PRESENT:
Members (ex officio): Seamus Ross


Professional Librarians: Tasha Caswell, Joe Cox, Elisa Sze

Senior Administrative Officers: Susan Brown, Judy Dunn, Andrew Drummond

Associated Instructor or Sessional Lecturer:

Administrative Staff: Kathy Shyjak

Students:

Doctoral: Peter Coppin
Masters (MiSt): Jamon Camisso, Michael Desjardins, Courtney Fisher, Amy Hoffmann, Kate Johnson, Maureen O’Brien, Katherine Petch, Leslie Thomson

Masters (MMSt): Alicia Cherayil

Alumni/Alumnae: Bob Henderson

External Members: Mary Ann Mavrinac

Assessors: Tony Lemmens, Nadia Moro, Iris Neher, Eva Piorkowski, Ian Richards, Adriana Rossini, Meera Thirunavukarasu

Observers: Greg Gay, Nakul Hoelz, Laura Jantek, Armin Krauss, Cindy Li, Pat Murray, Vera Roberts, Bert Shire, Hamish Wong

Recorder: Areti Vourinaris

REGRETS:

The President of the University of Toronto, Vice-President and Provost, Chief Librarian of the University, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, Matthew Brower, Juris Dilevko, Twyla Gibson, Susan Maltby, Kelly McKinley, Wendy Newman, Matt Ratto, Kathleen Scheaffer, Aviv Shachak, Nalini Singh, Brian Cantwell Smith, Siobhan Stevenson, Anthony Wensley, Eric Yu
MINUTES

1. Call to order and acceptance of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m., with quorum established. The Chair, Joe Cox, welcomed all present members to the first regular meeting of the Faculty of Information Council. An amendment to the order of the agenda was made and carried to have Prof. Ron Baecker present his report #7 on the Knowledge Media Design Institute immediately after item #4 on the Agenda due to time constraints.

It was moved that the Agenda be accepted. CARRIED.

2. Introductions

Introductions were carried out and attention was drawn to the Council membership list.

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2009

Motion to accept minutes was made and CARRIED.

4. Business arising from the Minutes:

None

5. Other reports

b) Knowledge Media Design Institute

Report presented by Ron Baecker.

Items presented:
- Overview and background of KMDI.
- Membership of Knowledge Media Design Institute
- The KMDI Collaborative Program.
- List of lectures on Digital Media Research and Innovation at the University of Toronto.
- Discussion of new research opportunities.
- University-wide focus on a digital media research agenda.
- iTea on September 16, 2009 is the official welcome of KMDI to the Faculty of Information.

6. Dean’s report:

The Dean welcomed all members, especially new or visiting faculty members Prof. Yuri Takhteyev, Prof. Elizabeth Shepherd, Prof. Christine Castle. He announced to Council the retirements of Librarian Marte Misiek, Professor Barbara Craig, and Professor Clare Beghtol, and thanked them for their service to the Faculty.

All members observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Dr. Cheryl Meszaros.

He then introduced a proposal to create an Extra-Departmental Unit (EDU) out of the existing Adaptive Technology Resource Centre, and rename it the Inclusive Design Institute / Adaptive Technology Research Centre (IDI/ATRC).

MOTION It was MOVED by Dean Ross to establish the Inclusive Design Institute/Adaptive Technology Research Center (IDI/ATRC) as an EDU:C at the Faculty of Information. Seconded by Prof. Lynne Teather.

Chair Joe Cox invited debate.

There was a lengthy discussion, during which the following issues were raised:

- The process, particularly around consultation, about the proposal;
- The proposed governance structure of the IDI/ATRC and the roles of the Dean and Director in it;
- The appropriateness of the IDI/ATRC as an EDU:C rather than one of the other types.
• The appropriateness of the proposed reporting benchmarks of the IDI/ATRC;
• The desire for additional consultation about the move to EDU status;
• The challenges of integrating a creative research unit within confines of a more rigid university system;
• The role of principal investigators and research scientists within the new EDU;
• The desire for additional consultation about the proposal.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

Prof. Lynne Howarth proposed that Faculty Council agree in principle to a structure of the IDI/ATRC as an EDU:C that satisfies administrative structures, but not on the details of the document or the structure.

AGREED

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

Prof. Mike McCaffrey proposed the establishment of an interim Executive Committee that would bring forth a new document by November 20, 2009 for consideration of Faculty Council and in the meantime Council would approve the establishment of Inclusive Design Institute/Adaptive Technology Research Centre (IDI/ATRC) as an EDU:C within the Faculty of Information.

AGREED

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

Prof. Wendy Duff proposed that the Faculty Council establish IDI/ATRC as an EDU:C at this meeting of Faculty Council with a proviso that amendments will be made in line with university policy and with the spirit of consultation by the next Faculty Council meeting.

AGREED

The amended motion was tabled as follows:

REVISED MOTION

It was MOVED by Dean Ross that Faculty Council approve to establish the Inclusive Design Institute/Adaptive Technology Research Centre (IDI/ATRC) as an EDU:C within the Faculty of Information, and that an interim Executive Committee report back at the next Council meeting of November 20, 2009 recommendations on a final governance document, and the interim Executive Committee will be responsible for ensuring stakeholder consultation. Seconded by Prof. Wendy Duff.

CARRIED unanimously

7. Council Committees’ report:

Report submitted by Joe Cox.

Items presented:

iii) Council Committees

Chair Joe Cox moved acceptance of the list of Council Committee for 2009-2010 with the possibility of changes to the names of any newly elected student members. Seconded by Lynne Howarth.

iv) Election of new Executive Committee:

Ms. Susan Brown nominated Heather MacNeil.
Prof. Jens-Erik Mai nominated Andrew Clement.
Prof. Stephen Hockema nominated Prof. Jens-Erik Mai.
Mr. Andrew Drummond nominated Kim Stymest as the MI student representative.
Prof. Jennifer Carter nominated Alicia Cherayil as the MMSt student representative.
Prof. Lynne Howarth nominated Peter Coppin as the PhD student representative.
Prof. Lynne Howarth nominated Prof. Mike McCaffrey as Member of Council.

All members were acclaimed to Executive Committee.

iv) Election of new Chair of Council:

Prof. Joan Cherry nominated Mr. Andrew Drummond.

Andrew Drummond was acclaimed as Chair of Council.

It was requested by Chair Andrew Drummond that Council consent to moving the remainder of business on the agenda to the next meeting of Council.

AGREED by unanimous consent

8. Adjournment

Council thanked Joe Cox for his work as Chair of Council, especially for his efforts in bringing about a new Constitution of the Faculty.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.