

MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association

Meeting date: Monday, June 27, 2011

Call to order: An executive meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association, was held in Scott House Senior Common Room on June 27, 2011. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM, President Karen Gillis presiding, and Shanel Raney, VP Operations.

Members in attendance: Bethany Hunt, Kristen Schultz, Megan Lloyst, Agnès Pelletier, Jason Henry, James Lisowski, Diana Kouril

Members not in attendance: Robert Arkell, Kama Maureemootoo, Hilary Fast

Motion to approve agenda → Karen Gillis; Seconded by James Lisowski – Passed Unanimously

Motion to approve June 13, 2011 minutes → Karen Gillis; Seconded by Kristen Schultz– Passed Unanimously

2011/2012 Budget: Kristen Schultz

- Working on the budget, for a general idea we will have less money than last year (\$3,000 less) because the 2009/2010 GSA had leftover money which was carried over for the 2010/2011 GSA budget.
- Have about \$21,000 for the budget: most for conference bursaries (\$7,500), Trail College cabinet (\$1,000), conference and group support (\$1,500), and Symons series (\$5,000).
- Last year's budget was also greater because the GSA was able to make money off of some events.
- Reductions to from last year's budget to meet our current available funds for this budget will be through reducing the microfilm budget and other small under used categories
- For specific details on the proposed budget a document will be posted

Trail College Cabinet

- Who will be making the events and making the budget? James Lisowski will look into this to make sure there will be no overlap in events

Conference and Group Support Application

- Childhood studies, presenters and forums. Symposium (October 27-28, 2011)
- Graduate studies will be heavily involved; total cost will be about \$5,000
- Requesting \$250

- *Motion* to give writing Canadian child symposium the requested funds of \$250

→ Kristen Schultz; Seconded by James Lisowski; Passed unanimously

International Survey: Agnès Pelletier

- Take home message:

- Most international students did not understand their specific health plan coverage or benefits

- Students want to know how to do tax returns, or rental laws, transportation

- Socially: students don't know extracurricular things to do; they would like international events (specifically for them)

- Maybe have events more themed to international students

- could have potlucks of food from their countries or an Algonquin camping trip (but would need to look into the risk management for events → Megan Lloyst will look into it) or could have a ski trip maybe at Curby (could rent a school bus and driver to take students there).

Committees: Karen Gillis

- Most committees will be filled in the fall by graduate students

- CASSC and the elections committee → Bethany Hunt

- Conference bursaries committee → Shanel Raney

- Finance committees → Kristen Schultz

- Wellness committee, Symons series committee, intro week committee → Megan Lloyst

- Committees which have to be filled by GSA executives include:

- Athletics advisory committee, transportation committee, and college committee

- Resignation from committees: want to add a 2 week resignation period so students don't just drop it into other peoples lap

- CASSC review: want to make a strategy to improve CASSC

Meeting: October 16, 2011 – 10 to 5pm

– Other presidents at Trent University will be meeting to go over general terms

- Full day to go over items: board of governors, Roberts rules of order, etc.

CFS: Karen Gillis

- Going to put together brochures
- Will probably need to have a referendum on whether to join CFS or not: probably better to not join as the cost to join does not include many services. People from the TCSA advised not the best to join.

Health and Dental Plan

- Information sheets handed in to graduate studies and has been mailed out to the incoming students
- Dependants addition to the plans have not been figured out yet

Summer BBQs: Megan Lloyst

- Last BBQ on June 16th was very well attended, but people want salads and more drinks
- The second BBQ will be July 14th, 2011 from 12pm to 1pm at lock 22: Megan Lloyst will be away so Shanel Raney will organize this BBQ

Intro Week: Megan Lloyst

- This intro week the pub crawl will include a lift lock boat cruise, using the larger boat with a 100 person capacity

First Year Survey: James Lisowski has posted this survey report on drop box

GSO BBQ: last year they also asked for \$750 and the GSA did not provide any money towards this request last year.

-Motion to decline the GSO request of \$750 → Karen Gillis; Seconded Kristen; Passed unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Next Meeting: Karen Gillis will make a doodle calendar to see who is available when for the week of July 18th to 22nd. Before the meeting everyone will send all members reports on what they have worked on over the two weeks between the meetings.

VP Operations
Trent GSA

Date of approval