



## WOODSWORTH COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY of TORONTO

### Woodsworth College Council Minutes

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A meeting of the Woodsworth College Council took place on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 4:10 p.m. in William waters Lounge, Woodsworth College Residence, 321 Bloor Street West.

**Present:** Yvette Ali, William Bateman, Sandra Bucerius, Jack Chambers, Mary Choi, Joe Desloges, Bernice Frieday, Rafael Gomez, Margaret Hirst, Kerri Huffman, Betty Lam-Clarke, Tom Mathien, Christine Mitchell, Theresa Moritz, Cheryl Shook, Barbara Track, Ben Train, William Watson, Lucinda Williams

**Regrets:** Abiola Afuwape, Robert Austin, Eric Beales, Anne-Marie Brousseau, Carolyn Coté, Rosemary Gartner, Michael Hallé, Tasha Hodson, Nhi Huynh, Diane Luty, Brock MacDonald, Bruno Magliocchetti, Jill Matus, Cheryl Misak, Timothy Gholam Naweed, David Naylor, Mariel O'Neill-Karch, J. Barbara Rose, Deanne Saunders, J. Berry Smith, Mariana Valverde, Anil Verma, Sandy Welsh, Erik Wexler, Bill Wrigley

**Absent:** Khalid Ahmed, Jasmine Atfield, Annum Bokhari, Chad Camacho, Sarah Clarke, Jim Delaney, Julie He, Steve Masse, Kathryn Morgan, Liza Nassim, Jeff Peters, Rachel Rogier, Tony Sbrocchi, Brett Shannon, Karel Swift, Ryan Szyiko, Hibbat Tariq

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

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved

M: Bernice Frieday

S: Cheryl Shook

Approved

**2. Approval of the minutes of the January 27, 2010 meeting.**

M: Jack Chambers

S: Margaret Hirst

Approved

**3. Report of the Principal - Joe Desloges**

Joe Desloges welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year. He reported on the following:

1. *Budget:* The Dean announced a 3% OTO budget cut across all units. For Woodsworth – which has a budget of approx. \$5M - this translates into a \$150,000 budget reduction, OTO only, not base budget. WDW will be able to make up the loss from savings and cost containment. Savings are available from the Kruger Hall Commons Project and some smaller planned projects will be pushed back.
2. *Academic Plan:* The WDW plan was submitted to FAS and the Strategic Planning Committee will deliver their report in mid-May. Future of all the units across FAS over next 5 years will be addressed in the SPC report. The Dean has indicated that structural issues and economies of scale will be the focus of the SPC report and it will make some strong recommendations regarding these. The Dean is urging units to start

planning as usual with no base budget cuts but decisions will be rolled out starting mid May. The report of the SPC will be shared when it becomes available.

3. *Convocation*: The Woodsworth College Convocation will take place on June 14<sup>th</sup> and the speaker will be honorary degree recipient, Prof. Ian Hacking.
4. *Staff Announcements*: WDW staff members who received their 25 year of service pins were: Jennifer Guyatt, Anne-Marie Armogan and Wendy Shern. In addition there will be two retirements this year: JJ Correia, who will be retiring after 41 years of service and Bill Bateman who will retire after 42 years of service. Both will be honoured at celebrations in the upcoming weeks.

#### **4. Report of the Director of Programs– William Bateman**

W. Bateman reported on the Employment Relations Program:

1. W. Bateman presented the recent review of the program which was conducted by Prof. Daphne Taras, Haskayne School of Business, University of Calgary, who in advance of her visit to the campus was given a self-study document that was prepared by the College. **See Appendix I.**

Discussion: J. Desloges remarked that the report was very positive, highlighting the strengths of the program and giving ideas for program improvement.

2. Proposed new course in Employment Relations

M: W. Bateman moved that WDW 240H1 (Introduction to Employment Relations) be added to the Employment Relations program, beginning in the academic Year 2011-2012. **See Appendix 2.**

S: Cheryl Shook

Discussion: R. Gomez provided more information to Council on this course: it will be an introduction to the field and the program as a whole. The program has a lot of breadth in it and students will be taking courses in a variety of other fields, such as economics, sociology and law. With this in mind, guest lecturers will be incorporated into the course. These guests will be practitioners in their fields, who also teach in the program. They will be able to give students a feel of the breadth of the program. As well, an experiential learning component will be incorporated. See page 6 of appendix 2 for details.

Motion was approved.

#### **5. Report of the Registrar– Cheryl Shook**

C. Shook reported on the following:

1. Next week a new wave of offers will go out to students.
2. A joint report between Seneca/UofT/FAS on the Seneca pilot program was completed. The pilot program will see the first cohort of students from the Seneca two-year Diploma Program arrive in September to officially start their degree studies at UofT. The pilot will likely become permanent. Staff from the WDW registrar's office will meet with the students next week.

3. Kerrie Huffman reported on admission scholarships noting that there is a sizeable payout on endowments available this year. Additionally, Admission & Awards has instituted a new scholarship, the President's Admission Scholarship, as well as maintaining the UofT Scholars program. Woodsworth has 18 UofT Scholars (\$5000) and 74 President's Scholars (\$2,000). In addition to these, Woodsworth College is offering 22 admission scholarships in the \$2-5K range. As well, during the early offer round in February, 22 UofT scholarships, 31 Presidents scholarships, and 10 WDW admission scholarships were offered. A total of \$300,000 is on offer to newly admitted students. In total the direct entry admission scholarships are just shy of \$.5M. Likely the most Woodsworth has ever been able to offer.

Questions/discussion: Principal Desloges updated Council on the Provost's announcement in September that the payout this year would be \$5 per unit, reporting that this has since gone up to \$7.26 per unit, which is approximately 95% of the normal payout rate. However, he noted that WDW had to drain many residual accounts to deal with the no payout situation from the 2008/2009 year and to meet commitments.

#### **6. Report of the Director, Professional and International Program – Yvette Ali See Appendix 3**

Y. Ali reminded Council that the Professional & International Programs office coordinates the following programs/courses: Summer Abroad, TESOL and THE500.

Update on Summer Abroad 2010: 1028 spaces on offer to students. The office received 1300 applications, a significant increase from previous years. 900 will likely go abroad as a few students drop and some are not eligible due to various constraints. Y. Ali highlighted items on her report:

- Several programs were full before the application deadline, may increase spaces in those.
- Significant bursaries will be awarded for students with financial need
- New program offered: South Eastern Europe: Austria, Bosnia, Croatia and Slovenia. Uncertain of uptake at this point
- Discontinued: the Mexico program as enrollment has declined and because of concerns about safety and the general enrollment decline in Spanish courses
- Jordan program will go ahead this year, it is an archeological dig

Questions/Discussion: J. Desloges mentioned that a successful Curriculum Renewal Initiatives Fund proposal was submitted to A&S to introduce a science course in the Summer Abroad offerings, as most courses are humanities and social science courses. The proposal received a high award. J. Desloges congratulated Yvette and her team on this effort.

#### **7. Report from the Faculty of Arts & Science Council – William Watson See Appendix 4**

#### **8. New Business**

- C. Shook announced that a proposal to the Curriculum Renewal Initiatives Fund has yielded increased funding for the Learning Strategist position. This is positive for the College as students have reported high levels of satisfaction with the Learning Strategist because their learning issues are being addressed during these appointments.
- M. Hirst wanted to report that she will graduate in the spring and remarked that her time at Woodsworth had been a life altering experience spanning nine years. She thanked the College for all the support she had received over the years. The Chair congratulated her on her achievement.

#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

M: Cheryl Shook

S: Yvette Ali

Approved

Next meeting: Monday, September 27, 2010

William & Phyllis Waters Lounge

Woodsworth College Residence, 321 Bloor St. W.