

GSA Meeting – February 26, 2008-DRAFT

Present:

Nic, Denina, Francis, Sarah, Derek, Andrea S-S, Kathryn, John, Stacy, Vikki

Absent with regrets:

Andrea M, Adrienne, Erin

Permanent Regrets:

Kristina

Absent without regrets:

Peter

Agenda Items

1. Reports Back

President

No new reports

Vice-President

1. Graduate seat on Board Of Governors (BOG):
 - a. Need representation on BOG. Can chat with Colin re: seat for graduate student/ the process on how to obtain a seat. Potentially have him raise it as new business at the next meeting
 - b. Ideally, it would be nice to have one graduate student in addition to the undergraduate students already on the board.
2. Graduate Seat on Presidential Nominations Committee
 - a. Add in Arthur asking for interested graduate and undergraduate students. Nominations are due on February 29, 2008. Stacy will send out an email to graduate students as a reminder.
3. Constitutional Changes
 - a. Make the constitution more in line with those of other University GSA's. Sarah talked to Tyler Roach about utilizing the TCSA lawyer (for the legal jargon) to go through the document and have it notarized. Perhaps we can pay per hour or have the TCSA help fund depending on their finances.
 - i. Changes will include:
 1. Having the position descriptions to more accurately reflect required responsibilities.
 2. Have position titles in line with other Universities. E.g. Treasurer = Vice President Financial
4. Election process for next year's executive
 - a. Timeline?
 - i. March 27-April 3: Voting Week will open on the day of the spring AGM.
 - ii. March 13-24th : Nominations:
 1. Motion by Sarah: Sub-committee for election preparedness with Sarah to coordinate to include Nic, Stacy, David, Kathryn, and Derek.

2. Seconded: Stacy
3. Vote: Unanimous
5. CASCC Update:
 - a. Vote of 6:4 in favour of NAMP to remain back in effect for the remainder of the pilot project
 - b. Housing and Food Committee meeting on Monday March 8th @9:30. May be important to attend with regards to the Seasoned Spoon proposal for Trail.
6. Season Spoon @ Trail
 - a. Plans still underway to present to the Board of Directors of the Seasoned Spoon.

Treasurer

1. Motion by Nina: Grant \$85 to “Why Green Isn’t Enough: An Anti-Racist Anti-Colonial Environmentalism Conference” by Rachel Gurofsky, Yazmin Hernandez, Muna Ali, and Juby Lee.
 Seconded: Sarah
 Vote: Unanimous
2. Ideas for future program representative recruitment and possibly executive positions:
 - a. Email Denina a small write-up about your position by Friday 29, 2009. A reminder email of this request will be sent to missing executive members absent from this meeting.
 - b. Denina will make a one page information pamphlet about the GSA for new graduate students including a lot of images e.g. Who we are, why one would want to be part of the GSA, etc
 - i. Each executive member can also submit a blurb (less 200 words) about the GSA so people will be informed about the function of the GSA and encourage interest for becoming part of the GSA in the future.
3. Honorariums
 - a. At other universities the honorariums are position specific and are paid according to responsibility levels. In addition, there are specific requirements of each position related to the honorariums e.g. sitting on specific committees, etc. At some schools, programs reps are not required to attend every meeting as well. Lastly, some institutions provide tuition waivers.
 - i. There will be more to say on this topic as the constitution changes. Perhaps it would be positive to talk with Doug Evans about the possibility of receiving a TAship as an honorarium for specific GSA executive members thereby providing an incentive to be part of the GSA and freeing up actual TA positions for other graduate students.
4. Press Release: GSA \$1000 bursary endowment fund

Senate

1. Senate Meeting update:
 - a. Francis brought about a motion to suspend NAMP. The Chair voted it out of order and it was dismissed. The issue was then brought to senate executive meeting this afternoon (Feb 26th). Susan Apostle-

Clark will decide whether NAMP is a consideration of the Senate or not.

- i. Suggestion by Francis: get a lawyers opinion on NAMP.
Discussion: David suggests waiting to see what the administration does. There is general agreement among the executive with David.
2. Would be good to request a GSA representative in addition to a college representative on senate as Trail is becoming a graduate college thereby providing more adequate representation.
3. Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)
 - a. May be time to reopen the discussion. Stacy suggests that we offer it as an issue at the AGM to the student body and hold a referendum at the end of the year. Have the students decide rather than the executive.
Motion by Stacy: During the week of the elections we will hold a referendum on whether or not we are to become members of the CFS
Seconded by Sarah
Friendly amendment by Nic: To agree to distribute financial and benefits information that relates to the relationship between Trent graduate students and CFS.
Accepted by Stacy
Vote: 9 agree, 1 opposed
Note: The elections sub-committee above will organize this.

CUPE Representative:

1. CUPE bargaining survey has been put together with input by Nic. Will be available in March.
2. CUPE currently trying to workout timelines for bargaining with human resources.
3. Membership List:
 - a. Have received it! Although, it does not have complete updated information. Therefore, CUPE is still working on obtaining detailed info for a database.

Secretary

1. Pass February 5, 2008 Minutes:
 - i. Motion by Andrea S-S: To approve the GSA Minutes from Feb 5, 2008
 - a. Seconded by Denina
 - b. Vote: Unanimous

Communications Officer

1. Ashley Fellowship Sub Committee meeting Thursday, February 28 at 11 am in LEC 207
2. Peterborough Coalition for Palestinian Solidarity (PCPS):
Event on March 2, 2008. Sent a request for endorsement (verbally) by the GSA.
Motion by Stacy: For the GSA to endorse the Peterborough Coalition for Palestine (PCPS)
Seconded by Derek
Friendly amendment by Denina: GSA will make information available regarding the PCPS as per their request
Accepted by Stacy
Vote: Unanimous

Social Coordinators

1. Reminder: Peterborough Pete's Game: Thursday February 28, 2008. Tickets \$10
2. Brio Gusto Wine and Cheese on March 14, 2008. Stacy will send out an email on Thursday.
3. End of the year party on April 4, 2008.

WEGP Representative

1. Proposed increase in athletics fees by \$4.52
 - a. Head of the athletics committee wants to know if we have an issue with this.

Motion by Sarah: To support wage increases for employees but oppose this fee increase on the grounds that the university should cover rising costs and not place the burden onto students.

Seconded by Andrea

Vote: unanimous

2. Request for varsity mascot submissions.

2. Other Items:

1. Wellness Committee: two budget options need to be discussed, either:
 - a. \$0.95 increase to student fees. Potential deficit of \$42,153.00 blamed in part to the May and June clinics and the evening clinics that have been offered for the past 2 years. Decreased enrollment is considered an additional factor to blame.
 - b. Increase fees by \$9.50 to make total health fees of \$47.50 to take into account May and June clinics. This will balance the projected budget.

Motion by Sarah: Ask for a third option of no fee increases and maintaining services from May through to August by having at least an RN accessible students.

Seconded by Andrea

Vote: Unanimous

2. Motion by David: To endorse NAMPy the Kangeroo as the new mascot

Seconded by Stacy

Vote: 8 agreed, 2 abstained

3. Motion to adjourn: Sarah

Seconded: Andrea

Vote: Unanimous