

MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association Board Meeting

Meeting Date: September 19, 2013

Call to order: A board meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association was held at the Wallis Hall, seminar room 224, on September 19, 2013. The meeting convened at 10:10 AM, President Karen Everett presiding.

Location: Wallis Hall, Seminar room 224

Members participating:

Karen Everett	President
Jason Rae	VP Internal Affairs
Gozde Kilic	VP Operations
Jenilee Gobin	VP Finance
Veronica Lai	VP Student Affairs
Allen Priest	Environmental Commissioner
Adam Marques	Equity Commissioner
Latchmi Singh	Materials Science Representative
Kyle Kenniphaas	Psychology Representative
Erin McMorrow	History Representative
Stephanie Dotto	Canadian Studies Representative
Joy Tian	Applications of Modeling in the Natural and Social Sciences Representative

Regrets: Kaitlyn Watson (Senate Representative), Barbara Potter (Indigenous Studies Representative), Steven Martin (CUPE Representative), Phil Abbott (Health Benefits Coordinator)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 30TH, 2013

- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 30TH, 2013
 - **MOTION SECONDED AND APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA
- Item added to the Other Business: Anti-plagiarism Software (Allen), Movie Night Budget Approval (Veronica)
 - **MOTION SECONDED AND APPROVED**

REPORTS:

1) HBC Update

4 applicants for the HBC position; the new HBC is Phil Abbott. He is a PhD student in Indigenous Studies. His office hours will be on Fridays, from 12-2. He is still being trained by Karen and Veronica.

OLD BUSINESS:

2) Committee Representations

- CUPE RA Community needs 2 GSA members:
 - It is a group funded by CUPE and Steven Horner is the paid research person. At this level, the group is interested in research/data gathering about the experiences and needs of the RAs at Trent and whether they need representation like TAs. One hour commitment per month.
 - Adam has agreed to participate. Karen will forward his contact info to Steven.
- Traill Principle Advisory Committee needs 2 GSA members:
 - Stephanie has agreed to participate.
- According to the bylaws, an exec should sit on College Planning Committee, so Stephanie will have to step down. She will sit on Library Advisory Committee instead.
- We still need program reps as well as an international student rep. Jason will send out an e-mail soon to all students.
- Check the website (“Your TGSA Committee”) and contact Jason if you are interested in any of the open positions.

NEW BUSINESS:

3) Proposed Fall Budget

- Our funding comes from two sources: college fees and levy fees.
- College fee budget:
 - Tried to put the bulk on the conference bursaries; \$4000 every semester for a total of \$12,000.
 - Decrease the support for conference and group support to \$3000 per academic year.
 - 3M Thesis and Symons Series donations will amount to \$5,500.
 - As an addition, we now have the director’s insurance that costs \$2000.
- Levy fee budget:

We don’t know how much exactly the levy fee will be. Expecting \$2000 increase. Expenditure-wise, not any change, only moved around the summer BBQs’ budget.
- In total spending \$43,000.
- The only change might be that we can get more levy fee than we had expected.
- This should be posted two weeks in advance before the Fall AGM.

OTHER BUSINESS:

4) Anti-plagiarism Software

- The university introduced the anti-plagiarism software. It's only here with the undergrads and not applied on the grad level yet.
- Allen's concern is: the company's getting the property rights of the student papers. 1) Last year it wasn't going to be approved, and now it's. We should look into why. 2) Can it also be used with the graduate courses?
- Allen will look into which committee is responsible for forwarding this and make sure that we have representation on this committee. He can start with talking to someone on the Senate, Kaitlyn or Kyle.

5) Movie Night Budget Approval

- MOTION TO SPEND \$250 FOR THE MOVIE NIGHT
- **MOTION SECONDED AND APPROVED**

Meeting Adjourned: 10:40