

MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association

Meeting date: March 19, 2012

Call to order: An executive meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association, was held in Junior Common Room on March 19, 2012. The meeting convened at 7:05 PM, Vice President Karen Gillis presiding, and Shanel Raney, VP Operations.

Members in attendance: Hilary Fast, Beth McIntosh, Willow Burns, Kristen Schultz, Diana Kouřilová, Julia Smith, Megan Lloyst, Kyle Morrissey, Jason Henry, Diana Kouřilová, Bethany Hunt, Robert Arkell, Kristen Schultz, and Karen Gillis

Members not in attendance: Kaiti Nixon and Agnès Pelletier

Kristen Schultz moves to add budget talk → 2nd Hilary Fast, all approve

Motion to Approve Agenda: Karen Gillis, 2nd → Hilary Fast, all approve

Board of Governors → Robyn (Alumni on the Board of Governors)

- Board of Governors deals with budgets, problems with low or flat enrollment due to no baby boomers.
- Our debt isn't as bad as say Queens University, but the problem is we don't have enough alumni who donate to the university.
- Have talked about two main issues this year: academic plan and Stanley Avenue power issue.
- Karen Gillis: how do we get grad students to stay and finish?
 - o Robyn: Need more celebrations after major accomplishments, such as after comprehensive exams.
- Take home message: late 1970s Trent was all about activism. It's all about the next 20 years, celebrate the good stuff and act on the stuff that isn't.

Budget: Kristen Schultz

- Cheques bigger than expected from January grad students. The problem is we have all this money in college fee budget which we can't put in levy budget. But can put the \$1500 from last year into levy fees which solves our budget problems.
- Motion to Move \$1000 from Traill College cabinet and money from previous executive to levy fee. Seconded by Megan Lloyst, all approve

CUPE Update: Julia Smith

- Executive position available: general VP if anyone interested you get a stipend. About 5hrs a week. The position includes assisting people when needed. The term is till November but can go until August if need be.
- 10 hours of work a week restriction on campus: grad students policy page 22. OGS, NSERC, etc. could pull your funding if you did work more than 10 hours a week. Trent grad studies have also adopted this restriction of work hours. Maybe this is something the new executives can bring up next year.

Karen Gillis:

- AGM notice and nomination notice will be going out tomorrow because have to go out 2 weeks before hand. AGM will be April 3rd evening.
- Voting period will be a week long. Will have 2 transition meetings for new executives. New term will start May 1st.
- Health Issues in Summer: No real finances for July and August. Despite the fact that we do pay fees for health services in the summer.
- Incorporation: moving along hopefully will be done before the new execs start.
- Graduate Student Journal: support from graduate students but not faculty. Faculty think should spend time trying to publish in real journals.

PAC: Beth McIntosh

- April deadline for Trend space. Trying to setup college systems on main campus similar to that done at Traill with stipend format. Deb Nicholls has hired three students to watch Scott House so it can stay opened later, until April 24th. Traill has a lot of money for professional development, therefore if have an idea of something that the fund could be used for, pitch it.

Motion to End Meeting: Karen Gillis, all approve

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

VP Operations
Trent GSA

Date of approval