

## **Trent University Graduate Student Association, Regular Meeting December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, SCR**

### Members in Attendance:

Allison Hayward	President
Heidi Scott	VP Executive Affairs
Rachel Herron	VP Operations
John Franey	VP Communications
Beth Evans	VP Student Affairs
Kyle Borrowman	VP Student Affairs
Agata Durkalec	VP Finance
Meghan Buckham	Environmental Commissioner
Jessica Ellison	Human Rights Commissioner
Geoff Eve	Senator
Agnes Pelletier	Science Liaison
Hilary Fast	Arts Liaison
Jim Johnson	International Student Rep.

Approval of the agenda- Kyle motioned to approve, Beth seconded, all approved  
Approval of the minutes- Meghan motioned to approve November 24<sup>th</sup> and 10th minutes, Beth seconded, two abstentions, motion was approved.

Motion to approve Jim's appointments to international liaison seconded by Kyle, approved.

### President's remarks

- President's meeting: reported sexual assault downtown committed by off-duty taxi driver. Trent officials are meeting with cab company and bar owners to address surrounding concerns.
- Extended library hours begin December 6<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Half of the costs of providing extended hours will be paid for by TCSA and half is paid for by library. Costs include \$1500 to hire security and costs of extended bus hours. Trent does not contribute to costs. Free Aramark food will be available during late hours 11pm from 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.
- Google Apps: Undergraduate student approached IT and TCSA, also wrote article in Arthur, about e-mail being done through Google rather than current Trent system.
- TCSA health plan does not cover glasses, but provides \$80 in-house compensation for glasses since only exam is covered.

### Senate review

- Allison motioned to approve development of a subcommittee to develop a statement for the senate review committee (subcommittee members: John, Rachel, Geoff)
- Graduate program expanding, distinct science and arts demands/ program concerns should be represented on senate.
- Committee should review size of senate and point of senate.

- Timing and location of senate difficult to organize because of size of senate
- New decanal structure requires addition of more seats
- Trent Oshawa Student Association requires seats on senate and related committees

#### International Student Survey

Rachel reported on survey development and processes of recruitment for international students. It was suggested that Rachel approach Joan about international student lunch at which survey could be handed out and taken in eliminating extra time and administration required for survey. An announcement about the survey should be made at the first Symons Series. The luncheon, if approved, will be held in the third week in January.

#### CCASC

Introductory seminar week has been changed to 5 days instead of 3 to accommodate exam scheduling. GSA should raise concerns about TA training, which will be shortened if/when this occurs.

#### College Committee report

Rachel reported on the Collage Committee working to restructure/ save the College system at Trent. It was suggested that the College structure will not be saved. Questions were raised about how the school will be restructured and what jobs might be lost?

#### Events report

- Festivus is next Friday at ArtSpace. Admission is one canned good to Kawartha Food Share. GSA should be there at 12:30pm to set up. Second floor lounge is offering \$2 cover and skip the line, after midnight. Red dog has offered free cover to in house band. GSA needs a DJ for Festivus.
- January hockey game tickets are now on sale for \$20. The game is January 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday.
- International human rights day event is this Friday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> in Bagnani at 7pm

#### AOB

- Student policy handbook is to be completed by end of January
- Water street development on the books again, private residence associated with university, on university land. Questions raised: why doesn't the University support housing co-op
- Co-curricular record- Dean has asked how graduate students feel about the CCR? What other student services could be provided? E-mail graduate students for feedback.

Motion to adjourn Rachel, Kyle seconded, approved.