



WOODSWORTH COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY of TORONTO

Woodsworth College Council Minutes

A meeting of the Woodsworth College Council took place on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 119, Woodsworth College, 119 St. George Street, with the following members present:

Present: Abiola Afuwape, Yvette Ali, Jasmine Attfield, William Bateman, Anne-Marie Brousseau, Sandra Bucerius, Chad Camacho, Jack Chambers, Sarah Clarke, Carolyn Coté, Joe Desloges, Bernice Frieday, Rosemary Gartner, Michael Hallé, Margaret Hirst, Kerri Huffman, Betty Lam-Clarke, Steve Masse, Tom Mathien, Kathryn Morgan, Theresa Moritz, Jeff Peters, Rachel Rogier, J. Barbara Rose, Brett Shannon, Cheryl Shook, Berry Smith, Barbara Track, Anil Verma, William Watson, Erik Wexler, Bill Wrigley

Regrets: Khalid Ahmed, Robert Austin, Eric Beales, Annum Bokhari, Mary Choi, Rafael Gomez, Julie He, Diane Luty, Brock MacDonald, Bruno Magliocchetti, Cheryl Misak, Christine Mitchell, Liza Nassim, David Naylor, Mariel O'Neill-Karch, Deanne Saunders, Tony Sbrocchi, Karel Swift, Ben Train, Sandy Welsh, Lucinda Williams

Absent: Jim Delaney, Tasha Hodson, Nhi Huynh, Timothy Gholam Naweed, Ryan Szyiko, Hibbat Tariq

William Watson, Chair of the Woodsworth College Council called the meeting to order

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved

M: Michael Hallé

S: Y. Ali

2. Approval of the minutes of the November 26, 2009 meeting.

M: C. Coté

S: Rosemary Gartner

3. Report of the Principal - Joe Desloges

Joe Desloges welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reported that the academic plan was submitted to the Faculty on December 15th. He thanked all who were involved in the process for the range of ideas that were put forward. The strategic planning committee at the Faculty is working on the plans that were submitted and the College will hear in early April as to the feedback from the faculty. The Dean did indicate that he was impressed with the range of activities across A & S.

The Employment Relations Program underwent a review just before the holidays. There was some very good feedback from the external reviewer. The report will be submitted soon.

Criminology Program: we are working through the curriculum implementation issues that were the result of that program's review.

Academic Bridging Program: There will be a review of this program next year.

Endowment: Last year there was no payout from the endowment. This was of major concern to the College as most of our endowments fund our needs based awards and bursaries. The Principal thanked all those involved – Kerri Huffman, Cheryl Shook, Barbara Track, Mary Choi and Yvette Ali – in making sure that our commitments were met with regard to these awards. The good news is that there will be a payout of at least \$5.00 per unit for the 10/11 year. The \$5.00 amount is a conservative estimate and the Provost hopes that the actual amount will be \$7.29 per unit.

Kruger Hall Commons: Everything is going well. No security in place on the week-ends and late evenings, but these and other issues around usage will be resolved and the space will be available for greater amounts of time.

Other space issues: There are three small space projects going on right now. One is the south west corridor project (old registrar's office) which will entail replacing the wooden panels with glass so as to make it a more inviting space and some HVAC issues that need to be fixed. The second project is the WCSA offices. There have been some theft problems and there is a lack of efficiency of space use in that area. There will also be some minor work done in the Registrar's office corridor. The space planning committee has met in the fall term and will meet again to look at the longer term space issues at the College. Hopefully we will have something to present at the next College Council after the committee works through the proposals that have been received.

Arts & Science enrollment targets: there will be 400 less than the actual enrollment this year. This is offset by the faculty taking in 300 more students than it targeted for this year, so in actuality there will 100 less than last year's target enrolled. But it is a smaller number which is a good thing for the student experience.

Budget: The Dean announced that there will be a 2% OTO cut this year, possibly more as the Faculty has a \$22M structural deficit and a debt of \$66M. OTO cuts are difficult but manageable in most cases. Base cuts are more problematic but we won't know until early April, when the strategic planning committee concludes reviewing the academic planning exercise, what the magnitude of base cuts will. The College will work on a scenario of a 2% base budget cut as we have to be prepared for this. There will be report on this at the March meeting of Council.

Questions:

J. Peters: There is space for WCSA in the College but not for APUS. APUS was evicted from its space. Woodsworth is the part time College, and there should be a discussion to give space back to APUS at the College.

Answer: J. Desloges – we have mentioned this before at previous council meetings, Woodsworth is like any other of the seven Colleges with a mandate of both part time and full time students. The official student organization of the College is WCSA and our mandate is to provide space for them. WCSA also has a part-time student liaison officer on its executive. APUS is a tri-campus student organization like UTSU. The College neither has the capacity nor the mandate to provide space for university wide student groups.

J. Peters: APUS donated hundreds of thousand dollars to Woodsworth College, Woodsworth is the part time college and 42% of APUS members are Woodsworth students.

Answer: J. Desloges – All Colleges have p/t students and Woodsworth began with a p/t student mandate and it continues to support special programs, academic programs, the academic bridging programs. The needs of p/t time students are a major priority for the College. We will continue to recognize our origins and we will continue to support the p/t student constituency, we have not moved away from that mandate - we have been consistent in our concerted efforts with p/t students.

4. Report of the Registrar– Cheryl Shook

(See Report and appendices A-H in Appendix 1)

Questions re Appendix A Millie Rotman Shime Academic Bridging Program

W. Watson: Do we know what the demographic profile is of students who are enrolled in other bridging programs in the GTA?

C. Shook: We look at gender and age; others look at ethnicity and background. We do not have statistics for that. We know that 65% of our students are young men and this seems to be the case for the other programs as well. Not all institutions recruit the same way and some might be recruiting particular groups, such as aboriginal students. The ABP at Woodsworth has decided to cast a broad net when recruiting.

W. Watson: It does not look like 30-40 year old women are going to other programs?

C. Shook: this group is in decline over all because now that demographic has already been educated.

J. Peters: Has the College looked at decreasing program fees, especially in light of the economic situation?

C. Shook: We have acknowledged this situation and have put our bursary program upfront in our recruiting. As well, students can access the Ontario Special Bursaries Program which will cover the cost of text books, tuition and transportation, as well as the Noah Meltz Program (which is UofT specific) will do the same for students who qualify and who are enrolled in the ABP.

Appendix E: Bill Bateman reported program enrollment in stable but that the introductory criminology course is down a bit. The ER introductory course is down by design as we did not enroll any non program students in that course to sustain a budget cut, only program students are in the course.

Appendix: G: Y. Ali will present a detailed report at the next College council meeting.

5. Report of the Dean of Students - Cheryl Shook reporting on behalf of Liza Nassim

There are two female openings in the residence so if any member of council knows of students looking for accommodation, applications are being taken. Applications for Don positions are also now being taken. Information about these positions is available on the web site.

Questions:

J. Peters: Are there any spaces available in the residence for p/t time students?

C. Shook: the Dean of students will have to answer that question. She can be contacted and will answer that question for you

J. Peters: Has the question been recorded in the minutes

W. Watson: The question has been recorded in the minutes, and you will have to ask the Dean of Students about this issue.

**6. Report from the Faculty of Arts & Science Council – William Watson
See Appendix 2**

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 25th, 2010

4:10 p.m.

William Waters Lounge, Woodsworth College Residence, 321 Bloor Street W.