

GSA Meeting – August 6 2008 at Traill College in Jr. Common room

In attendance: Andrea Maxie
Allison Hayward
Jean Arseneau
John Rose
Josh Baker
Tom Hossie

Regrets: Katy Forgues
Simon Wallace
Jenn Dagg
Denina Simmons

0910: Meeting opened

1) Minutes from last meeting approved

4 approved

1 abstained

2) Food Services at Traill

- a) -Aramark has jurisdiction over food services occurring at Traill College
-However, *The Trend* is exempt from requiring Aramark food service
-*The Trend* has a liquor license through Conference Services
- b) -Coin, Seasoned Spoon, and Mary-Kim had a meeting yesterday (Aug 5th)
to discuss alternative food services at Traill in the Trend.
-The Seasoned Spoon has to submit a proposal regarding food service in
the Trend tomorrow (Aug 7th)
-University pushing to have Food services open for Sept 1 2008-08-13
-May be difficult logistically
- c) -The Trend should have wireless internet in the upcoming year.
-Any new operation for Trend must retain the “Trend” name
-Proposed name for Seasoned Spoon at Traill “*Trendy Spoon*”

3) NAMP

- a) -New and revised document sent to the Presidents Group this week for
grammar and early revisions.
-We will meet first week of new semester to discuss our position on the
document
- b) -CASSC’s first meeting will look at it to make any substantial changes.

4) GSA-Trent University Agreement

- a) -Andrea will edit and review new agreement
-All GSA executive members will need to read document and approve before Andrea signs

5) Netmail

- a) -Perhaps we should lobby to get staff accounts for GSA executive or all Graduate students
 - b) -List of aspects executive members dislike about Netmail:
 - No search function
 - Can not order by date, or sender
 - Low space limits
 - No POP service (Not the same for Staff accounts)
 - No font manipulation ability
 - Low attachment size limit
 - Can not organize address book
- Andrea will put together a document so that GSA and CUPE can push to get Staff accounts

6) Website

- a) -Sean was the only reply regarding the contract to update GSA website
-Website design will cost \$750 (=\$2100-65% discount)
This will include:
 - Web design of 8 pgs
 - Flash photos/slideshow
- Proposed cost at last meeting was \$735
- General consensus that the website should be 50:50 regular website:blog style website
- Template shown to Executive by Andrea
- Address will be www.trentu.ca/GSA AND www.trentu.ca/stuorg/GSA
- b) -Target is to get new website up by September 1st 2008

7) Webct

- a) -GSA and office of graduate studies will have a webct section beginning in the upcoming semester.

8) Social director update

- a) GSA Barbeque:
 - CUPE help was much appreciated
 - Faculty vs. Students Pie Eating Relay was a success, not too long, and most people seemed to enjoy it.

- b) Introductory week
 - Pub night on Sept 4th 2008
 - 2nd floor offered free cover and allow GSA to bring our own food
 - also cheap martini night
 - Need to check with Mary-Kim to see if Trent University Rooster boycott encompasses the 2nd floor lounge
 - if so, alternate location should be selected.
 - BBQ/Corn Roast Sept 5 2008
 - watermelon relay race potentially
 - Coupon canvassing continues
 - Sticklings is in
 - Movie on Traill Lawn
 - Rent popcorn maker?
 - Need speakers still -> Dave Pereira?
 - Closer to date we will need movie suggestions

9) CUPE

- a)
 - Currently meeting with Trent to discuss new CUPE-University contract.
 - Frustrating because first week of bargaining was cancelled by the University to read over the document. University did not read over the document so bargaining executive now has to walk the University through all the amendments

- b)
 - CUPE passed a motion to suppress the privatization of Trent University residences
 - They set up a committee to deal with the issue
 - There are 2 meetings this month to see what members of CUPE think.

10) Constitution

- a)
 - Committee is having regular meetings to rewrite
 - Hope to wrap it up soon
 - Target date to post Final revisions: Sept 1 2008
 - Final version to be posted 2 weeks before the Fall AGM
 - If ratified at the AGM it will be effective immediately

11) Symons Series Update:

- a) -Call for Fall semester abstracts sent out
-Reminder e-mail to be sent out mid-month
-Postering might be a good way to remind grad students

- b) -Location confirmed to be at the Trend on Traill campus 7-9 pm
-Seminar Dates finalized:
-Sept 10, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1
-Generally 1st Wednesday of each month.

- c) -Waiting for a food-beer cost estimate from food services.
-Food trays from Sobeys would cut costs, but need to transport them to the Trend some how.
-If we do not go with food services for catering seminars, we will need a coffee carafe and tea pots.
-2 prizes: \$300 (Winner) and \$200 (runner up)

- d) -Still need to work out details on the amount of GSA funding for Symons Series

12) Next meeting Aug 28th 2008 on Symons Campus at 12-2PM

- Proposed potluck lunch
- Location: Champlain Sr Common room

13) Motion to conclude meeting: Josh

Second: Andrea

In Favour : Unanimous