Coach House Institute
Report to Faculty Council — June 12, 2015

June 8, 2015

The Coach House Institute (CHI) and associated McLuhan Program in Culture and Technology (MPCT) underwent an external review on April 14–15, 2015. In preparation for the review, the CHI and MPCT prepared a “Coach House Institute: Self Study 2008–2015” (40 pp.), submitted as an attachment to this report.

The External Review Team, empanelled by Dean Seamus Ross, consisted of:

1. Prof. Joshua Meyrowitz, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of New Hampshire;
2. Prof. Kevin Dowler, Chair, Dept. of Communications Studies, York Univ.; and
3. Prof. Lisa Steele, Program Director, Visual Studies, John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, Univ. of Toronto.

The reviewers met with: (i) Dean Seamus Ross; (ii) Brian Cantwell Smith, Director of the CHI, and Dominique Scheffel-Dunand, Director of the MPCT; (iii) two groups of faculty affiliated with the Faculty of Information (Profs. Matt Brower, Costis Dallas, Rhonda McEwen, Matt Price, and Leslie Shade); (iv) a number of iSchool graduate students; (v) representatives of the University of St. Michael’s College and its Book and Media Studies program (Principal Domenico Pietropaolo and Mark McGowan); (vi) the Directors of the Knowledge Media Design Institute (Mark Chignell), Jackman Humanities Institute (Bob Gibbs), and Justina M. Barnicke Gallery & University of Toronto Art Centre (Barbara Fisher); (vii) Marshall McLuhan Centenary Fellow David Nostbakken, (viii) Audrey Johnson, Senior Development Officer for the Faculty of Information; and (ix) a number of external community members (Roberto Martella, John Oswald, and Lilie Zendel).

The external team will submit their report soon, but as of this date it has not yet been received.

Respectfully submitted,

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