

GSA Meeting – March 11, 2008-DRAFT

Present:

Andrea M, Nic, Erin, Kathryn, Sarah, Nina, Andrea S-S, Adrienne, Derek, John

Absent with regrets:

David, Stacy, Vikki, Francis

Permanent Regrets:

Kristina

Absent without regrets:

Peter

Agenda Items

1. Reports Back

President

1. No updates at this time

Vice-President

1. CASSC Update:

- a. Human Rights Presentation:

- i. Discussions about new gender neutral washrooms to be placed in Bata library creating a third bathroom option for transgender individuals.
- ii. New Human Rights Officer: Sherry Taylor Room SC212.

1. Contact Information:

Email: sherrytaylor@trentu.ca

Office: SC 212

Website: www.trentu.ca/humanrights/

2. Namp Task Force:

- a. On March 18th, 2008 they will present their suggested policy changes including an alternative name: "Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities".
- b. On March 25th Sarah is to report back to the NAMP Task Force regarding the GSA's position on the presented policy.
- c. On April 1st Sarah is to vote on behalf of the GSA on the suggested changes.
 - i. Motion by Sarah: GSA would support giving an honorarium of \$50 to Sarah Cardash for her hard work on the NAMP Task Forcer throughout the school year
Seconded: Adrienne
Vote: Unanimous

3. Seasoned Spoon Meeting next week.

4. Elections:

- a. Nominations are open on March 13th until March 24th.

Treasurer

1. Constitution Update:

- a. Nic, Erin, Sarah, and Nina researched the constitutions of other Universities.
 - i. Points of interest:
 1. Constitution is usually separate from the by-laws.
 2. More structured organization
 3. Current constitution lacks a policy section
 4. Responsibilities of each position and consequences for non-attendance outlined
 5. Program representative roles: not required to attend all executive meetings.
 - ii. Delegation: Nic will work on by-laws, Erin and Sarah will work on policies and articles.
 - iii. Request: Each member of the executive is to go through the old constitution and read about position. Provide information on any additional information that should be provided or removed.
 - iv. Discussion: Perhaps we can make the program rep positions less involved e.g., not required to attend all meetings or have the program reps only attend one of the core meetings of the 2 meetings per month. Perhaps small programs can choose to be represented by a program rep of a larger program if they don't qualify to have their own.
2. Brochure Update:
 - a. Send any suggestions to Nina
3. Meeting with Susan Apostle-Clark: who's coming and what's the agenda?
 - a. LEC 203- 9 am March 12, 2008
 - b. Agenda:
 - i. Trail College:
 1. What is the new organizational structure of Trail?
 2. What is the construction plan? Timeline?
 3. Office space available in fall 2008?
 4. Seasoned Spoon
 - ii. User Group Meetings:
 1. GSA has been missing the meetings due to an accidental break-down in communication. Perhaps we can request a summary of the past meetings and be contacted about future meetings.
 - iii. Honorariums for GSA Executive:
 1. Potential for RAships, TAships, tuition discount, etc.
4. Nina intends to run as treasurer for second year!

Senate

1. Francis was declared the student representative for the Presidential Search for Graduate Students

CUPE Representative:

1. CUPE Bargaining Survey in progress. May be available at the end of the month.

Secretary

1. Pass February 26, 2008 Minutes:
 - i. Motion by Andrea S-S: To approve the GSA Minutes from Feb 26, 2008

- a. Seconded: Andrea M
- b. Vote: Unanimous

Communications Officer

1. No new updates at this time.

Social Coordinators

1. Upcoming Social Events:
 - a. Put n' Party:
 - i. On Lansdowne St. \$7/person and can accommodate up to 80 people. Perhaps next week Thursday March 20th, 2008? Subsidize half of the cost (\$4.00) in order to provide a shuttle. Nic will look into liability issues/costs of having a shuttle service.
 - b. Any urgent notices that need to be sent to the graduate student body this week should be sent to Andrea S-S while Stacy is away. All material will be forwarded to Loretta Durst.
 - c. End of the year party: Need to discuss door prizes and where the money/donations are going.
 - i. Motion by John: To give money or canned food to Kawartha food shares
Seconded by Nina
Friendly amendment by Nic: To donate cash instead of food.
Seconded by John
Vote: Unanimous

WEGP Representative

1. A note on webCT requested up-to-date minutes be posted on the website. Andrea M will email Stacy requesting a posting of the minutes.

2. Other Items:

1.CFS Update:

- a. A referendum document has been made up by CFS, Stacy, and David. One contentious issue: quorum according to our by-laws is 66% of the student population. In the CFS referendum document quorum has been listed at 10%. This number is not in agreement with our current constitution.
- ii. Motion by Adrienne: Postpone CFS referendum until September 2008 in accordance with the current GSA by-law section 3.12 and the inevitable increased student numbers in the future.
Seconded: Andrea M
Vote: 7 agreed, 1 against, 1 abstained.
Note: Sarah will email David and Stacy with this decision.

3. Motion to adjourn: Andrea S-S

1. Seconded: Nina
2. Vote: Unanimous