

MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association

Meeting date: February 1, 2012

Call to order: An executive meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association, was held in Junior Common Room on February 1, 2012. The meeting convened at 7:05 PM, President Karen Gillis presiding, and Shanel Raney, VP Operations.

Members in attendance: Hilary Fast, Beth McIntosh, Willow Burns, Kristen Schultz, Agnès Pelletier, Diana Kouřilová, and Julia Smith

Members not in attendance: Kaiti Nixon, Megan Lloyst, Kyle Morrissey, Robert Arkell, Bethany Hunt, and Jason Henry

Motion to Approve Agenda: Karen Gillis, 2nd → Agnès Pelletier

PhD Movie: Julia Smith

- Have about \$1200 from sponsors and still waiting for a few people to respond (about three). The movie will be played Thursday, February 16th at 7:00pm and the Trend will be open afterward for people to go to.

Library Survey: Julia Smith and Hilary Fast

- A lot of people had an issue with the collections, more so than the hours.
- 66% think the GSA should take a stand on the library issues; a summary of the survey is available on drop box.
- Karen Gillis: think should write a letter and maybe work together with the Library to get results and present to maybe Gary Boire

Conference Bursary Applications: Kristen Schultz

- There were 15 applications, so people will get about \$200 each.
- One person looked at wrong form therefore thought the deadline was November for an August conference and therefore submitted late for the September deadline. This person has requested \$150, should we refund her? If we do it will only reduce everyone else's refund by seven dollars.
- Julia Smith: Should we consider the application because then why do we have deadlines.
- Kristen Schultz: Move to consider all applications for conference bursaries and give them full amount able to with our budget and to change the

conference and group support application title to just group support to avoid confusion. 2nd → Hilary Fast, all approve

Conference and Group Support: Kristen Schultz

- Group support application for Grad student basketball tournament of \$80.
- Motion to give \$80 for Grad student basketball tournament registration.
2nd → Karen Gillis, all approve

Hilary Fast: Just wanted information on referendum.

- Karen Gillis: can't publicize till 30 days before event, i.e. March 12th, 2012.
- Julia Smith: CFS is looking for an endorsement from CUPE, as of now don't know what CUPE plans on doing.

Beth McIntosh: PAC (principles advisory committee) Meeting Update

- Trail: aware of parking issue and are potentially putting in a lot behind Scott House. Part time students joining, 800 – 1000 students will join our numbers.
- Trend: Chef Daniel will be ending his contract by his own choice at the end of April. It will be put to the public to find a new operator.
- All other information available in drop box
- Art Show: grad and undergrad event, could get funds from TES

Karen Gillis:

- Academic Plan Response: Going to send to all of us to get our opinion
- Joan Sangster (had a meeting with her)
 - o Tuition fee problem won't be resolved, maybe we can see if research funding can be increased as inflation has increased
 - o She agrees with bata collections problems
 - o Health Services Problems: maybe find a doctor to work once a week in Trent Clinic.
 - Julia Smith: Why pay services fees for three terms but only get two terms of services

- Julia Smith, Hilary Fast, Willow Burns, and Karen Gillis will work on summer clinic problems.
- College System: college review task force
 - Should it be kept, what should do with senior tutors; should centralize it.
- Meeting with Board of Governors (financial piece)
 - Kristen Schultz: Should have short messages. Maybe reduce tuition. Should make tenure track more for new Profs not contract faculty.
- Transit Meeting: discovered \$600,000 that they did not know was available.
 - Recommendations: summer schedule changes, Trent direct bus, better east bank service.

Motion to End Meeting: Karen Gillis, Seconded by Julia Smith, all approve

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

VP Operations
Trent GSA

Date of approval