.

6. Other Business

Art Museum

- New exhibition: *As We Rise: Photography from the Black Atlantic*
 - Sept. 7 - Nov. 19, 2022

Upcoming College Council Presentation

- Luca Babici, Project Manager of Laidlaw Wing Renovation Project
 - Fri. Nov. 18 College Council meeting

Upcoming Events

- **N. Graham Lecture in Science**
 Prof. LaRon Nelson, Yale University
 Title: *Freedom as Prevention: Political Ecology, Self-Determination Theory and the Structural Overexposure to HIV Risk*
 - Wed. Sept. 28, 2022, 4:30pm – Hybrid (Paul Cadario Conference Centre at Croft Chapter House/Zoom)

- **Opening of Revitalized University College**
Thurs. Oct. 13, 2022, 4:30pm – 15 King’s College Circle

- **R.K. Teetzel Lecture in Architecture**
Prof. Anooradha Siddiqi, Barnard College
Title: *Autonomy and Authorship in the Dadaab Refugee Camps*
 - Wed. Nov. 16, 2022, 4:30pm – Hybrid (Paul Cadario Conference Centre at Croft Chapter House/Zoom)

- **F.E.L. Priestley Memorial Lectures in the History of Ideas**
Prof. Glen Coulthard, University of British Columbia
Title: *TBA*
 - Tues. Feb. 28, Wed. Mar. 1, & Thurs. Mar. 2, 2023, 4:30pm – Hybrid (Paul Cadario Conference Centre at Croft Chapter House/Zoom)

- **S.J. Stubbs Lecture in English Literature**
Prof. Santanu Das, All Souls College, University of Oxford
Title: *TBA*
 - Wed. March 29, 2023, 4:30pm – Hybrid (Paul Cadario Conference Centre at Croft Chapter House/Zoom)

- **W.J. Alexander Lecture in English Literature**
Prof. Hortense Spillers, Vanderbilt University
Title: *TBA*
 - Wed. April 19, 2023, 4:30pm – Hybrid (Paul Cadario Conference Centre at Croft Chapter House/Zoom)

7. Adjournment

Council adjourned at 3:03pm.

Appendix 1

Appendix 2