

MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting
Meeting Date: March 22, 2013

Call to order: An executive meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association was held in W4 of the Science Complex on March 22, 2013. The meeting convened at 12:10, VP Executive Elizabeth McIntosh presiding.

Members in Attendance:*

Elizabeth McIntosh	VP Executive
Stephanie Dotto	VP Operations
Kyle Morrissey	Senator
Andrea Samoil	CUPE Representative
Andressa Lacerda	International Representative
James McClelland	MA Public Texts Representative

Regrets: Shrikaar Kambhampati (VP Finance); Elizabeth Morisson (First Year Rep) Adam Marques (Equity Commissioner); Adrian Borlestean (VP Student Affairs – Science); Jessica Taylor (VP Communications); Kaiti Nixon (President); Ian Fyfe (Health Benefits Coordinator); Kimberly Demers (VP Student Affairs – Arts); Ayden Sherritt (Environmental Commissioner)

***Quorum not made**

CUPE Representative Update (Andrea):

- Archery
 - o March 23 at 2:00pm – free
 - o Consult CUPE website for location
- Unit 2 CUPE Steward position available
 - o A Unit 2 Steward has resigned
 - o Information on the position has been posted on the website, and an email has been sent out

Senator Update (Kyle):

- Graduate studies committee update
 - o Looking for feedback on TIP internal review, particularly from international students
 - Anyone giving feedback should contact Joan
 - o Establishing guidelines for doctoral students teaching intro classes
 - o Changes in accommodation policies with regards to students with disabilities
 - Joan going to bring somebody in from DSO to talk about the issues

International Representative Update (Andressa):

- Able to convince grad studies to give ten more international fee waivers
 - o Because ENLS is the biggest program, they will get between 3-7 of the new waivers

- American students applying to Trent have trouble translating GPA into Trent language
 - o ENLS suggesting we ask for class average so we see where person stands

VP Executive Update (Beth):

- AGM
 - o Everything is on the website
 - o Bylaws are done
 - o Referendum questions posted
 - o Microfiching is supposed to be done as of Sept. 2013
 - Cost of \$3200
 - that money will then be freed up with (suggestion: conference bursaries)
- Library Advisory Committee
 - o Library under the subscription review initiative
 - Website set up where we can submit our opinions
 - Each department has a library representative or the chair of the program – this one person/dept should voice the concerns of the department
 - They are doing statistics tracking
 - Suggested flagging low-view journals, then let depts. make their case for the journals in trouble
 - They are giving a lot of time for departments to offer feedback
- Health Benefits Update
 - o Ian and Beth had conference call with Morneau Chapelle (broker)
 - 25/30 minutes spent trying to convince TGSA to get TPSA on their plan – not what the meeting was supposed to be
 - Supposed to meet on Monday; cancelled without notice
 - The brokers do not take our business seriously
 - Call was supposed to be about the updated quote
 - We need that number by April 3rd – Beth stressed that point
 - All of the above should be taken into consideration when deciding whether or not to join onto the TCSA health plan
 - We would then have a full-time staff member handling health benefits; as it is Ian gets 10-20 emails a day about benefits
 - Would mean much less work for our Health Benefits Coordinator – they would become a liaison between us and TCSA

Meeting adjourned: 12:58