

**GSA Regular Meeting**  
**March 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 7pm-9pm**  
**Trail Senior Common Room**

**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
John Franey	VP Communications
Jessica Ellison	Human Rights Commissioner
Geoff Eve	Senator
Agnes Pelletier	Science Liaison
James Lisowski	First Year Rep.

Geoff motioned to approve the minutes from last two meetings, seconded by Kyle. Passed.

James motioned to approve the agenda with the suggested amendment SAF be included and environmental events be tabled until the next meeting, seconded by jess. Passed.

**President's Remarks:**

- Allison reported on the Presidents' meeting, reported that transportation and trail college were key topics of discussion.

**General Meeting:**

- The rational for incorporation of the GSA was discussed.

Agata formed the motion which Rachel brought forward on her behalf:  
(BIRT- Be it resolved, BIFRT- Be it further resolved)

BIRT the GSA endorses incorporating the organization in principle. BIFRT that name of the not-for-profit corporation that will succeed the GSA be entitled Trent Graduate Students' Association. BIFRT that the objects of the Trent Graduate Students' Association be as follows:

1. To draw into formal association all graduate students at Trent University on a democratic and cooperative basis;
2. To contribute to the intellectual growth and cultural development of members of the Trent University Community;
3. To uphold and respect principles of academic freedom;
4. To promote the welfare of graduate students and advocate for individual and collective graduate student needs and concerns;
5. To promote and maintain communication between graduate students, other members of the Trent University community, and the community at large;
6. To organize services which supplement the learning experience and develop a sense of community with our peers and with other members of society;
7. To provide avenues for the exchange of ideas between graduate students of all

disciplines and promote the dissemination of graduate student research;  
8. To pursue equity and social justice by promoting respect, honesty, and fairness in matters relating to the work of Trent University; and  
9. To act as the official voice of all graduate students, both inside and outside Trent University.

BIFRT the GSA register as a not-for-profit corporation in Ontario according to the name and objects specified above by November 30, 2011, and that the Bylaws of the Trent Graduate Students' Association be registered after approval by the graduate student membership at the fall General Meeting.

The GSA formally approved the presentation of the motion for the GM.

- Rachel presented the proposal: Consolidating College-Student Relationships and the related letter to Dr. Gary Boire regarding the need for a College Head. The need to include senate representation issues in the proposal and the letter were noted. Both the letter and proposal will be sent to Leonard Conolly and Robin Lathaneque tomorrow, March 15 for their feedback.

Agata formed the motion, presented by Rachel and seconded by Beth as follows:

BIRT (be it resolved that) the GSA endorse the Traill College-Graduate Student Constituency Proposal dated X.

BIFRT (be it further resolved that) the GSA transfer \$2,000 to Traill College for the 2011-2012 school year from the College Fees Budget pending the fulfillment of the four conditions specified in the proposal.

BIRT the GSA transfer \$500 from Capital Expenditures and \$500 from Donations in the 2010-2011 College Fees Budget to the 2011-2012 College Fees Budget to be disbursed to Traill College according to the Traill College-Graduate Student Constituency Proposal passed on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2011.

#### Health plan

Beth presented three potential health plan options. The executive discussed taking the three options to the TCSA to bargain. Referendum protocol was discussed and it was decided that the three option should be presented as preliminary research into a potential independent health plan at the GM. The decision was made to give the membership more time to consider particular health plan options. A motion was made by John and seconded by Beth:

Be it resolved that the GSA be given the mandate to pursue alternative health benefits options for the 2011-2012 academic school year. Be it further resolved that future health plan options will be decided upon through a referendum.

The motion carried.

- Levy fees: It was suggested that levy fees should not be on the agenda at this year's GM; however, it was suggested that the GSA levy fee should be indexed to CPI in future years.
- The conference and group support proposal from the Symons series organizers was discussed. The executive decided to table this decision until after the GM when available funds for support are more clearly committed to particular projects.
- Rachel presented the financial report on behalf of Agata as follows:  
The GSA has \$3822 of unspent funds in the budget--\$2500 comes from the conference and group support budget and there are also unused funds in donations, capital purchases and communications. The GSA has gone over budget on bursaries by \$100. For conference bursaries, we received applications totaling 9325.31, and we dispersed \$7209.97 (not including additional funds from last year's fiscal). Everyone's full request, up to \$250, could be met if we disperse \$1865.35 from another line item. No vote or motion was made on bursary top ups.

#### **Events:**

- Kyle reported on the laser tag event. It was well received. Beth provided details about the St Patrick's Day event. Beth motioned to use the remaining \$1300 from the social budget on the annual Spring Fling party, to be held at Kubo on April 1st. The breakdown of this will be: \$300 - room rental, \$300 - DJ (Mark Golloher from Splice ), \$700 - food provided by Kubo. Rachel seconded the motion. Passed.

#### **Conference and group support applications:**

- Avian Appreciation Association applied for \$500 of group funding support. The group has 13 members, 11 of which are graduate students. Rachel motioned to offer the AAA with \$250, seconded by Beth, all approved.
- The synchronized swimming team applied for additional funding (the GSA supported the SST in the fall term). They demonstrated considerable effort in fundraising over the last term while still demonstrating need for financial support. Jess motioned to offer them \$250, seconded by Beth. The motion passed.

#### **AOB**

Agnes and Geoff reported that ISW week has been shortened after a tie vote at **senate** and Sunday exams have been approved.

#### **Student Ancillary Fees**

James reported on SAF noting that counseling services will receive a \$2 increase/student in funding support and support for DSO will remain consistent. Rachel motioned to recommend a 0% reduction to Academic skills, careers and peer mentoring, seconded by Beth, passed.

#### **CASSC**

Heidi reported on business at CASSC. There will be a farmers market on campus run by active minds, an increase in athletic fees, and a trial telepharmacy located at Blackburn.

Rachel motioned to adjourn.