

MINUTES OF TGSA BOARD MEETING 18/12/2014

Start: 18/12/14 10am – **End:** 18/12/14 12noon

Location: Senior Common Room

Members participating:

Rathika Balthasar (President)
Tayo Aloh (VP Internal Affairs)
Bex Williams (VP Finance)
Latchmi Raghunanan (VP Operations)
Gary Larsen (VP Senator)
Athira Mohanan (Materials Science Representative-PhD)
Peter Hammersley (Anthropology Representative-M.A)
Paul Ciuk (Theory, Culture, and Politics Representative-MA)
Kristen Potter (Sustainability Studies Representative-MA)
Alexander McPherson (History Representative-M.A)
Lauren Banks (Environmental Commissioner)
Maya Gunnarsson (Canadian and Indigenous studies Representative-M.A)
Theresa Treasure (First Year Science Rep)
Ashley Neale (Equity Commissioner);
Greg Tracey (Psychology Representative-M.A./M.Sc.);
Sage Flemming (Environmental and Life Sciences Representative-MSc);

Regrets: Jamie Lynch (VP Student Affairs); David Bak (Applications of Modeling in the Natural and Social Sciences-M.A./M.Sc); Karen Everett (Canadian and Indigenous studies Representative-Ph.D); Michelle Klein (International Representative); Kaitlyn Sykes (English: Public Texts-M.A.); Philip Abbott (Health Coordinator; CUPE rep)

****AGENDA****

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Draw for free glasses
4. General supplies fund
5. Recruitment of alumni for Feb/March Networking event
6. Promote International Potluck
7. Student Centre (visit from the President in January) - what do we want?
8. Traill College and other graduate student concerns
9. Other
10. Meeting Adjourned

****MEETING MINUTES****

1. Call to order: ~ 10am

2. Modifications to agenda:

- Move item 4 up one to 3 and vice versa.

4. General Supplies Refund

- We cannot fund all programmes or student ages so we will fund none. Suggestion: approach programmes first.

3. Draw for free glasses

- we only have three (3) more applicants' free glasses we'll just give to those
- We have five (5) coupons left; note to board members/ program reps to encourage program members to apply
- We will send an email to three 'winners'; Rathika to follow up

5. Networking Event

- Graduate students meeting alumni with graduate degrees
- Wine & Cheese event, business casual
- February/March tentatively proposed
- Types of alumni that we want to there:
 - Persons who did what they expected to do with their degrees
 - Persons who used their degrees in non-traditional ways
- Programme representatives to approach programme coordinators for interested / potential alumni
- 80-100 people great Hall it is better with will be easier to get a liquor license etc.
- Fifteen (15) minutes talk
- Rathika to draft short invite for people to post on social media
- Questions re: networking alumni
 - Was it worth it?
 - How do I become you?

Of interest: our board supports and is interested in an event catered primarily to mature women in the workplace: Women's event/life planning/family/career

- May apply to mature undergraduates too
- Do we know anyone willing to talk to graduate students?

6. International Potluck

- January 10th, 12 noon
- Promote
- We'll have cutlery and will clean up after
- Request the Trend to be opened

- Bring Families

7. Student Centre (visit from the President in January)

- Board advised that President Leo Groarke wants to join us via a board meeting discussion to discuss the Student Centre and GSA's current position.
- Rathika has invited Leo to sit in on the January board meeting.
- Board asked to think about what we want to discuss with Leo at this meeting, and what we would want from the Student Centre in order to change our position.

8. Traill College and other graduate student concerns

- Also in preparation for Leo's visit in January, the board is asked to think about how we can strengthen Traill College's position as the Graduate student college, and about any other graduate student concerns that might arise.

9. Other

- Vice-President Student Affairs Festivus report
 - Thank you to all, especially programme representatives
 - Donation items: 30 canned goods OP Post graduate food cupboard \$47. Kawartha
 - 67 in attendance
 - \$795. Spent – Venue and Food \$750.
 - Door prizes
 - High commendation for Jamie's efforts (round of applause) job very well done.
- Finance update
 - \$30,000 in Tanagrine
 - \$30,000 College Health Plan
 - \$40,000 Levy
 - We are under budget in most line items, we are over budget only in Festivus and AGM.
- CUPE (GTAs)
 - Negotiations ongoing, maybe completed by Christmas
- Outstanding Minutes
 - Latchmi promises to have outstanding minutes completed over Christmas break.

10. Meeting adjourned