

## **Minutes of TGSA Board Meeting, 19/09/2016**

Start: 12:03, End: 14:00pm

Location: Crawford House 102, Traill College, Trent University

**Chair:** Alexandra Ha

**Scribe:** David Hollands

**Attendance:** Alexandra Ha, Miteb Abunayyan, Sarah Jessup, Yasmin Strautins, Marisol Campos Navarrete, Yeukai Katanda, Philip Abbott, Carmen Meyette, Anastasia Nepotiuk, Alison Fraser, Alicia Hartley, David Hollands, Katherine Boyle, Samantha Snetsinger, Erin Lavery, Jessica Hinton, Tariq Al-Idrissi **11 members at beginning of meeting, quorum met**

**Regrets:** Laura Thursby, Swarsattie Kishun, Mackenzie Armstrong

### **1. Presentation(s) without voting**

- a. **Tariq Al-Idrissi: Public Cameras on Campus:** Tariq (Associate Vice President, IT) will be presenting about one of the projects being considered for this year: the installation of 10-12 cameras around campus for the purpose of streaming the cameras live to the world to view our beautiful campus. Trent University is considering using the “YouTube Live” technology to do this.

### Minutes

-Tariq: cameras have been resisted, even for security reasons. Cameras introduce a sense of invasion of privacy. The flipside is that a number of years ago cameras were installed that were primarily used for security purposes. They don't point into private places within residences. They point to areas of access, areas of security concerns. The idea was borne for another camera project, introducing outdoor WiFi across campus. Outdoor WiFi available now at Traill and certain areas on the Symons campus. The idea is to use the cameras so that those interested in coming to Trent can access the main cameras. The first proposal had cameras where we're providing WiFi on campus. The problem we ran into is the Wifi access points aren't mounted high, they're mounted about 8 to 12 feet. When we started to look at what the view looks like from those cameras, we realized that people could be identified. So we started looking at where we can mount them so that they're high enough so no one is identifiable while still showing off our campus. No one would be able to control these cameras aside from IT. We're open to feedback from anyone who wants to give it. We'll take that into consideration.

-Philip: I'm assuming these are not security cameras?

-Tariq: no, just to show off the campus. And security wouldn't benefit from these cameras in any way.

-Alison: no Traill cameras?

-Tariq: No. The issue here is that there isn't a big enough yard space. It becomes very hard to mount the cameras high enough

-Alison: it feels weird being left out.

-Alexandra: so the primary reason that these are installed is to promote Trent?

-Tariq: yes. And I don't necessarily need feedback today.

-Sarah: at what stage is this?

- Tariq: At first, when we received the initial feedback, we thought we may not do this at all. There's still value in doing this, though, to showcase the campus. Hopefully not a general no, but hopefully feedback on the whole concept.
- Erin: how is this different from a Google maps thing?
- Tariq: it would live and available 24/7.
- Alison: if there's a security issue, would that footage be pulled?
- Tariq: we don't record the footage at all.
- Marisol: but it's streaming on YouTube, and YouTube automatically saves it.
- Erin: and someone could screenshot parts
- Tariq: with a live link, you send a feed to YouTube live, and then they rebroadcast it. Just like live television, unless you have a PVR hooked up, you can't record it.
- Marisol: but it is open to be recorded from their computers?
- Tariq: there is that possibility, yes.
- Alison: yeah, you can record it off your desktop.
- Marisol: I'm looking at opportunities at the moment, not risks. Like maybe recording graduations?
- Tariq: no, that wouldn't work.
- Alicia: is it possible to bring cameras around the corner of Bata?
- Tariq: where the remaining parking lot is in front of the library?
- Alicia: where they congregate. There are two shots of the river right now, so maybe the camera can be brought around to show traffic on a regular day.
- Marisol: that would be a huge opportunity for international students
- Yeukai: what is the benefit of live streaming compared to taking videos? Those areas won't really change, just the human traffic?
- Tariq: the idea behind live streaming is that people are becoming more skeptical of canned content. Skeptical of the polished look of recruitment videos. So this offers a more organic view of the campus, and the real-time makes it feel more real. A few U.S. universities have implemented this, like in Michigan. There are at least 10. Some have moving cameras. Okay, my info is available if you have any questions, feel to reach out to me.
- Philip: when would they be mounted?
- Tariq: we're in the proposal stage, but we'd have to do it before the snowfall. We were hoping the summer, but the proposal was changed. Thank you for your time!

## **2. Call to Order**

### **3. Motion to Approve the Agenda: Alexandra Ha**

**Seconded:** David Hollands

#### Discussion

### **-Motion to Amend Sept 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes to Include Tabled TGSA Events Budget**

**Motion (10.3):** Alexandra Ha

**Seconded:** David Hollands

-Anastasia: well, we tabled it so that Swarsattie could be here.

-Alexandra: we'll try it anyway.

**Approve:** 11

**Oppose:** 0

**Abstain: 0**  
**\*\*motion carries\*\***

**Approve: 11**  
**Oppose: 0**  
**Abstain: 0**  
**\*\*motion carries\*\***

#### **4. Motions to Approve Past Meeting Minutes**

**4.1 Motion to Approve the Minutes from the August 18th, 2016 Board Meeting:** David Hollands  
**Seconded:** Alison Fraser

Discussion  
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**Approve: 11**  
**Oppose: 0**  
**Abstain: 0**  
**\*\*motion carries\*\***

**4.2 Motion to Approve the Minutes from the August 29th, 2016 Special Board Meeting:** David Hollands  
**Seconded:** Alison Fraser

Discussion  
-Sarah: for Matt who was here, his last name isn't there. It's Hayes.  
-Alison: okay, so to approve with a friendly correction.

**Approve: 11**  
**Oppose: 0**  
**Abstain: 0**  
**\*\*motion carries\*\***

#### **5. Motions to Vote In New Board Members**

##### **5.1 Motion to Vote In Alicia Hartley as the New M.A. Anthropology Department Representative to the TGSA Board**

Whereas there is now a candidate, Alicia Hartley, for the position of M.A. Anthropology Department Representative on the TGSA Board,

BIRT Alicia Hartley be made the new M.A. Anthropology Department Representative on the TGSA Board.

Justification

The position of M.A. Anthropology Department Representative on the TGSA Board needs to be filled.

**Motion:** Mackenzie Armstrong

**Seconded:** Alison Fraser

Discussion

-Yeukai: did she volunteer for this? What happened?

-Alexandra: she emailed Mac and was nominated from her department.

-Yeukai: we don't really know her.

-Alison: this isn't really uncommon, since the departments elects their reps. The position is vacant, and we can fill those positions.

**Approve:** 11

**Oppose:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

**5.2 Motion to Vote In Samantha Snetsinger as the New M.A. AMOD Department Representative to the TGSA Board**

Whereas there is now a candidate, Samantha Snetsinger, for the position of M.A. AMOD Department Representative on the TGSA Board,

BIRT Samantha Snetsinger be made the new M.A. AMOD Department Representative on the TGSA Board.

Justification

The position of M.A. AMOD Department Representative on the TGSA Board needs to be filled.

**Motion:** Mackenzie Armstrong

**Seconded:** Anastasia Nepotiuk

Discussion

-Samantha: I'm a first year masters student. I didn't get involved in student gov during my undergrad, so I wanted to fix that this year. **\*\*Samantha leaves room\*\***

-Erin: was there a previous person?

-Alexandra: yes, he left. We have that in writing in email.

**\*\*note for clarification: this previous person did not hold the position of M.A. AMOD Department Representative. The M.A. AMOD position was vacant since May 2016. This previous person resigned from the M.Sc. AMOD position.\*\***

**Approve:** 11

**Oppose:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

### **5.3 Motion to Vote In Jessica Hinton as the New Ph.D. Indigenous Studies Department Representative to the TGSA Board**

Whereas there is now a candidate, Jessica Hinton, for the position of Ph.D. Indigenous Studies Department Representative on the TGSA Board,

BIRT Jessica Hinton be made the new Ph.D. Indigenous Studies Department Representative on the TGSA Board.

#### Justification

The position of Ph.D. Indigenous Studies Department Representative on the TGSA Board needs to be filled.

**Motion:** Mackenzie Armstrong

**Seconded:** Miteb Abunayyan

#### Discussion

-Jessica: I'm doing my Ph.D. in Indigenous Studies, looking at historical failures to represent indigenous peoples. **\*\*Jessica leaves room\*\***

-Marisol: is this the same Jessica who raised concerns about our Taco event?

-Alison: yes. There should be a private meeting about that.

**Approve:** 11

**Oppose:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

### **5.4 Motion to Vote In Carmen Meyette as the New M.A. History Department Representative to the TGSA Board**

Whereas there is now a candidate, Carmen Meyette, for the position of M.A. History Department Representative on the TGSA Board,

BIRT Carmen Meyette be made the new M.A. History Department Representative on the TGSA Board.

#### Justification

The position of M.A. History Department Representative on the TGSA Board needs to be filled.

**Motion:** Mackenzie Armstrong

**Seconded:** Marisol Campos-Navarrete

#### Discussion

-Carmen: I did my undergrad at Trent. I was involved in the Gzowski cabinet. Now that I'm comfortable in my Masters program, I wanted to get involved again in student government.

**\*\*Carmen leaves room\*\***

**Approve: 11**

**Oppose: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

### **5.5 Motion to Vote In Yasmin Strautins as the New M.A. Canadian and Indigenous Studies Department Representative to the TGSA Board**

Whereas there is now a candidate, Yasmin Strautins, for the position of M.A. Canadian and Indigenous Studies Department Representative on the TGSA Board,

BIRT Yasmin Strautins be made the new M.A. Canadian and Indigenous Studies Department Representative on the TGSA Board.

#### Justification

The position of M.A. Canadian and Indigenous Studies Department Representative on the TGSA Board needs to be filled.

**Motion:** Mackenzie Armstrong

**Seconded:** David Hollands

#### Discussion

-Yasmin: I was actually elected by the Frost Centre board, the FCSA. I'm a 2<sup>nd</sup> year masters student at the moment. Last year I was the CUPE rep for my program. I'm also working as a don at Gzowski. I'm looking forward to working with you guys.

-Alison: oh, so then we don't actually need to vote you in. Welcome, congrats!

**Approve:**

**Oppose:**

**Abstain:**

### **6. Presentation(s)**

#### **a. Health Benefits Commissioner: Chambers of Commerce Membership Proposal:**

This will showcase the benefits of joining Chambers. (see presentation [here](#))

#### Discussion

-Marisol: I'm curious about who's already a member?

-Miteb: most organizations and companies are members. Insurance providers, telecommunications, some big names like GE. You can log into the Chamber of Commerce website to find out more.

-Alexandra: what does everyone think of this?

-Carmen: I like the idea, but the only thing I'd wonder is how to communicate to grad students that they have these services, and also ways to encourage them to use those.

-Miteb: we haven't gone into the technical sides of that yet. I've been to a few of the events. Pretty relaxed atmosphere, no stress. What I liked about their way is that you will be approached by other members to pass along contacts. Also, the chamber told us that they would help us design programs to fit grad students. They share our vision. There is a role for other businesses to focus on grads and Trent. Like an employment pool for potential employees. It's also a good way for entrepreneurs to have valuable access to resources after their studies.

-Yeukai: I really like this idea. I've always thought that a number of grad students who are so into their studies that there isn't much exposure to other stuff. And then you have no idea how to get out on the job market, as long as we don't just join this and then leave it at that. We need to come up with ways to promote this, not just wait for the Chamber to help with events. There's a need to keep that in mind. It doesn't end on us just joining.

-Sarah: Is there an opportunity beyond networking for career development that would reach across disciplines?

-Miteb: we thought that one thing is trying to create internships and other projects with businesses in Peterborough. When I said introducing grads as a person in their field, it can be a way to connect those grads to people in the business. There is no solid plan for this at the moment, but we are thinking of the potential. We have received good feedback from the Chamber about this. Potentially match students to certain businesses with projects related to their disciplines. This was the main thing we were thinking about. Because most grad students will work any job during the summer to get by. So what if that job was related to their work and was paid well?

-Sarah: so with respect to the internship, it's free labour. And the question of whether this could be related to our work here the way that community research is.

-Miteb: one thing is that I know money's an issue for grad students. So one thing is the potential for short term projects that are paid, projects with clear projects. We are considering this too, always thinking about something with more income-based initiatives rather than just experience.

-Catherine: I'm curious. You said at the beginning that other grads have followed the same route. Have you reached out to those people?

-Miteb: not grads, but other grad associations, like the one at McMasters. They changed their process of how they work, changed from a non-profit to a semi-for profit, but as a start, we'll remain as we are, but we'll look at slowly building our initiatives, say start with sponsorships and advertising for TGSA. This will allow us to provide better services and more income for its events. This will open more professional development programs. The other way is to work with the Chamber to try and connect with businesses to come to some agreements to offer us professional development programs, employment, maybe a joint job fair, whatever fits best.

-Alexandra: with social media today, I think promotion of this can be done.

## **7. Executive Reports (see [document](#) attached by email):**

- a. President
- b. VP Internal Affairs
- c. VP Finance
- d. VP Communications
- e. VP Student Affairs
- f. Senator

**Motion to accept the reports:** Alexandra Ha

**Seconded:** Alison Fraser

Discussion

-Alison: I did things, I promise. I finished the GSA support agreement. Hopefully it'll be approved soon, and then we'll have a nice contract with Trent. Also, there's a minor infraction with the health care MOU, and that's being addressed.

-Sarah: can we know what it is?

-Alison: it's a minor infraction. Grads are supposed to receive Miteb's contact info when they ask TCSA or the provider, and questions are being directed to Tracy, which needs to be corrected.

-Carmen: my only curiosity is how is Tracy actually handling that, like when she realizes it's a grad student. She's just handling it herself? Oh, okay.

-Marisol: are we saving all this stuff?

-Alison: yes, everything's in writing. Don't worry.

-Alexandra: another benefit of Chambers is that they have Health Benefits.

-Miteb: just a comment to be fair, when an email is sent to Tracy, she would reply and include my contact info. If she replied, she would cc me with relevant info. So just for the record. All info is on the Student VIP website, which shows clearly the correct membership. My contact info is there.

-Alexandra: did you send the MOU email?

-Alison: yes, all appropriate parties were contacted.

-Alexandra: for David, a random thought. Could you do a TGSA documentary potentially?

-David: yes.

**Approve:** 16

**Oppose:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

**8. Commissioner Reports, Board of Director Reports, Committee Reports, and Other Reports**

a. --

**Motion to accept the reports:** Alexandra Ha

**Seconded:** Alison Fraser

Discussion

-Yeukai: I attended the special board on the 29<sup>th</sup>. And I was talking a lot, and I wanted to mention that everyone gets emails from Michael, but TIP (Trent International Program) is advertising a trip to Niagara Falls for \$40. I can forward the information to David.

-David: for sure!

-Yeukai: if the GSA gets involved with stuff like that, it would be better for all grads as well to foster communications. As for our media pages, grads know we exist, but they're not paying attention to communications.

-Carmen: when it comes to Facebook algorithms, you can encourage people to like and comment on some posts, and then important posts will actually show up on their feeds. It's a trick that you can do.

-Yeukai: or pictures. I'd like to make a motion. I move for us to have in our next meeting or following meeting for every board member to come up with ideas on how to connect with graduate students, and to think of projects to improve those connections.

-Alison: so the motion is that the group goes away, and then at the next meeting, every member brings an idea to improve communications

**-Seconded:** Alexandra Ha

**Approve:** 16

**Oppose:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

-Alicia: I was wondering what social media platforms we're on? Snapchat?

-Alexandra: Insta, Facebook, website, and Twitter. And I like the snapchat idea.

-Alicia: and I feel that the Instagram page can draw people in if they see your snap profile.

-Sarah: we should also look into ways beyond social media. I actually do read emails.

-Alison: the ideas can be ANY kind of media

-Miteb: my report. So it's been almost 20 days with the new policy. Only a few grads had some issues, haven't heard much recently. There will be a second list sent in October that will have all the names not on the list in September. Anybody who wasn't covered then will be retroactively dated to September 1<sup>st</sup>. I will be sending another reminder for students regarding the opt-out/opt-in date. That covers the part of the new Trent policy. And at our last special meeting, we agreed to start working on the referendum and looking at alternative coverage. So I'd like to see us work on that as soon as possible.

-Alexandra: so Miteb needs people for the Health Benefits Committee.

-Miteb: yes. Your feedback would be highly valuable. Basically, our mandate would be to see what issues we have now, and to try to get the best benefits for next year.

-COMMITTEE: Yeukai, Marisol, Carmen, and Alison are now the Health Benefits Committee.

-Alexandra: so once David sends you the info, send out emails to your committee.

-Marisol: my report. We have a chair in the PANCHERA. It's been slow, everybody's busy. I'm still reviewing the documents and I'll let you know what happens. I also have a chair on the Special Appeals Committee, there has been slow communication with them. Regarding equity training, I haven't been in touch with Swarsattie recently regarding the video. So once the video gets completed, we should upload. But I'm worried that it's not accessible at this point. So we need transcripts and need subtitles. And talking about videos, there have been about 3 or 4 organizations who approached me. People who organized the events couldn't participate as speakers. Second, it's about the ideas, not necessarily about the people. I know it's not part of my job specifically, but looking into this equity video, it seems more relevant for this association. I can pursue this, but we need to discuss it.

-Alexandra: I think that's a good way to provide opportunities to students outside of Trent.

-Marisol: also, if we do go for the Chambers, that could be amazing for the range of our events. We would need a license, and then a sixth month window, so we need to start discussing it soon.

-Alexandra: maybe craft a message for social media for your event.

-Marisol: right. These kinds of events have to be engaged with a group. My program, for example, is doing this as a program conference. Also, with innovation initiatives in Peterborough. But if we're doing our own stuff, I have to tell everyone else that I'm busy.

-Miteb: for this event, is it possible to think about how are Chambers membership could benefit you?

-Marisol: first of all, these events need to have a fee. It's non-profit, so all the money goes to the event. Chambers would be great for sponsors.

-Miteb: and speakers?

-Marisol: should, but it's about the ideas, it's forbidden for the event to be a business marketing event.

**Approve: 16**

**Oppose: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

## **9. Departmental Issues/Question Period**

a. --

### Discussion

-Alison: we now have three reps sitting on the Cultural Studies Ph.D. Program Committee. Joshua really spearheaded getting that happening.

## **10. Main Motions**

### **10.1 Membership for Peterborough Chambers of Commerce (President)**

Whereas the TGSA currently is a non-for profit organization aimed at supporting and representing graduate student at Trent University,

BIRT that the TGSA obtain a 3 Star Membership (\$270 for the year) in the Chambers of Commerce in Peterborough.

### Justification

Many benefits can be derived from being a member of Chambers. For one, there will be ample of opportunities for networking. Students can connect with local businesses to secure internship positions. In turn local businesses can tap into the pool of talent our grad students have to offer and this will help the economy and growth of our community. In short, joining the Chambers help us help students. Second, there will be opportunities for sponsorships; whereas we are a non-for profit organization, we can still benefit from donations from businesses and other organizations that want to support us. Third, being a member of this organization can allow us to better organize events for grad students since we will be collaborating with other groups that are professional event organizers and this will help students network. Fourth, a membership in this organization will also help stabilize and strengthen the TGSA. The TGSA have been seen in the past as just a "social group". By being a part of something much greater, by feeding off a richer source, we can start to change the image the TGSA. As we are reaching out to the community,

collaborating with other groups, helping students network with professionals, and providing the best support to our grad students in forms of employment opportunities and funds (sponsorships), we are not only helping the University but also the community. Membership info can be found at <http://www.peterboroughchamber.ca/join2.html>.

**Motion:** Alexandra Ha

**Seconded:** Miteb Abunayyan

Discussion

-Sarah: is there a way to hold off on this until we get more information? Maybe the program reps could get more feedback from reps?

-Alexandra: sure, we can do that and then have this motion at the next board meeting.

-David: I want to make a friendly amendment to add the membership fee as well into the wording of the motion to reflect the one-time fee.

-Alexandra: that's fine. Let's move to table this motion until the next meeting

**Seconded:** Marisol Campos-Navarrete

**Approve:** 16

**Oppose:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

**10.2 Indigenous Representative Commissioner (President and VP Internal Affairs) - Tabled from August 18th, 2016 Board Meeting**

Whereas the TGSA is committed to equality in its operations, and

Whereas the TGSA already has several commissioners (e.g., equity, environment, OGSA, first year science and arts representative, international student rep, etc),

BIRT a new commissioner position, the Indigenous Representative Commissioner, be sent to the Constitutional Changes Committee for inclusion in the bylaws, pending further ratification at the next general assembly meeting.

Justification

There is currently an absence of an Indigenous Representative Commissioners position. A Ph.D. candidate from Indigenous Studies suggested to the president that it may be useful to have an Indigenous Representative Commissioner on the board given the role of Trent and Peterborough in the Indigenous communities.

**Motion:** Alexandra Ha

**Seconded:** Alison Fraser

Discussion

-Sarah: before we vote, what would their role be? It would be a voting member?

-Alison: so commissioners are designed to fulfill very specific roles like equity, health, and so on. The equity commissioner is supposed to cover indigenous concerns, so this is a redundancy

for further equity. It would have to go to the Constitutional Changes Committee to be designed. They would be paid \$200 like every other commissioner, and the position wouldn't come into effect until the bylaws are ratified.

-Sarah: so who is this position for? Someone in the department, or someone who self-identifies?

-Alison: I don't know yet, that's all to be figured out and addressed.

-Sarah: so voting right now just means that we're setting this in motion?

-Alison: yes.

-Marisol: I think it's a very relevant position, especially since Trent is currently giving a major focus to indigenous students. Also, if we do this, it would be very beneficial to promote the TGSA, to show that we are sensitive to Trent's initiatives as well.

-Erin: I know we're not there yet, but it is important to be careful about who can fill this position.

-Marisol: it must be someone who is knowledgeable in this area.

-Alexandra: Jessica, do you have anything to say about this?

-Jessica: I just thought it should be an indigenous student, or an elder.

-Alison: they have to be a grad student is the only thing. It can be an elder, but has to be a grad student and a member of the GSA. However we define it, they still have to meet that criteria.

-Jessica: sure, I know some people who are capable.

-Anastasia: we do pay commissioners an honorarium, and there is money now to do that for this new position.

**Approve: 16**

**Oppose: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

### 10.3 TGSA Events Budget

Whereas the TGSA must hold monthly events for the current academic year,

Whereas a budget must be allocated for each event,

BIRT that the following events budget be adopted for the current academic year, and

BIFRT the nature, times, and dates of each event can be changed if necessary provided that adequate notice be given to the Board, and that the cost of each event does not increase from its original budget.

Month	Event	Budget
September	Orientation Week: (\$800-\$600)	
	Monday (Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> ): Healthy Monday Yoga Healthy Living with Nick	\$100
	Tuesday (Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> ): Scavenger Hunt Arts and Crafts with Recyclables	\$100
	Wed (Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> ): Workshops all day on Symons	
	Thurs (Sept 8 <sup>th</sup> ): Pub night @ the Trend	\$300

	Friday (Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> ): Other Food Event Saturday (Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> ): Heritage Walk and Informal Pub Crawl Carnival at Trill College	\$200 \$100
October	AGM, Pumpkin Carving	\$400
November	Karaoke @ Tonic	\$200
December	Festivus	\$500
January	Pool Night @ Riley's	\$200
February	Laser Tag	\$200
March	Bowling night	\$150
April	Spring Fling Spring AGM	\$600 \$250

Justification

The TGSA must hold monthly events for the rest of the current academic year, and needs a budget to do so.

**Motion:** Swarsattie Kishun

**Seconded:** David Hollands

Discussion

-Erin: I think pumpkin carving would be a lot of work. I understand the connection to Halloween. How did it work last year?

-Alison: we didn't do it last year. It was too much.

-Alexandra: we discussed that as an exec as well. So we thought it may be better to organize a study group involving the season.

-Erin: it could be painting combined with book reading

-Alexandra: Swarsattie is open to eliminating this

-Philip: a reminder that CUPE gives \$1200 per year, so subtract that contribution from this budget.

-Erin: sure, I still see the whole thing as a difficult task.

-Philip: would the pumpkin carving be at The Trend? Because we do a wreath making event yearly, and the back of The Trend is very good for that. If you talk to them about the pumpkin carving, they may be okay with it.

- Erin: this depends on number too. There's a lack of predictability in how many people will show up.
- Philip: if it's advertised that people need to RSVP, it would be clear that people need to show up. You could also make it a competition by department. You would encourage them to plan it out before then.
- Sarah: so departments would form a team?
- Philip: that would be a good way to get people involved.
- Carmen: I think I like those ideas better, but you could also turn it into an October social with seasonal treats. So perhaps we provide the tools, and then people bring their own pumpkins. And then for people who aren't interested in the carving, there's the social aspect as well.
- Alicia: we could even do costume contests or something. Have as many contests as you can.
- Catherine: would we be liable in terms of safety?
- Alison: to a certain extent
- Carmen: but not if you hurt yourself pumpkin carving
- Alison: unless someone murders themselves, we're okay to do this as long as risk management approves
- Miteb: a general question about the funds, is it possible to use some of CUPE's funds to subsidize members who want to attend tickets for Chambers events?
- Philip: the policy is clear that the funds have to be social events, as drafted five years ago. If the GSA feels the funds will be better used, I can bring up a possible change to the policy. It very clearly says what events we can donate for. So if you wanted to make suggested changes, I could propose that, but it would be between the GSA and CUPE. So if you send me something in writing, I could bring. You would need to agree as a board in writing, and then our exec would vote on it.
- Alexandra: we'll have to talk to Swarsattie about that.
- Miteb: I bring this up because I know that the GSA reimburses conferences, but attending such an event wouldn't be a conference. I'm just bringing up the possibility.
- Yasmine: it was brought up that people could bring their own pumpkins, but not all grads have cars. So that could also lead to some issues. If someone could be a pumpkin transporter, that could be great.
- Alexandra: okay. Anything about the other events?
- Erin: I'd like to clarify that I'm not opposed to pumpkin carving, I'm just worried for Swarsattie. She would need help.
- Alexandra: for sure, we can approve this now, and as the motion says, we can make changes to the nature of the events.

**Approve: 16**

**Oppose: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

## **11. Other Business**

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## **12. Notice of Motions and Announcements**

a. NONE

### **13. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:** Alexandra Ha

**Seconded:** Alison Fraser

#### Discussion

-Alexandra: a reminder that next month we'll be talking about joining Chambers, so talk to grads about it and get feedback!

**Approve:** 16

**Oppose:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**\*\*motion carries\*\***