

MINUTES of Trent Graduate Students' Association

Meeting date: Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Call to order: An executive meeting of the Trent Graduate Students' Association, was held in Bagnani Hall on November 2, 2011. The meeting convened at 5:30 PM, President Karen Gillis presiding, and Shanel Raney, VP Operations.

Members in attendance: Bethany Hunt, Kristen Schultz, Megan Lloyst, James Lisowski, Jason Henry, Hilary Fast, Kaiti Nixon, Kyle Morrissey, Beth McIntosh, Agnès Pelletier, and Julia Smith

Members not in attendance: Robert Arkell and Diana Kouřilová

Motion to approve agenda → Karen Gillis; Seconded by Agnès Pelletier – Passed Unanimously

Motion to approve October 12, 2011 minutes → Karen Gillis; Seconded by Megan Lloyst – Passed Unanimously

Introductions of new executives:

- First year representative: Kaiti Nixon
- Senate representative: Kyle Morrissey

Kristen Schultz: Conference and Group Support

- Canadian studies putting it on this conference: April 21, 2012
 - Asking for some start up money of \$510. Total expenses will be \$7000. There will be a total of 60 attendees, with about 30 grad students.
 - We have used \$2000 of our \$5000 budget; so we could give them half of the request or the full amount.
- *Motion* to give full funding of \$510 to Canadian studies conference: Agnes Pelletier, 2nd Shanel Raney, passed unanimously

Megan Lloyst: Movember Event – November 16th, 2011

- Band booked to play at the Trend at 10pm. Could split ticket funds towards Movember. Will have something about prostate cancer put up on the GSA website. Will give prizes to who earns the most donations and prizes for the best mustaches.

Karen Gillis:

- Academic Plan: Any suggestions please email Karen Gillis or Gary Boire

CUPE Bargaining Rep: Kristen Schultz

- If anybody wants to mention anything that they would like, they should tell Kristen because they are only at the beginning of bargaining with Trent.

Karen Gillis:

- Facilities and landscaping committee: looking for a place to put a bike shop on campus.
- Transit meeting: haven't started to talk about the summer schedule yet. The town is going to have a consultant to come in and look at the system and possibly result in route changes.
 - o The east bank route will be changing soon, due to accessibility issues, so that it will pass the DNA building
 - o Also they are talking of putting everything onto one card: bus pass, student card, meal card, and the building pass
- Have you seen inchoative: Sadler House has taken it on and they have \$3500 of their \$5000 requirement; they need the money by November 5th, 2011. The TCSA have agreed to give \$1000.
 - o Agnès Pelletier: Thinks that the GSA should give some money out of conference and group support.
 - o *Motion* to give the Have you seen inchoative \$100 - Julia Smith, Seconded by Megan Lloyst; passed unanimously.

Megan Lloyst: Book swap website under construction for Trent

- Text book list for undergraduate students, maybe professors could put up their used books for graduate students to have access to.

Kaiti Nixon: Wants to put on some workshops for first years on building your thesis with the academic skill centre.

Senate: Agnès Pelletier

- Need to re-organize meetings so that Kyle Morrissey can let the GSA know what is going to be discussed in the senate meetings, so that the GSA has a chance to have a say in what is being decided at these meetings.
- Also the constitution needs to be adjusted so that a senate rep is voted in during the spring election so the GSA will have a representative at all senate meetings; unlike now where Kyle Morrissey has missed three meetings already due to just being elected in October.

Bethany Hunt: Food Services Consultant Group/Committee

- These meetings are going to start happening soon and a graduate student member needs to be added to this committee soon.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

VP Operations
Trent GSA

Date of approval