

Minutes of TGSA Board Meeting, 11/10/2016

Start: 16:03, **End:** 18:11

Location: Wallis Hall 102, Traill College, Trent University

Chair: Alexandra Ha

Scribe: David Hollands

Attendance: Alexandra Ha, David Hollands, Alison Fraser, Mackenzie Armstrong, Swarsattie Kishun (arrived late), Laura Thursby, Katherine Boyle, Elizabeth Aslin, Joshua Noiseux, Samantha Snetsinger, Yasmin Strautins, Sarah Jessup, Erin Laverty, Alison Fraser, Yunqi Jiang, Philip Abbott, Yeukai Katanda >**16 at start of meeting, quorum met, 17 after section 1 presentations**

Regrets: Anastasia Nepotiuk, Miteb Abunayyan, Alicia Hartley

1. Presentation(s) without voting

- a. **Paul Teleki (Membership Coordinator, Chambers of Commerce):** Paul Teleki is invited to present about the Chambers of Commerce Peterborough and the benefits of the TGSA joining. He is here to also answer any questions the board may have about the organization and what joining the Chambers may mean for the TGSA and grad students at Trent.
- b. **OGSA Commissioner Reports:** [October Commissioner Report](#) and [OGSA October Board Meeting Report](#)
- c. **VP Internal Affairs:** Robert's Rules of Order

Minutes

-a.Paul: all the members of the TGSA can come out to our events, half of which are free, like Peterborough business exchange. The TGSA members can come out, meet business community, entrepreneurs, learn about what they're doing, and there could be a link with what you're studying and what they need help with. That's my high-level pitch to the group. There are different levels. The starting level is \$270/yr. First, all members can take advantage of events. Another piece is working together to collaborate on events, so we can fit you in to an event to showcase TGSA as a group, which makes it easier for the business community to connect with you to get access to highly skilled potential employees. I run the events, and I also work with members to figure out good fits. That takes over the span of a year. We keep in touch, and we broadcast out to the Chambers membership. And you let us know what's happening with the TGSA.

-Alexandra: questions?

-**none**

-Alexandra: what is the next event we can go to?

-Paul: we have some paid events, paid dinner, the excellence awards next Wednesday, which is an awards showcase of entrepreneurs in the community, it's charities, public sector.

-Joseph: do you know of any precedent for this kind of thing? I've never heard of this kind of arrangement with a student association.

-Paul: innovation is very important in business, and we pride ourselves on that. I personally haven't heard of this kind of collab before, but we have a number of members who are doing something like this in their communities. Have you heard of anything?

-Joseph: no.

-Paul: I think this is the opportunity. In Calgary, they are doing things like this with their colleges and universities. This can bring attention to the TGSA and the Peterborough community, and I hope there will be benefits to us working together. And our local businesses will be strengthened by your skill sets? We have a new program called Next Level on October 25th, a paid lunch event at noon. It's a Ted Talk style live production where we're showcasing next-level entrepreneurs. Next it's a Tues from 4-6pm showcasing arts and entertainment in the community. So you can see arts stuff coming up in the future.

-Erin: how do you typically advertise or communicate events to members? Whose responsibilities?

-Paul: we're all over social media. We also communicate by email. If you're a member, you're on the list and you get notification.

-Erin: so would grads have to give their emails for this? We do have a history of this.

-Paul: we would send to the exec, and you would forward. But we can put all grads on the list.

-Alison: we don't have legal access to that list.

-Erin: so there will be practical issues, then.

-Alexandra: but email isn't the only way.

-Paul: right. I'm also constantly calling members. It's exponential when you go to an event and there are 100 people there, word of mouth spreads.

-Philip: McMaster and U of Manitoba grad associations are members of the Chambers.

-Paul: we did place second in the Chambers next to Calgary in terms of members. We're excited to innovate with you guys, to bring you in, and connect you with new friends

-Laura: beyond events, what are some other benefits that we gain?

-Paul: we have almost 100 events per year. Our regular Peterborough business exchange is a monthly event, where there are presentations from different fields of expertise. We have some yearly annual events like the Golf Tournament, and a Business Summit in November where you learn about scaling up, starting a business, etc. And the Power Hour in Jan which brings political leaders together. Also, the leaders' lunches. The list goes on. We have a lot of fun events, including physical events like axe throwing and curling. We try to hit it all. I myself pride myself with making events seem like a party.

-Alison: how does the Health care plan work?

-Paul: so Miteb was connected with our Health Insurance person Brian Bulger. I'm not sure where they got with that...

-Alison: sign up and get health care

-Paul: so for health care, you need to be a member. Organizations that have staff can take advantage, but the organization determines which staff gets the benefits. You can discuss all this with Brian.

-Alison: right, 'cause that might be something of interest. But then how can we make it better for all grads?

-Paul: I would give that to Miteb to figure out with Brian. That's all I can tell you on that.

-Alexandra: for sure, I'll connect Miteb and Brian.

-Sarah: I just wanted to follow up with Laura on beyond the events?

-Paul: beyond the events, we have a solid communications infrastructure. Also, through social media, the connection the board has with the community and the business community. So the TGSA can use us to send communications. And keep us informed with your activities. So in

business, any referrals are key to an organization's success. Do you have events throughout the year? Participate in job fairs?

-Alexandra: not job fairs, but we do have events.

-Paul: it could be good to have events that have business sponsorships. And then also group discounts and benefits, discounts off AllState insurance, also ESSO cards, it's all on the website, so I can send your info along.

-Samantha: are these events and benefits available to all grads?

-Paul: well, anyone can attend the free events. Even the paid ones you can still purchase a seat if a plated dinner.

-Alexandra: so all grads can attend these events? Do we need to be members for grads to attend?

-Paul: it's a fine line. In many cases, our hosts provide beautiful meals for our guests. So if ALL grads came out, that wouldn't cover the food for that event. So we really want everyone to be part of the party, which is why a membership is easier to justify. The membership is a way for us to say please come out. If you decide not to be a member, you can still come out to the events, but it would weigh down on our pocket books.

-Yeukai: I was under the impression that we were talking about.... Who is actually joining this?

-Mac: anyone under the TGSA banner, which includes the general membership.

-Paul: there are different levels of membership, the \$270 being the entry level. The upper ones include tickets to lunch events, like the leaders' lunches included in the memberships.

-Alexandra: I think our primary goal is to connect grads with internship opportunities. How can you help with that?

-Paul: as members, we can tie you into events. So setting you up with a table. To have a rep stand there to connect with people who are interested in the TGSA.

-Alexandra: would the booth be funded by the Chambers?

-Paul: for some events, we showcase our members as included in our membership. There are Arts and Entertainments businesses who have tables. The event in February would be good to bring the TGSA in and have a presence. It will be a business professional themed event. We have a new member showcase in Jan where all new members from 2016 come out. So there are lots of opportunities like that. Clear as mud?

-Alexandra: any other questions? Paul does need to leave soon. **no questions** I'm actually really excited to leverage the membership for TGSA. Based on my own experience, I think there's always an opportunity to bring your skill sets front and center.

b.Laura: I won't go through everything I wrote. But I just wanted to highlight a couple things. In addition to OGSA stuff, I'm working on finding a way to have better recompense for execs on the GSA. And I wrote out what I've been trying to do. I would love if you could all read it, and if you have any suggestions, please send them to me. Also, the grad studies committee representative is very important. I won't be able to sit on that position after this semester. So if anyone can sit on that this semester on Thursdays, that would be great. Contact Mac. The OGSA, I basically put together a document that I hope is comprehensive enough. And I wrote out some of the initiatives making and I will update you on my progress attending the meetings. I would love to hear if anyone has any questions about the OGSA and my role. Otherwise, that's it for me.

-Mac: comment and question: just to specify, I'm looking specially for a Ph.D. person for the grad committee. Question: considering that you mentioned that OGSA has only been around for four years, but at this point, most of the work is by active grads. Could those involved in grad

programs still be involved now? Is there any outlook whether the OGSA will be including people who have been in grad school?

-Laura: I don't know the answer to that, but I will raise that at the next meeting. I'll update at the next meeting.

****Swarsattie arrives****

-Laura: any other questions? You can also email me questions later?

-Alexandra: no one has questions. Thank you, Laura!

c. ****Alison presents TGSA Orientation Document****

2. Call to Order

3. Motion to Approve the Agenda: Alexandra Ha

Seconded: Mackenzie Armstrong

Discussion

-Mac: any corrections?

-David: I've added Anastasia's motion to other business, and moved Laura's report to section 1.b as friendly amendments

Approve: 16

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

****motion carries****

4. Motion to Approve the Minutes from the September 19th, 2016 Board Meeting: David

Hollands

Seconded: Mackenzie Armstrong

Discussion

-Mac: there needs to be a correction. The MA AMOD position was always vacant. The MSc AMOD is now vacant.

-Erin: so MSc needs to be filled?

-Mac: yes.

Approve: 16

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

****motion carries****

5. Presentation(s)

- a. **VP Senate:** This year the Woman's Campus Safety Fund has been allotted \$57,687 over the \$15,000 that is usually provided, however the Sexual Violence Steering Committee has been tasked to determine where best to spend the funding. \$5000 for the Student Wellness Centre, in collaboration with TCSA, was already been approved to provide Wen Do training for all interested students, including graduates, who identify as women.

The \$15,000 historically used to support the Walkhome program will remain assigned to that budget for this budget year as well, which leaves \$37,000 for other women's safety initiatives at Trent. The proposals to date are:

- Another \$16,000 to the Wellness Center to provide sexual violence awareness training and materials
- \$12,000 to purchase spare parts for the e-phones to keep them functioning until we can transition to the Alertus app, which would replace the e-phone system.
- Whatever is left over to install cameras in Champlain College, Lady Eaton College, and Otonabee College common areas to deter future assaults and hold perpetrators accountable.

As part of the discussion, we will need to bring back a bit of a consensus on opinions of the e-phone system, and whether it's something to either continue, cannibalize (target low-risk areas with e-phones and salvage their parts for e-phones in high-risk areas), or eliminate the e-phone system completely. What sorts of safety concerns graduate representatives (The Board), might have at this time, and support for current proposed improvements, or alternative ideas that may not have been considered by the committee.

- b. **President:** The Journal of Trent Graduate Studies Research: A student-based journal formed by the TGSA featuring peer-reviewed research by graduate students.
- c. **President:** TGSA Advertising and Marketing Ideas: Ideas to get grad students engaged in the various events, activities, and opportunities provided by the TGSA for grad students. Each board member is to come up with at least one idea (e.g., social media platforms such as snapchat, postings on the TGSA Facebook group, ideas beyond social media, etc.) and offer this suggestion during this presentation.

Minutes

-a.Mac: I'm putting out the call to you, this question: what can be done to make campus safer? There's a good \$30,000.00 or so to go toward whatever project.

-Alison: who do I talk to at the TCSA about the Women's Kung-Fu class? It's really problematic.

-Mac: it's a fund for a Women-specific organization

-Alison: I would email the TCSA, but they won't respond to me. These reinforce horrible gender binaries. Mac, please tell me who I send an email to about this.

-Joshua: it could be spent on educational programming on, say, sexual violence awareness seminars, workshops, something like that. I've heard that those can have higher success rates than punitive measures. That's a suggestion.

-Alison: that's a great suggestion.

-Mac: I should also submit the full list of potential areas where this money could go. There still is very much an attitude that these are Women-specific programs.

-Sarah: so you're giving feedback? When do we have to give you this feedback?

-Mac: ASAP is what's wanted. The next meeting will be in November. They wanted to get something in the works by the end of October. They want to get moving on these things, because some of the options take time and are weather-sensitive.

-Sarah: Also, information on reporting... some people don't know basic things like what to do if something happens, like who you talk to, who you contact.

-Mac: this is all being updated right now. At the meeting, first half was the updates for the policies. On the workplace harassment side, there's one policy, and then the sexual violence policy looked at from the side of the students. If it's a faculty member doing something wrong, the respondent is under the student policy, or survivor, to use their language. They're working on those policy changes right now. Those should be

-Erin: they weren't using the term survivor.

-Mac: not in the policy. Victim was what they weren't using.

-Alexandra: you can sort that out with the committee.

-Yasmine: to follow up, I know that residents say that some of the ePhone's don't work, so fixing those are essential. And since the app isn't running yet, the key ones should be working.

-Mac: Wellness Centre and the TCSA have a combined... it's TCSA that sets that up.

-Yasmine: this year, I know it was mandatory for all incoming students to take the Draw the Line workshop which was for all genders. And there should be follow-up conversations.

-Phil: is that for undergrads? Not grads? We get ours through the online mods?

-Alison: they're terrible. There's nothing for us.

-Erin: I attended the Steering Sexual Violence meeting, and my understanding is that more grads are welcome to attend. So if anyone is interested, make sure to look into it. Now there are a number of graduate students sitting there, but they're open to having more.

-Alexandra: perhaps the program reps can connect with your department to see if anyone's interested in participating.

-Katherine: I was wondering if you've reached out to the Sexual Assault Centre.

-Mac: because I'm only a rep, I don't know what they're chosen to do. They're looking now into funding other initiatives.

-Yasmin: I do know that there were partnerships with the Sexual Assault Centre. So there is a lot of programming that exists that could be better funded.

-Katherine: I was just wondering what advantage using the app would be?

-Mac: that if you have a cell, you already have the app on your cell. With the ePhone system, there's a dispatcher, and they forward that to security.

-Elizabeth: if they stick with the actual phones on poles, is there a way to get the calls to go straight to security?

-Mac: that's why this was confusing. But I guess unlike McMaster, here the security aren't the police. It's a separate company for the dispatcher, and the cost to keep these things running is getting crazy.

-Elizabeth: okay, then the app does make sense then.

-Katherine: I just worry that... for example, my cell is almost always dead. What other options are there?

-Mac: this is where we were torn. The ePhone system still has merits because of the issue you raised. Traill has a low rate of use compared to the rest of campus, but still.

-Katherine: I mean, you would hope that you don't have to use the phone, but yeah.

-Mac: there was an update we got about the security cameras, the fact that we don't have a lot of them needs to change, and they need to be good quality. There was an incident at Carlton, and due to the low quality of the cameras, the universities got into trouble for that and taken to task. So it comes down to figuring out the best ways to distribute the money.

b.**Alexandra presents** see Addendum I for presentation

-Alexandra: questions?

- Yeukai: how would it work after I'm done, or if I wanted to publish in another issue and I've already been published in this one?
- Alexandra: this wouldn't be an actual scientific journal, so I don't think there'll be issues, but we'll look into that.
- Alison: I am published now, and my work is copyrighted. You can't publish the same articles in multiple journals.
- Yeukai: so for grad students, that's something to consider.
- Joseph: I don't agree with Alison, that's a policy of every given journals. But there's no overarching norm that requires this journal to follow that.
- Yeukai: but we should look into other journals as well to make sure there aren't copyright issue.
- Alexandra: we'll have to find a way to work with that. We could potentially have it removed later?
- Katherine: wouldn't the issue arise if you're sending the exact same work? So if the research has changed later, you can submit to a different journal? Would that get rid of the issue?
- Swarsattie: it's an issue of overlapping material.
- Katherine: I have profs who publish multiple articles on the same research or materials.
- Alexandra: well, this is definitely a key issue to discuss on the committee.
- Alison: we should need a Creative Commons license, but if we do, that will be an issue. We don't want to take things that are published in other sources. That's how we have weight behind us. Because we want our journal to be good. Creative Commons license means that attribution must be given.
- Mac: this is where it gets interesting. In some ways, that is what happens in academia. You post repeatedly on the same topic, but the work grows. The difference between what you wrote before and what you're publishing now is up to the journal. It all depends on the scope of your work. So it could be an issue, but we may just have to worry about that later.
- Erin: it's undecided who would be a reviewer?
- Alexandra: yeah. And they would be volunteers.
- Erin: so it would be volunteer Trent grad students? So how would you navigate conflicts of interest?
- Alexandra: that is something to discuss on the committees. We'll have these committees to tackle these problems.
- Phil: another thing to consider. I'm assuming this would be open to any Trent grad student. Most journals are quite specific. How do you negotiate field-specific research?
- Alexandra: I don't think that'll be an issue, but that's also something to look at for sure.
- Sarah: so would this only be for Trent grads?
- Alexandra: only Trent.
- Alison: but I think we should open it. It would make us more prestigious.
- Erin: it would also help with the conflict of interest issue.
- Phil: but the roles would be Trent based?
- Alexandra: yes.
- Sarah: so is this something that is being voted on today?
- Alexandra: yes.
- Alison: but I think we need to clarify what the motion is.
- **group amends motion, amended motion reflected in wording of section 9.3**
- Joshua: there will need to be some level of funding for this. The cost needs to be figured out. I think the timeline of April is overly ambitious. In order to do this well, the process needs to take

time. We might need to have faculty on board to help promote it in the various disciplines. This process could take us well into the summer and the next year. I would want to motion that we form a committee now to study how to form the journal.

-Alison: this process to form this journal has to go to the Constitutional Changes Committee. So what I would actually like to see the wording change to send this to the CCC to write up how this journal is going to happen. So we need the CCC involved, and we can have a subcommittee that just does proposals of the journal to figure how everything would work. This motion currently does not conform to our bylaws.

-Sarah: with what Alison's saying, there's still the assumption that we're agreeing this is going to happen, but that a committee should be convened to figure it out.

-Mac: we should table this to the CCC. That's the body we need to be moving this too.

-Alison: right, and then that committee brings their proposals to the board. We're not creating anything today. So this is going to committee, which is totally acceptable.

-Erin: in terms of grad student interest, Symons had to cancel the first series because of lack of interest. My point is there's already difficulty with an established organization, so as much as I appreciate this idea, talking with some academics, I don't think this will have as much interest as you think. I think you should discuss this with Symons, talk to faculty, etc.

-Alexandra: we'll have a backup plan. Craig Brunetti is in favour of this, so if this does go forward, I'll talk to the provost about possibly collaborating with faculty members.

-Yeukai: I'm assuming that the committee that is being proposed will do research... what exactly will we be doing?

-Alison: we would need to look into webhosting, software, timeframes, creative commons issues, researching other journals, and so on. I would put this into a giant document and bring it to the board.

-Yeukai: if we want good papers to be submitted, it would be good for the committee to talk to faculty to get them on board, and get them on board. It is a great idea, but it needs work. In my field, if you publish and it's an open source paper, that means you pay more upfront.

-Erin: my understanding is that the reason why Open Source costs more is because no one's paying to subscribe to it. So you're paying more. In this situation, Alexandra said that the reviewers and editors wouldn't be paid, so that wouldn't hold.

-Alexandra: I motion that the Constitutional Changes Committee look into how the TGSA starts a journal for graduate students at Trent University, and present their findings to the Board at a future meeting

Seconded: Mackenzie Armstrong

Approve: 16

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

****motion carries****

-Sarah: can Alison send out a call for the CCC?

-David: I'll send it.

-Mac: you wanted to say something about this at the general meeting? Anyway, this goes to the CCC, they work on it, and we go on from there.

c.Alexandra: I move to table this presentation to the next board meeting.

Seconded: Mackenzie Armstrong

Approve: 16

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

****motion carries****

6. 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: Swarsattie Kishun

Discussion

-a.Sarah: can we bring our concerns to Alaine at the next board meeting?

-Alexandra: yes. I want to announce.

b.Alison: we were getting charged a fake HST on our fees. Nona emailed them that the HST was incorrect. Grad Studies is still charging us extra fees here and there, but I'm working on fixing this.

f.Mackenzie: I came back from the first Senate meeting. There are concerns in the changes in funding for grad studies. They're not thinking it'll effect grad students. OSAP funding will be changing soon, and I need to ask about that. Applying for OSAP could be a mess. When you apply for school, you're applying for OSAP for the next year. The trouble is that you may not have your money come the fall. I'll look into it more.

Approve: 16

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

****motion carries****

7. Commissioner Reports, Board of Director Reports, Committee Reports, and Other Reports

- a. **Health Benefits Commissioner:** The last week of September was busy as the opt-out/family opt-in deadline was fast approaching. At this point we don't have the final numbers on opt-outs and opt-ins and yet new members are still to be added during the first week or so of October. On another note regarding the intention of TGSA to create opportunities for grad students and under the support of TGSA executives, I was at the leaders' lunch organized by the chamber of commerce. During the event the CEO of Universities Canada and Trent University President talked about the importance of businesses supporting universities and creating new opportunities for students. After the event, I had the chance to speak to Kirk Collins the Head of the Business Department at Trent and talked briefly about our intention. Prof. Collins invited TGSA to approach the Trent Business Council to see how TGSA and its members find new opportunities. Also,

other feedback from the business community there expressed interest in our approach and would like to see how TGSA will move forward. One comment I would like to share is that the wish that graduate students provide consultation and assistance with projects the businesses may have. Not in the form of internships but in a similar fashion to what is offered on MITACS. I am waiting for the chance to meet with the executives to see how they would like to proceed.

Motion to accept the reports: Alexandra Ha
Seconded: Joshua Noiseux

Discussion

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Approve: 16

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

****motion carries****

8. Departmental Issues/Question Period

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Discussion

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9. Main Motions

9.1 TGSA Membership to Peterborough Chambers of Commerce [Tabled from September 19th, 2016 TGSA Board Meeting] (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: David Hollands

Discussion

meeting running late, four board members leave, quorum still met

-Alison: on behalf of Laura, she was concerned about communication and how grads will be made aware of that, and if we would run into those issues again as part of the Chambers. And if the main draw is for events, that seems to be a steep cost. We need a benefit besides these.

-Joshua: I want to throw out the idea that I don't think there's enough benefit to go through with this.

-Yasmine: The association of Canadian Studies didn't see enough benefits to joining the Chamber of Commerce.

-Joshua: we could vote on this now potentially, we can always change our mind later. This already exists as a motion, so we could just change our minds later.

Approve: 2

Oppose: 7

Abstain: 4

****motion fails****

9.2 October Event (VP Student Affairs)

Whereas we are given funding to hold an October Event, I propose a "Eat & Study" on Thursday October 26, 2016 at 4pm.

BIRT the TGSA will host an "Eat & Study" at Trail Campus

BIFRT a budget of \$80 will be set to cover the cost hot beverages, cake, snacks, etc.

Justification

It will be great to have this in the senior common room; hence this space is proposed to host this event. It will be a great way for students to work on their thesis whilst having something to eat and drink. We can exchange tips about good research practices.

Motion: Swarsattie Kishun

Seconded: Joshua Noiseux

Discussion

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Approve: 13

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

****motion carries****

9.3 The Journal of Trent Graduate Students Research [JTGSR] (President)

Whereas Trent University has an undergraduate research journal and other universities--many in the States and many in Canada such as McGill, Simon Fraser, etc.--have graduate student-based research journals,

BIRT that the TGSA establish a journal for graduate students research known as the *Journal of Trent Graduate Students Research* (JTGSR), pending ratification from the general membership, and

BIFRT that a committee be formed for this journal with a sub-committee composed of composed of editors of the journal.

Justification

A student-based research journal will help encourage grad students to a) write b) publish c) those in reviewer/editor roles gain important research skills. All of this will help in future graduate school admissions, employment in research positions, and scholarships funding. It will also help the university a) recognize the research done by graduate students b) enhance the role of TGSA and its board members in aspects of research at Trent (as research is a big part of grad studies) and c) connect graduate research work at Trent with other universities in Canada/the general audience/potential employers (organizations) as the journal is posted online and is open-access d) provide an interdisciplinary connection between different programs and the research conducted.

Motion: Alexandra Ha

Seconded:

Discussion

-**occurred in section 5.b**

-motion tabled to the Constitutional Changes Committee

Approve:

Oppose:

Abstain:

9.4 Funding for 3MT (President)

Whereas the TGSA have helped fund the 3MT in the past by giving them \$500,

BIRT will help fund the 3MT this year by contributing \$500.

Justification

The TGSA believes that funding it is important as the 3MT is a great opportunity for grad students to present their research and receive awards.

Motion: Alexandra Ha

Seconded: Swarsattie Kishun

Discussion

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Approve: 13

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

****motion carries****

10. Other Business

10.1 Conference Bursary Reimbursement (VP Finance)

Whereas the TGSA has a budget of \$4000 to give out in conference bursaries,

BIRT that the September 2016 period will reimburse a total of \$3224.43.

Justification

This is the amount of eligible dollars claimed by grad students for conferences within the application period. There is one application (of \$250) that was missed last period, and so is included now. The amount is still well within budget.

Motion: Anastasia Nepotiuk

Seconded: Mackenzie Armstrong

Discussion

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Approve: 12

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

****motion carries****

11. Notice of Motions and Announcements

- a. **VP Internal Affairs:** Need volunteers for the Constitutional Changes Committee.
- b. **VP Internal Affairs:** Looking for nominations for first year arts and first year science representatives. If you know any first years that want to be involved, please put them in touch with me: vpinternalaffairstgsa@trentu.ca. We are looking for first year graduate students in either an arts or sciences program to run for these positions. Nominations are

due Nov 1st.

Discussion

-**action item, David** send reminder to board to remind people about first year arts and sciences positions.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Alexandra Ha

Seconded: Alison Fraser

Discussion

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Approve: 13

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

****motion carries****