

MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting
Meeting Date: October 29, 2012

Call to order: An executive meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association was held in the Senior Common Room at Trill College on October 29, 2012. The meeting convened at 16:20, president Kaiti Nixon presiding.

Members in Attendance:

Kaiti Nixon	President
Stephanie Dotto	VP Operations
Kimberly Demers	VP Student Affairs (Arts)
Elizabeth McIntosh	VP Executive
Elizabeth Morrison	First Year Representative
Adam Marques	Equity Commissioner
Kyle Morrissey	Senator
Andrea Samoil	CUPE Representative
Andressa Lacerda	International Representative

Regrets: Jessica Taylor (VP Communications); Adrian Borlestean (VP Student Affairs – Sciences); Lindsey Beals (Science Liaison); Andrea Samoil (CUPE Rep); Ayden Sherritt (Environmental Commissioner); Shrikaar Kambhampati (VP Finance)

Approval of Agenda:

- Beth adds task forces to other business
- Kaiti adds a report from President's meeting to other business
- Approved unanimously

Mailbox Update (Andressa):

- We are wanting a mailbox on main campus
- Inter-university mail is supposed to be overnight but we have not had that experience
- Erin Davidson asked lots of questions regarding getting a new mailbox – has not responded
- We just need a main campus drop off place – Andressa will explain that

CUPE Update (Stephanie proxy for Andrea):

- AGM tomorrow, October 30th, 7:30pm at Bagnani Hall

VP Operations Update (Stephanie):

- motion for using blackboard for elections; seconded
 - o motion passes unanimously
 - o Kaiti, Stephanie and Beth will work out details
- motion for moving to timed meetings; seconded
 - o Discussion: What happens if we need more time? We can force motions, table motions.

- Passes unanimously
- We should all check the Robert's Rules – motions vs. reports

VP Student Affairs – Arts Update (Kimberly):

- motion to skate as a November activity; seconded
 - DISCUSSION: we could either do public skating at an arranged time and place (eg. Sunday afternoons @ Water Street/Marina arena – indoor arena), and pay for some/all of the cost of admission, OR we could rent out an arena (would likely cost at least \$200)
 - None of the arenas rent skates, but Chumleigh's or Village Shop sell cheap skates
 - Motion passes unanimously
 - Kimi will come back with some finalized details
- Motion to start an events subcommittee; seconded
 - DISCUSSION: Would involve brainstorming – Adrian and Kimi do legwork
 - People already have ways to contribute – board in office – email – file in dropbox
 - Adrian and Kimi are already this subcommittee
 - Motion rejected
 - But we need to email Kimi social ideas

President Update (Kaiti):

- CAGS meeting from Nov 4-7 in Ottawa; does anybody want to go?
 - Last year they removed a student voice from their board
 - At best they're an advocacy body - not really a decision-making body
 - Also meeting Dec. 1. And Dec. 7. (Dec 7th meeting at McMaster)
 - Dec meetings a better use of our time
 - No takers
- GSA Calendar
 - we need to think forward in our positions and document what we are doing
 - from Oct onwards, we have the big desk calendar – we can mark things down on that calendar
 - any thoughts about things that would make the GSA run better – bring them forward – do more in less time
- President's Meeting
 - other student groups do not have 10% quorum rule (college cabinets/TCSA)
 - TCSA has a 2% quorum
 - LEC (closest to our membership) has exec + 5 quorum rule
 - We might want to consider changing this according to our previous AGM averages
 - Beth – 25 could be a good number

Other Business:

- Beth - three task forces/committees need reps
 - o Stephanie, Kimi, Andressa, and Adam are interested – Beth will email with further info

Meeting adjourned at 16:57.