

MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting
Meeting Date: January 11, 2013

Call to order: An executive meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association was held on Symons Campus on January 11, 2013. The meeting convened at 16:05, president Kaiti Nixon presiding.

Members in Attendance:

Kaiti Nixon	President
Elizabeth McIntosh	VP Executive
Kimberly Demers	VP Student Affairs (Arts)
Elizabeth Morrison	First Year Representative
Adam Marques	Equity Commissioner
Kyle Morrissey	Senator
Lindsey Beals	Science Liaison
Adrian Borlestean	VP Student Affairs (Sciences)
Sara Pieper	Student Centre Task Force Representative
Ian Fife	Health Benefits Coordinator

Regrets: Jessica Taylor (VP Communications); Shrikaar Kambhampati (VP Finance); Andrea Samoil (CUPE Rep); Ayden Sherritt (Enviro Commissioner) Andressa Lacerda (International Rep); Stephanie Dotto (VP Operations)

Approval of the agenda:

- *motion carried*

Health Benefits Update (Ian):

- Opt-out issues
 - o Not sure if late opt-outers will get full reimbursement or if there is a penalty
 - o Have to verify with provider
- Website accessibility
 - o Change name of coordinator on website
 - o Post more benefits info (summarized version of the booklet)
 - o Ian will make an update and send to Jess
 - o GreenShield has an ID card; where do we use this?
- Seasoned Spoon Coverage
 - o They have asked for a refund – they want a full-time student rate, not part-time rate
 - o We will be in meetings with them for the next little while
- Helen from TPSA emailed again about joining

Student Centre Task Force Update (Sara):

- seriously looking to build a student center on campus, been meeting furiously
- TCSA wants to put this as a referendum during their March election
- on a tight timeline to get basic floor plan –

- general needs assessment of what people would want to see – get information out to undergrads
- What would grad students need in a student’s center?
 - o GSA would have space on main campus in this student center.
 - o Need to put the referendum question to our membership as we are an autonomous body.
- Our job as the GSA is to provide information
- Committed to this not being a university owned building
- What type of things would we like to see? Send suggestions in an email
- No time for a big consultation process
- Common social space; space for student-delivered services; bring them to a more centralized location; pub space; food services place
- \$90 a year/student

VP Operations Update (Kaiti proxy for Stephanie):

- everyone is officially elected!
- College Planning Committee update

President’s Update (Kaiti):

- meeting calendar
- office hours
- AGM
- exec recruitment
- Hamilton meeting report

Other business:

- Active Minds Update – Adam
- Constitution Update – Beth

Meeting adjourned