



# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO WOODSWORTH COLLEGE

## Woodsworth College Council Minutes

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A meeting of the Woodsworth College Council took place on November 29, 2017 in the William & Phyllis Waters Lounge, Woodsworth College Residence, 321 Bloor Street West.

**Present:** Arabelle Archaina, Christina Alcena, Joe Desloges, Sarah Witol, Yvonne Hilder, Barbara Track, Cheryl Gibbs, Tom Socknat, William Watson, Alexandra Bolintineanu, Thomas Mathien, Karen Reid, Roger Bulgin, Honor Brabazon, Bruno Magliocchetti, Alana Boland, Margaret Ebifegha, Janessa Duran, Ikee Gibson, Theresa Moritz, Deanne Saunders, Harlan Tufford, Broqachel Wu, Joe Zhou, Ivan Kalmar, Meghan Lenko, Shawn Medeiros, Susan Murray, Liza Nassim, Dionne Pohler, Cheryl Shook, Connie White, Curtis Norman, Tea Cimmini, Jeffrey Little

**Regrets:** , Michael Lapointe, Alexandra Lam Silvia Cocolo, Audrey Macklin, J. Barbara Rose, Meric Gertler, Cheryl Regher, Mariel O'Neill-Karch, Sean Kieft, Beth Fischer, Carolyn Coté, Kerri Klotz, Rafael Gomez, , Meredith Strong, , Meredith Strong, Mary Pugh,

**Absent:** Ryan Jeong, Shanel Green, Morgan Marden, Nida-Baig Mirza, Bhavroop Riar, Prilly Bicknell-Hersco, Mala Kashyap, Dileep Kullar, Ma Ling, Nasra Mahad, Shawnee Redford, Haya Adil Sheikh

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1. Welcome – Tom Socknat, Chair  
T. Socknat welcomed members of council
2. Approval of agenda – the agenda was approved
3. Approval of minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting – the minutes were approved
4. Report of the Principal - Joe Desloges
  - The University of Toronto has signed a Strategic Mandate Agreement with the province that recognizes the university's leadership role in research and innovation, and establishes its enrolment targets and funding for the next three years. While the university will still receive per-student funding from the province for both undergraduate and graduate programs, some funding will be based on performance in priority areas like student experience; innovation, economic development and community engagement; research excellence and impact; access and equity; and teaching and learning excellence.
  - There will be a review of the Faculty of Arts & Science as well as a review of the Dean's office. The review will encompass all programs/departments and will examine international and indigenous opportunities. There will be a self-study as part of the process and external reviewers will visit in September (2018). The Dean's term ends June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  - Two faculty searches underway: one at CIRHR for a tenure stream position and Woodsworth received approval to conduct a search for a teaching stream faculty in Indigenous Cultures and Societies. We are looking to diversify our faculty and course offerings.
  - The College has received a major donation to work closely with a foundation with whom we will bring in refugee students from Kenya. The students will come to Woodsworth from a

refugee camp in Kenya. We have learned a lot from having our Mastercard students here and are looking forward to welcoming four students in the spring of 2018.

- The Principal thanked all those involved in the Access Symposium, which was well attended and garnered positive feedback.
5. Report of the Acting Principal – Karen Reid  
The Acting Vice-Principal did not have any new updates to report on for council.
6. Report of the Assistant Principal & Registrar – Cheryl Shook
- Access Symposium: The all-day event was phenomenal, with great attendance and great comments. Interesting ideas came out of it. Great participation from members of the TYP community. One of the main speakers, Ann Lopez, talked about interesting ideas at the TDSP, and workshops and case studies for the future
  - C. Shook reported on enrollment statistics and presented a snapshot of data for council on students' subject posts, i.e. what are areas of interest for Woodsworth students as compared to other colleges - See Appendix 1
  - Summer session dates and timetable: there is a March 1st enrollment start, one month earlier than in previous years. This might affect the visiting students program.
7. Report of the Dean of Students – Liza Nassim
- L. Nassim was happy to announce that Annie Au was hired as a health and wellness counselor in conjunction with TYP. Her office is located on the third floor at 123 St. George. Booking protocol will be the one that health & wellness uses and is the imbedded counselling model. This is part of the College's prevention and promotion strategy in terms of mental health.
  - There was a shortened orientation week: three days instead of week. WCSA did a great job. Dean's office tried to pack in a lot of transitional and academic programming. Goldring space was used for the welcome event and consent based education. It was all very well received. The WOLF academic orientation was conducted over a six week period, instead of in one week.
  - At the beginning of the academic year some students needed to be housed at the Holiday Inn. Woodsworth took on the responsibility of residence life programming. University College has been giving us space in the past, but this will not be available into the future. There is a lack of residence space and going forward the Holiday Inn will not be available.
  - The Design 4 Change Event was held at Hart House and focused on healthier communities in conjunction with the Dalla Lana School of Public Health.
  - Woodsworth is offering the following imbedded services: international students advisor, and a career educator and advisor
8. Report of the Director, Professional and International Programs – Sarah Witol
- THE500 (Teaching in Higher Education)
    - Interest continues to be very strong in the Teaching in Higher Education course – we have three full sections (of approximately 30 students) again this year. We have one new instructor this year – Diane Horton from Computer Science
  - TESOL Enrolment Overview
    - 2017 enrolment is up from last year and we have a great cohort of new students. We admitted 55 new students this fall versus 42 for fall 2016. And we have 27 students admitted for winter 2018 which is up from 13 the previous year.
    - New linguistics course (TSL567H1 Linguistics for Teaching ESOL) being offered for the first time.
  - Summer Abroad Enrolment Overview
    - Summer Abroad number decreased slightly for 2017 as we wanted to ensure that we were admitting strong students. Our total number of participants for summer 2017 was 1009.
    - New for 2017:
      - Program in Ireland where we offered a history course called "From Famine to Freedom: Irish History in an International Context." Program was hosted by the National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

- An archaeological dig in the Republic of Georgia; Near and Middle Eastern Studies code. Researchers from this program were all over the news recently due to their discovery of the oldest evidence of winemaking.
    - Program in Grenada where we offered a course on Comparative Caribbean Literature. Group was hosted by St. George's University.
  - Two new programs for 2018: Portuguese language in Lisbon, Portugal and an Asian Studies course in Beijing, hosting by Peking University.
  - We will be bumping up our application cycle this year. Applications will open on December 15 and close on February 1.
- 9. Update from the Centre for Industrial Relations & Human Resources – Dionne Pohler on behalf of Rafael Gomez**
- The Centre is undergoing a review and hiring fully appointed academic faculty.
  - A number of speaker events were held in the fall including a debate with speaker from University of Buffalo, the Morley Gunderson Lecture on wage inequality with Craig Riddell, and an event at Rotman School of Management on gender and the economy.
- 10. New Business**
- Liza Nassim updated council on the mandatory leave policy that is being put forward by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students. The Vice-Provost realizes that more and better consultations on this issue is needed with students and alumni, and they recognized that they could do this better. The Vice-Provost, Students is not pushing to put the policy forward now, but more consultations are planned. Will have a session here at Woodsworth and can invite all members of council and non members.
- L. Nassim added that the policy is not a disciplinary tool but offers a different approach and a way for the university to interact with students in a more compassionate way. A more fulsome discussion and consultation will be necessary with the university community. The Vice-Provost has held a number of presentations, and will do so again. Time line to the college: we will make info available to all, questions in advance as well as questions on the day of.
- 11. Adjournment**
- The meeting was adjourned.