

MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting
Meeting Date: March 8, 2013

Call to order: An executive meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association was held in the Senior Common Room of Trill College on March 8, 2013. The meeting convened at 12:00, President Kaiti Nixon presiding.

Members in Attendance:*

Kaiti Nixon	President
Kimberly Demers	VP Student Affairs - Arts
Kyle Morrissey	Senator
Andrea Samoil	CUPE Representative
Ayden Sherritt	Environmental Commissioner
Richard ????	VP Development (Board of Governors, Trent University)

Regrets: Shrikaar Kambhampati (VP Finance); Elizabeth Morisson (First Year Rep) Adam Marques (Equity Commissioner); Andressa Lacerda (International Rep); Adrian Borlesteau (VP Student Affairs – Science); Jessica Taylor (VP Communications); Elizabeth McIntosh (VP Executive); Stephanie Dotto (VP Operations); Ian Fyfe (Health Benefits Coordinator)

***Quorum not made**

Trent BoG Update (Richard):

- Philanthropy at Trent
 - o University is halfway through a campaign, in the middle of revisiting the campaign
 - o Context – Trent is unusual – very much a child of this community. Trent emerged under the actions of community workers, such as General Electric
 - o Philanthropy has a long history at Trent
 - o Three large ways they do fundraising:
 - ask community, alumni, foundations, etc. to support
 - Legacy Giving through Legacy Society
 - Capital Giving
 - o Halfway through the campaign market collapsed (2008) – university's own endowments affected
 - o University went through a major leadership change
 - o Take to potential donors that these are the things the university needs that can make a difference.
 - o What are the needs from the bottom up and how might they play a strategic or transformative role?
 - o What we want money to be used for?
 - Kaiti – Symons Series – Enable more presenters? Afterthoughts café? Open it up to a broader community context? A Symons conference?
 - Kyle – Celebrate the research that takes place here – if you want trent to look like a place where you would want to give money you would need to

celebrate the research that takes place more. Looks like a place that needs them, not just a place that needs money.

- Andrea – Research Awards – specifically contract faculty
- Kimmy – Counselling services / general student wellness

First Year Representative Update (Liz):

- PAC Report
 - Looking for a new Traill College fellow – science based?
 - Traill wants to do an end of year event – they want to spend it on grad students. They want to partner with GSA on an event – Food and drink? An emphasis on a local event?
 - Doug’s tenure is up as Principal of Traill – re-nominate him

Senator Update (Kyle):

- expelling the leader of the student center caucus

CUPE Representative Update (Andrea):

- OUWCC Conference (Ontario University Workers Coordinators Committees)
 - looking at coordinated bargaining – trying to work towards common expiry date of 2016 – better position to bargain across the sector
 - employment equity language; demographics are supposed to reflect those of the community around you
 - benefits – eliminate UHIP premiums completely – how?
 - Want people to seek a seat for CUPE representative for board of governors;
 - Workers should have a place on the board of governors.

VP Executive Update (Kaiti proxy for Beth):

- Bagnani booked April 3rd 17:00-19:00 for Spring AGM; all expected to be there. Expected to provide a report for your position.
- March 20th our deadline for providing information on the question for bylaws. Will also open nomination period as well.
- Voting opens afterwards for referendum.
- No conclusive evidence that the bylaws were approved and the quorum clause passed
- 25 people or 5% of the membership is all that is required
- Referendum questions are:
 - Do you endorse the TGSA being a member of OGSA ...?
 - Do you endorse the one time TGSA levy fee increase from
 - CPI increase year to year
 - Do you endorse the levy fee for construction of the student center? We put a range of 50-100?
 - Do you endorse the yearly levy fee for the Seasoned Spoon ?
- Health Benefits plan
 - \$290 across the board to be on TCSA health plan
 - We don’t know what our fees are going to be for the Fall
 - Ian to start the negotiation process with the provider
- Held a TGSA info session – no attendees

- Everyone needs to find a person to replace them. Encourage students to start running for the GSA – start on March 20th
- Start talking to people about it
- Transition document in training – need everyone to write a short document outlining what you did in your position and pertinent contact information.
- Grad studies website; asked grad studies to update to our current website address
- Asked if the financial support for the department could be posted on the websites

President Update (Kaiti):

- OGSA Meeting last Wednesday – Kyle is our OGSA rep for now
- Program Reps meeting Monday – asking about their support for joining OGSA – we do not have fair representation as of yet
- Board of Governors Seat – really encourage them to run for it
- President Franklin meeting
 - o Overview of challenges we faced, building capacities, etc. Counselling services, mental health supports for graduate students, students center, CPC document for Traill. General sense is that the administration is fairly new as well and are very enthusiastic about supporting graduate students
- Filling committee seats – should revisit the committees representation. A lot of those seats are currently open. Encourage people to participate in that.

Meeting Adjourned: 13:44