

**MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting**  
**Meeting Date:** April 5, 2013

**Call to order:** An executive meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association was held in the Senior Common Room of Trill College on April 5, 2013. The meeting convened at 12:00, President Kaiti Nixon presiding.

**Members in Attendance:**

Kaiti Nixon	President
Elizabeth McIntosh	VP Executive
Kimberly Demers	VP Student Affairs (Arts)
Adrian Borlestean	VP Student Affairs (Sciences)
Jessica Taylor	VP Communications
Elizabeth Morrison	First Year Representative
Kyle Morrissey	Senator
Andressa Lacerda	International Representative
Andrea Samoil	CUPE Representative
Ayden Sherritt	Environmental Commissioner

**Regrets:** Shrikaar Kambhampati (VP Finance); Adam Marques (Equity Commissioner); Stephanie Dotto (VP Operations)

**Approval of minutes (March 8 and March 22):**

- Liz present, not absent, on March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting
- *Motion passes*

**Approval of agenda:**

- *Motion passes*

**VP Operations Update (Andrea proxy for Stephanie):**

- Motion to make receipt of executive honoraria contingent on submission of final reports
  - o Motion seconded
  - o DISCUSSION:
    - Kaiti: something to be a guideline for next exec, upload to drop-box, everyone needs to meet with their incoming replacement beyond next meeting
    - Adrian: should be annual guidelines, not an annual report
  - o *Motion passes*
- Referendum update
  - o As of last night, 90-100 people have voted (we are well past quorum)

**VP Executive Update (Beth):**

- Spring AGM wrap-up
  - o Referendum questions can only be asked one every 12 months; danger of voter fatigue for repeat questions
  - o Motion for reimbursement for 45 posters at a cost of \$113.46

- ***Motion passed***
  - Thanks everyone, high energy, educational and fun, people enjoyed themselves
  - Documents given 2 weeks in advance, but hard when people didn't read and ask questions in advance
    - referenda could have been retooled before AGM if people had concerned
    - Bylaws are a living document and changes will be made in the future – so possibly create online discussion forums to incorporate feedback, to attain feedback
  - Kaiti: there were comments on the website, by 11 am Thursday we had met quorum, so we have started momentum on which the next TGSA needs to build
  - Do we have our website archived? We need to look into this.
    - Officially passed bylaws, so now all changes need to be documented with rationale and date
    - Beth suggests a wiki page on our website to document changes so that future can see rationale
    - It will be the job of the incoming VP Operations to make sure that process is recording and wiki/website is updated
- Motion for Beth and Andrew to price a new computer tower for the TGSA office
  - DISCUSSION: we need to investigate whether it comes out of capital costs or operations
  - ***Motion passed***

### **President's Update (Kaiti):**

- April wrap-up
  - VP transitional meeting on April 15; board transition meeting on April 19
  - Election results will be known by end of day on April 10<sup>th</sup> and posted on April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Fling Update
  - Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> at Junction; free venue, discount drinks; want to offer one free drink – will get in writing
  - \$700 is enough for food and drink and to hire DJ
  - only concern for risk management is which names to put on the liquor licenses
  - need to make sure students know to bring their grad student ID's
- Motion to pay Symons exec a total of \$300 from our donations fund, plus left-over money to Sadleir House
  - Motion (Passes/does not pass/is tabled??)
- Budget cuts
  - Joan happy to talk to any interested students; she has reached out because there is not 3-5% to cut
  - Beth suggests sub-committee
- Incoming Senator Position
  - Three people have put themselves forward to run since the AGM
  - They can't run in this election because survey cannot be altered
  - Deadline is May 14 because that is the last Senate meeting,

### **Other Business:**

- Adrian:
  - Perhaps leftover money could be used to make some swag
    - couple of different ideas for clothing, mugs, pens, containers, cloth bags, USBs
- Ayden:
  - transit board meeting
    - city over budget by \$400 000
    - everyone thought that it would be better to increase costs for part-time or grad-students
    - grads pay \$130 more than TCSA for bus passes – but others are sure that grads only pay the same \$243
    - across board 2% increase
    - In summer East Bank and Nichols Park merge, city pays, more summer bus routes, the West Bank split into direct and current route, and George North no longer to campus, but instead Chemong so that students can go to shopping centre around Walmart
    - Kaiti: seek clarification about cost, and figure out when the decision points are

**Meeting adjourned: 14:00**