

# GSA Meeting – February 4, 2008-DRAFT

Present:

Nina, Vikki, Erin, Kathryn, Derek, Francis, David, Adrienne, Sarah, John, Andrea S-S

Permanent Regrets:

Kristina

Absent with regrets:

Andrea M, Nic

Absent without regrets:

Peter

## Agenda Items

### 1. Reports Back

#### a. President

1. Winter agenda (deal with CFS, health plan):
  - a. Discuss large priorities for the next coming months:
    - i. Student Ancillary Fees-Nina needs to pass budgets before it goes to CASCC.
    - ii. Think of items to be accomplished within the next couple of months. At the next GSA meeting we will make an official list and delegate.
2. President's Meeting:
  - a. Blueprints have been updated for the common space to be built. Prayer room ("mediation space") has been moved so that it can accommodate emergency exit.
3. NAMP response (letter, lawyer?):
  - a. TCSA has changed their position. Administration has redefined quorum. TCSA may seek legal advice/consultation by lawyer. How should the GSA respond to this action by the administration?
    - i. Motion: To file a NAMP complaint against respondent X.  
Seconded: Adrienne  
Vote: Unanimous
    - ii. Motion: Send a letter to Bonnie Patterson outlining the GSA's disappointment with the recent events of the administration's refusal to recognize a democratic decision cc'ed to the Office of Student Affairs  
Seconded: Andrea  
Vote: Unanimous
4. Venezuela Solidarity Days event:
  - a. Trent International Socialist Club: A 2 day event. Lecture one night. Film other night.  
Motion: For the GSA to support the International Socialists Club Venezuela Solidarity Days Event  
Vote: 4 agree; 4, opposed, 2 abstained, President breaks tie.  
Conclusion: GSA to endorse event.

## b. Vice-President

1. Constitutional Amendments:
  - a. Document sent out. Look at Sarah's suggestions (specifically your positions) and make comments to be presented and discussed at the next GSA meeting. Most significant changes are under "Duties".
    - i. Within the current constitution, constitutional changes are only able to be changed at the fall AGM. At the Spring AGM it may be worthwhile to try and pass a motion to change this in the constitution. The revised constitution document will be posted on the GSA website one month in advance to allow the assembly to be informed on the changes. In addition, the revised financial security document will also be posted.
    - ii. Potential motion to make GSA executive positions (or at least the VP position) paid positions beginning next year (e.g., to get this passed at spring AGM)
      1. Nina can come up with a number that the assembly would have to approve. Send Nina number of hours spent on GSA business per week or per month. Each position potentially should not be paid the same amount due to differences in time investment. Vikki & Nina, etc will look into other schools and see what other universities are doing. Tuition levies maybe?
  - b. End of Term Party will be April 4, 2008.
  - c. Spring AGM will be March 27, 2008 at 3pm.
2. GSA-led CASCC Update:
  - a. Professionally conducted and received well by the powers that be. Moved onto topics of the TCSA and democracy.
  - b. CASSC affirmed the GSA's thoughts about quality education. Steven Brown stated that administration is making a "cash grab" without proper planning. Students need to remain aware and diligent.
  - c. Sarah pointed out to Doug Evans that students should have access to the photocopiers on the weekends at Trail if this is to be a graduate college
3. CASCC Update:
  - a. Shut down by Steven Brown based on a discussion about TCSA's change of position. Lecture ensued regarding democracy and the fact that as part of democracy, the TCSA and the GSA has exercised their democratic right by not participating in NAMP, but it will likely have negative consequences.
4. Seasoned Spoon at Trail:
  - a. Currently there is a lack of food service at Trail. Nina and Sarah are putting together a proposal to Board of Directors of the Seasoned Spoon on February 22, 2008 to potentially have their services at Trail. Unfortunately, Aramark has the right of refusal of having another facility at Trail.
    - i. Other Options?
      1. The Trend, however it may not have kitchen services.
      2. Salvage part of the kitchen in Scott house and turn senior common room into eating area. Sarah will email Doug Evans these suggestions.

**c. Treasurer**

1. Student Ancillary Fee committee structure:
  - a. Before student fees are distributed, students need to approve how the fees are spent
  - b. The budgets will be approved at weekly meetings
2. Scholarship Update
  - a. Ready to be submitted. Two \$1000 scholarships will be ready to be granted in September. Press release? Informing students?

**d. CUPE Representative:**

- i. Special General Meeting Update
  1. Passed amended by-laws
  2. Elected unit 2 bargaining committee
  3. Elected recording secretary
  4. Increased exec stipends to \$450/ month
  5. Unit 1 discrepancy for money loss with new contract: \$25, 000 given from CUPE and \$7500 from administration to assist.

**e. Secretary**

- i. Pass January 22, 2008 Minutes:
  1. Motion by Andrea S-S: To approve the corrected GSA Minutes from Jan 22, 2008
    - a. Seconded: Adrienne
    - b. Vote: Unanimous

**2. Other Items:**

1. NAMP Update:
  - a. Focus Group convened
  - b. Trent InterUnion Coalition rally in opposition to current stance by administration regarding TCSA's position change: February 7 @ 12pm-Batta Library
2. Feedback from Health and Wellness committee meeting with Health services:
  - a. 12.5% budget cuts for counseling services next year.
  - b. Lack of Health services: not cost effective to have it run through summer.
  - c. Vikki will send email responses to GSA executive. Vikki is going to call for another Health and Wellness meeting.
  - d. Graduate students shouldn't have to pay for a short-fall in undergraduate enrollment.
3. Trail College Concerns
  - a. Requires an undergraduate community as the college fees of graduate students will not be able to financially support Trail as an educational facility.

**3. Motion to adjourn:**

- a. Seconded: Adrienne
- b. Vote: Unanimous