

## **MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association**

**Meeting date:** February 13, 2012

**Call to order:** An executive meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association, was held in Junior Common Room on February 13, 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, Diana Kouřilová, Julia Smith, Kaiti Nixon, Megan Lloyst, Kyle Morrissey, Bethany Hunt, and Jason Henry

**Members not in attendance:** Agnès Pelletier and Robert Arkell

**Motion to Approve Agenda:** Kaiti Nixon, 2<sup>nd</sup> → Kyle Morrissey

**Queering Black History:** Kristen Schultz

- would like funds. 100 attendees including 20 grad students. Anticipated \$2830 total costs and requesting \$1330 from GSA.
  - o Kristen Schultz: Motion to give Queering Black History \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Megan Lloyst, all approve

**Health Plan Problem:** Kristen Schultz

- Billing students didn't include tax and therefore we are short the taxes. Beth Evans, Doug Evans, Helen Wallis, Kristen Schultz, and Jerney from CFS met up. Jerney convinced Mornoe Chapel to allow the GSA to not have to pay the taxes for this year because we have under billed students. This situation shows that CFS has weight because it got us out of a 5 figure whole. But this is just a hiccup that can be expected in the first year of anything.
- Julia Smith: wouldn't this have happened regardless of if we join CFS or not?
  - o No, CFS helped us because we are perspective members otherwise we would have had to figure it out ourselves.
- There was also a discussion about whether part timers will join or not, but would have to pay more money to join.
- Shanel Raney: Can we make it so that recent grads could join the health plan?
  - o Karen Gillis: will ask Beth Evans about it and how it would work.

**Health Sub-Committee:** Julia Smith

- Trent and Brock University only schools that don't offer health services in the summer. Lakehead and Laurentian Universities have similar grad student populations as Trent, but have regular health service hours.
- Karen Gillis is going to contact Stewart to have 2 or 3 days of service since we pay full fees still over the summer term. Any comments or want to be involved, contact Karen Gillis.

**Beth McIntosh:** Art Show – March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

- English department head wants undergrads and grads to meet
- Will keep it simple to wall hangings in the Trend, length of 2 or 3 hours. Potentially could get money maybe from Trail or English department and maybe donations from art supply places.

**Kyle Morrissey**

- Part of search committee for VP student affairs: She'll start in a couple of months. Brought up general student issues.

**Motion to End Meeting:** Karen Gillis, Seconded by Megan Lloyst, all approve

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

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VP Operations  
Trent GSA

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Date of approval