

MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association Board Meeting

Meeting Date: April 24, 2014

Call to order: A board meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association was held in the Senior Common Room of Trill College on April 24, 2014. The meeting convened at 10:03 AM, President Karen Everett presiding.

Location: The Senior Common Room

Members participating:

Karen Everett (President)

Jason Rae (VP Internal Affairs)

Gozde Kilic (VP Operations)

Jenilee Gobin (VP Finance)

Veronica Lai (VP Student Affairs)

Philip Abbott (Health Benefits Coordinator)

Kaitlyn Watson (Senate Representative)

Latchmi Raghunanan (International Representative; Incoming VP Operations)

Steven Martin (CUPE Representative)

Allen Priest (Environmental Commissioner)

Erin McMorrow (History Representative-M.A)

Kyle Kenniphaas (Psychology Representative-MA/MSc)

Rathika Balthasar (Environmental and Life Sciences Representative-PhD; Incoming President)

Gary Larsen (Theory, Culture, and Politics Representative-MA; Incoming Senator)

Jesse Lever (Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies Representative-MA)

Stephanie Dotto (Canadian Studies Representative-PhD)

Michelle McCay (Environmental and Life Sciences Representative-MSc)

Maureen Elliott (Sustainability Studies-MA)

Raymond McKie (First Year Science Representative)

Incoming Board Members:

Lauren Banks (Environmental Commissioner)

Paul Ciuk (Theory, Culture, and Politics Representative-MA)

Alexander McPherson (History Representative-M.A)

Michelle Klein (International Representative)

Regrets: Philip Cook (Anthropology Representative), Theresa Stotesbury (Materials Science Representative-PhD), Adam Marques (Equity Commissioner), Tayo Aloh (English/Public Texts-

MA; Incoming VP Internal Affairs), Michael Tessier (Materials Science Representative-MSc), Ashley Neale (Incoming Equity Commissioner), Gregory Tracey (Incoming Psychology Representative-MA/MSc), Kristen Potter (Incoming Sustainability Studies-MA)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 3RD, 2014

- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM APRIL 3RD, 2014
 - **MOTION SECONDED AND APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE EXEC MEETINGS

(MARCH 20, APRIL 7, APRIL 17)

- MOTION TO APPROVE EXEC MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 20TH, APRIL 7TH & APRIL 17TH, 2014
 - **MOTION SECONDED AND APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA
 - Item added to Other Business: Announcement of a CUPE Event
 - **AMENDED AGENDA APPROVED**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Auditor

Went back to McColl Turner; they lowered their bid to \$2,500.

- MOTION TO GO WITH MCCOLL TURNER BASED ON THEIR REVISED QUOTE FOR OUR YEARLY AUDIT.
 - **MOTION SECONDED AND APPROVED**

NEW BUSINESS

2. CUPE food workers letter

- Chartwells Education Dining Service, a division of the Compass Group Canada, is taking over the food service at Trent. People who have been working and serving food at Trent are negatively impacted by this change; loss of all prior service, cuts to wages, reductions to sick leave and vacation entitlement concessions are just some of the impacts.

Compass Group Canada doesn't honour the workers' existing contract.

- Our options as the TGSA are: 1) sign the online petition as the GSA Board or individually.

- MOTION TO SIGN THE PETITION ON BEHALF OF THE GSA BOARD.
 - **MOTION SECONDED AND APPROVED**

3. Emergency funds

We have \$613 to spend to donate to an organization. Suggestions for non-profit organizations:

- ⊗ Kawartha Food Share (\$281.50)
- ⊗ Peterborough Youth Basketball Association (\$281.50)
- ⊗ KWIC (\$50)
- MOTION TO DONATE \$281.50 TO KAWARTHA FOOD SHARE, \$281.50 TO PETERBOROUGH YOUTH BASKETBALL ASS. AND \$50 TO KWIC.
 - **MOTION SECONDED AND APPROVED**

4. Call for volunteers for working group design grad study room in library

Room 314 on the 3rd floor at the Bata Library is being turned into a graduate student quiet study place. 2 volunteers are needed to sit on the committee that will work for its design. Stephanie already has 1 student from arts and it would be nice to have 1 student from science.

Erin will do it if anyone from science does not step up.

5. Honoraria

- **Executive**

\$1000 each as outlined in the bylaws & approved in the budget in the Fall.

- **Board**

\$50 for each board member as outlined in the bylaws & approved in the budget in the Fall.

- **Bonuses**

Bonuses for 5 people: Allen, Adam, Stephanie, and Erin based on their extra work and volunteerism (holding office hours, sitting in committees, helping out with the events) and Kaitlyn based on the nature of her position as the Senator.

**We recommend that the Senate position is turned into an exec position next year.

- MOTION TO APPROVE THE HONORARIA FOR THE EXECES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000 EACH AND FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 EACH

- **MOTION SECONDED AND APPROVED**

- MOTION TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL \$50 BONUS HONORARIUM FOR STEPHANIE, ERIN, ADAM, ALLEN, AND KAITLYN

- **MOTION SECONDED AND APPROVED**

6. Student Reps for Traill Principal Search

Doug Evans is outgoing as the Principal of Traill. A new Principal is being searched. We want someone who fosters a sense of community, who is visible on campus, and who can and will fight for Traill, too.

1 rep from arts and 1 from science

Gary and Kyle have stepped up.

7. Election Results + Welcome the new team

4 exec positions are filled. All unopposed positions are elected in. Opposed positions: President and VP Operations: Rathika as the President and Latchmi as the VP Ops are elected.

8. Interim VP Student Affairs

- 2 people expressed interest: one has run for an opposed position in the elections and decided to shift; the other expressed interest in it.
- We can bring them both in for an interview and choose one for the interim position and have official election in the Fall.

- Or both candidates can work together over the summer. They both can run for the position in the Fall and elected in. In that case, we can provide them compensation for the job they do in the summer.
 - MOTION TO OFFER THE VP STUDENT AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE POSITION TO BOTH CANDIDATES AND PAY EACH \$166.5 AT THE END OF SUMMER BASED ON THEIR FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION.
 - **MOTION SECONDED AND APPROVED**

9. Hand over transition documents

10. Switch keys

11. Transferring Signing Authority

OTHER BUSINESS

12. CUPE event:

- **Bowling night:** Tuesday, April 29 at 6:00pm
CUPE will pay for bowling. Reserve your spot before.
- **Jurassic park event:** Today, 8 pm, The Trend

13. Meeting Adjourned: 10:37