

## **GSA Executive Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2009, 4-6pm, Kerr House?**

### **Present:**

Allison  
Andrea  
Colin  
Jean  
Jenn  
Josh  
Lynette  
Nina  
Tom

### **Absent with regrets:**

John  
Katy  
Nick  
Peter  
Sarah  
Vladimir

### **Meeting**

1. Secretary
  - a. Approve Minutes –Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2009 meeting
    - i. Edit- Speaker name spelled wrong for the Symons Gala Speaker. It also should be stated that she is an English Language and Literature professor at Brock University. This has been corrected.  
Motion by Andrea to approve minutes  
Seconded: Allison  
In favour: unanimous  
Motion passed
2. President
  - a. AGM
    - i. The Spring AGM will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Trend at Trill College from 4-6pm
    - ii. Changes/Amendments to constitution must be made quickly in order to post for the general public for this date.
  - b. Possibility of getting a ping-pong table for Trend from LEC.
  - c. There has been delay in getting swipe cards for Wallis hall for exec members. Hopefully will be available soon.
3. VP
  - a. Bus Stop issues at Trill
    - i. Our Transportation Committee representative, Andrew Farnsworth, has drafted a letter to send concerning the issues of the West Bank bus route requesting the route be returned to Dublin Street in order to make more accessible.

Motion by Jenn, that GSA endorses this letter

Seconded: Allison

In favour: unanimous

Motion passed

b. Food Services

- i. Motion by Jenn, that GSA does not endorse the decrease in overhead fees for residence student meal plans, which would increase overall food prices

Seconded: Colin

In favour: 6

Opposed: 2

Motion passed

c. Elections

- i. Monday March 9th – Spring General Meeting.  
Fri March 13th at midnight - Nominations open  
Fri March 21st at 11:59 - Nominations close  
Sat March 22nd-March 27th - Campaigning  
Fri March 27th at midnight - Elections open  
Fri April 3rd at 11:59pm - Elections close  
Sat April 4th - Spring Fling (election results announced)

4. Treasurer

- a. Conference bursary feedback – New guidelines will be made for conference bursary procedure. These include:
- i. The addition of travel, accommodation and membership dues to reimbursements
  - ii. Up to 50% of submitted conference expenses may be reimbursed, up to a maximum amount of \$250 per student per year
  - iii. This should help make bursaries more accessible to students in the arts programs, whose conference expenses may differ from those of science students.
- b. Student Ancillary Fees (SAF) Subcommittee –
- i. Possibility of losing Health Services for summer months.
  - ii. Some fields that we originally thought were ancillary fees are actually operating costs. They include the skills centre and disability services.

5. Communications

- a. Website –Website is still in the works...
- b. Newsletter – Looks great and is done. Nina said that it will be passed in to the printer's soon and should have it within a couple weeks.

6. Senator

- a. Meeting the new university president on March 20<sup>th</sup>. More to be determined for time of meeting.
  - b. Masters defence committees are soon to only need 1 external (not necessarily from another school), 1 committee member and supervisor.
  - c. Masters supervisory committees are soon to only need one other professor other than a supervisor or co-supervisors.
7. Social Directors
- a. February events
    - i. Mini-Putt on Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> 7 pm.
  - b. March – Sun Parlour Players are confirmed for the pub night on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 9pm for food, drinks and games (fuseball, darts?), with band coming on ~11pm.
  - c. Spring Fling- April 4<sup>th</sup>. Theme needed. Birds and Bees suggested
8. CUPE rep
- a. Strike vote was 90% in favour, and bargaining continued today. If agreement is reached between bargaining team and Trent University then it would need to be accepted by a vote by the general assembly
9. Sub-committee reports back
- a. Constitution (Jenn, Katy, Lynette) – New changes were emailed to executive and will be emailed to the general assembly tonight. In addition to last meeting, changes include:
    - i. Have a head program rep for each arts and science with reps serving under the head rep for each program in arts and science.
    - ii. Improved definition of first yr rep position
    - iii. Adding to the duties of the VP communications to create the summer orientation package in cooperation with the VPs student affairs.
    - iv. Environmental officer will also organize an environmental social event in cooperation with the VPs student affairs

Motion by Josh, to accept proposed amendments to the constitution  
 Seconded: Allison  
 In Favour: 7  
 Abstentions: 1  
 Motion passed
  - b. Health Care (Allison, Jean, Josh) – Communication is continuing with CUPE and grad studies. CUPE has included supplemental health coverage in the bargaining package
  - c. Symon's Series (Tom)
    - i. Next Symon's Series is Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 7-9pm
    - ii. April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Gala event at Sadleir house. There will be 80 tickets.
10. Next meeting – Monday Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 4-6pm Champlain Senior Common Room.
11. Other Business - Merchandise. Brief discussion on what the GSA could purchase. Allison will take suggestions her and return with a proposal next meeting. For now, the GSA would like a bag, water bottle and mug.

Motion by Josh to adjourn  
Seconded: Andrea  
In favour: unanimous  
Meeting adjourned