

## GSA Agenda January 5, 2011

### Members in Attendance:

Allison Hayward	President
Heidi Scott	VP Executive Affairs
Rachel Herron	VP Operations
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

Meghan motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Jess, carried.

Meghan motioned to approve minutes, Geoff seconded, carried with one abstention.

### **President's Remarks**

- The President had no meetings after the last GSA meeting
- Great Festivus! GSA established a positive relationship with ArtSpace for future events.
- Meeting with President Franklin about private residence focused on Trent's size and debt justifying need to support residence.

### **Incorporation**

- Objects in the incorporation document must be voted on and agreed upon, questions answered and edits finalized.
- Objects comprised of 5 to 7 points that the provincial government reviews describing who we are and what we do (essentially our mission and our purpose).
- Reviewed 9 objects created by lawyer from our current constitution with additional objects created by Agata
- By-laws will be created to flesh out the objects
- Discussion centred on whether there was a need to reduce number of objects. It was agreed that because current GSA will only be able to complete the objects, objects must be thorough to direct development of by-laws.
- Object number 6 favoured as including role of international position. Objects should reflect roles of current positions in case directors are general positions rather than specific positions in the future.
- Discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Agata will send everybody the nine objects to review more thoroughly.

### **Name Change?**

- The GSA has been approached by Zalig Pollock about the spelling of its name (Graduate Student Association or Graduate Students' Association or Graduate Students Association)

- There was discussion about what other associations do and any legal implications in the name distinctions.
- Discussion of what name will be like once we are incorporated.
- Rachel motioned to name our association the Trent Graduate Students' Association, Meghan seconded, all approved.

### **Bylaw 1**

- Edits should be made to bylaw 1 for next meeting
- GSA executives should think about the structure of election. Governments generally elect a board of directors from the membership and they do not have assigned positions; directors appoint a officers with specific positions who hold everyone accountable.
- Board of directors can never be paid, officers can be, arts, international, programs as contingencies
- There was discussion of who should be an officer and what being an officer entails.
- Schematics of potential executive structures will be developed for the next meeting.
- Bylaw one must be in place before GSA turns over.
- Everyone on GSA is to choose a university to research their by-laws.

### **International Student Luncheon**

- There will be an International Student luncheon at the end of January.
- The purpose of the event is to give international graduate students a forum to discuss their distinct experiences and concerns at Trent. Students will be asked to fill out a brief survey designed by the GSA to collect information that will inform strategic policy and support for international graduate students.

### **Senate Review**

- GSA approved in principle the senate review recommendations to be submitted by January 10<sup>th</sup>

### **ELS student forum**

- Friday 1pm in the Crypt.
- Forum to discuss proposal by some individuals in the biology department to halve faculty and students creating a pure Biology program separate from ENLS.
- There was discussion of impacts on TAs, research costs, and cross-listed courses.
- There was a suggestion that GSA representatives and program representatives should have access to e-mail list of constituents they are representing.
- Biology reps will not be present at the Forum.
- There was discussion of poor timing of the forum, limited student consultation, the involvement of the OMNR and the interdisciplinary nature of programs

### **Events report**

- Frantically sell Hockey tickets- 20 people contact to hold tickets.

**AOB**

Allison suggested GSA use dropbox to share files.

Beth motion, Meghan seconded adjourn.