

MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association

Meeting date: Monday December 12, 2011

Call to order: An executive meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association, was held in Bagnani Hall on December 12, 2011. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM, President Karen Gillis presiding, and Shanel Raney, VP Operations.

Members in attendance: Bethany Hunt, Hilary Fast, Kaiti Nixon, Kyle Morrissey, Beth McIntosh, Karen Gillis, Agnès Pelletier, Julia Smith

Members not in attendance: Robert Arkell, Diana Kouřilová, Shanel Raney, Jason Henry

Amendment to agenda- Kyle: Senate and Beth: Health plan

Motion to approve agenda- Karen Gillis; Seconded by Megan Lloyst – Passed Unanimously

Beth Evans: Health Plan Update

- 15 new students in January, they must opt into health plan and a 15% discount for new students in May will be applied.
- In the future, we need to allocate 10 hours a weeks for a health coordinator for office hours and answering emails, etc.
- Julia Smith: Motion to allow part time students to opt into health plan in September, seconded by Hilary Fast.

Karen Gillis:

CFS update

- If we do not join CFS, we would not have a vote for bigger changes like health services provider (eg. Greenshield). We need to hold a referendum because we have been a perspective member since 2004, this could take place in March and our campaigning could start in February.
- Subcommittee was given CFS bylaw book and the committee will discuss how much money we should allocate to the campaign.

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- A pageant competition between colleges; each college would represent a designated country- it is unlikely that graduate students would be interested in this event.
- Kristen Shultz: Motion to say GSA is not interested, seconded by Megan Lloyst.

Academic Plan

- All GSA members encouraged to read over Academic Plan and send any concerns or comments they may to Karen.
- Part time students became members of Traill College. There is a proposal for them to become members. College heads are in agreement that they should join, but there are still logistics and financial implication that need to be figured out.

Goals

-All GSA members are to create a turn-over package for the position they held in our association.

Kristen Shultz: Conference Applications

-One conference and group support application for several trips which cost a total of \$600.00 and included 7-8 graduate students.

-Kristen: Move to give \$400.00 to AAA, seconded by Kyle Morrissey.

Hilary Fast: Website

-Creating a service page for GSA website which will include links to counselling services, food banks, sexual health clinic, walk-in clinics, job bank etc. If you have any other ideas, please send them to Hilary.

-Create blurbs about grad students and their research to display on website. Send info to Hilary.

Robert Arkell: Environmental Commissioner Update

-Proposed that a sustainability section be added to GSA bursary application to promote environmentally friendly options, such as carpooling. Robert will draw something up and send out a draft.

-Working on a sustainability plan for Traill College. Robert will be working more closely with Doug Evans to see where this plan can go.

Julia Smith: pH-D Movie

-The cost of the film is \$550.00, Julia is going to ask for funding from different organizations on campus.

Kyle: Academic Plan

-Changes with class sizes, no classes with less than 15 students are allowed to run however, most graduate departments only have 9 students.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

VP Operations

Date of approval Trent GSA