

TGSA BOARD MEETING 17/10/2013

Start: 17/10/13 10 am – **End:** 17/10/13 12 pm

Location: Wallis Hall, Seminar Room 224 (Across the GSA Office), Traill College

Members participating:

Karen Everett	President
Jason Rae	VP Internal Affairs
Jenilee Gobin	VP Finance
Veronica Lai	VP Student Affairs
Adam Marques	Equity Commissioner
Erin McMorrow	History Representative (M.A)
Stephanie Dotto	Canadian Studies Representative (PhD)
Gary Larsen	Theory, Culture, and Politics Representative (MA)
Theresa Stotesbury	Materials Science Representative (PhD)
Michael Tessier	Materials Science Representative (MSc)
Rathika Bathassar	Environmental and Life Sciences Representative (PhD)
Michelle McCay	Environmental and Life Sciences Representative (MSc)
Philip Cook	Anthropology Representative

Regrets: Gozde Kilic (VP Operations), Kaitlyn Watson (Senate Representative), Michelle Klein (International Rep Candidate), Raymond McKie (First Year Science Representative), Kyle Kenniphaas (Psychology Representative-MA/MSc), Latchmi Raghunanan (Grad Studies PhD Rep & International Rep Candidate), Allen Priest (Environmental Commissioner), Steven Martin CUPE Representative, Jesse Lever (Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies Representative -MA), Joy Tian (Applications of Modeling in the Natural and Social Sciences Representative), Philip Abbott (Health Benefits Coordinator)

Call to order at 10:09am

Approval of Minutes from September the 19th, 2013

Motion to approve amended minutes from last meeting with change in total spending from \$43000 to \$44050. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Agenda

Amended agenda to include additional item from Phil Abbott to other business. APPROVED.

REPORTS

1. RA Committee (Adam)

This group was organized to gauge interest in unionizing RAs' on campus; an issue that came down from the previous GSA. Group is currently an information group, but may for an organizational unit if interest exists. Questions they wish to pose/gather information on as they relate to the TGSA include:

- *Do they support the gathering of information?*
- *What is the opinion of the current TGSA towards the RA Committee?*
- *What questions or concerns does the TGSA have for the RA Committee?*
- *Would TGSA like to play in directing Committee efforts?*

Motion to endorse the RA committee to gather information. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

2. AGM slides (Karen)

Proposed changes to events slide – fill in TBAs

Re: events – history department requests laser tag; undergraduate student paintball event

3. AGM budget approval (Veronica)

Motion to approve budget of \$100 for the AGM. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approval of the budget for next month's event (Veronica)

Hockey night event, likely at the Trend, possibly co-hosted by Traill College – for students to get together and watch a Leaf's game. Additional ideas: going to a Pete's game. Volunteers to assist with planning/execution solicited. Motion to approve budget of \$300 for November TGSA hockey night event. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Approval of Conference Bursaries (Jenilee)

Motion to approve proposed budget allocation of \$4k for conference bursary applications submitted Sept 15th. MOTION CARRIED.

6. New director orientation (Jason)

All board members were elected into their positions. Welcome to the new board members. Reps are expected to attend board meetings and vote according to their programs' interests. Current meeting schedule will be in effect for the remainder of the current semester (new schedule to be developed for the winter semester). Solicited for volunteers to hold office hours.

7. Committee representatives (Jason)

Solicited for volunteers to sit on committees – positions that are currently available are posted on the TGSA website. When volunteering to sit on a committee, your information

will be forwarded to the secretaries for those committees who will then contact you. Ensure that you report back from various committee meetings and that minutes are forwarded to Jason for filing.

REMINDERS:

8. Shift of the day of the November meeting (to the 21st)

No objections.

9. Program rep reporting (program specific issues)

Nothing to report.

10. Health Benefits Blackout Period: it's the end of the month

To last until the end of the month due to delays with receiving student lists from grad studies.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Health Benefits Update (Karen for Phil)

420 students in total; 92 opt-outs; 2 pending approval; 4 part-time opt-ins; 33 family opt-ins. Informal meeting with C&C Insurance (TCSA broker) – merging with TCSA or keeping our own – keep in mind previous issues with sharing a plan with the TCSA. Information needed for the RFP process includes an estimate of current usage. If we are to propose changes, we will run a referendum during the spring AGM.

12. Special Appeals (Adam)

PAC human rights committee of currently running due to resignation; office is also struggling due to lack of funding.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48am.