

**Trent University Graduate Student Association, Regular Meeting, October 12, 2010**

**Traill College Senior Common Room**

**Members in attendance:**

Allison Hayward	President
Rachel Herron	VP Operations
Beth Evans	VP Student Affairs
Kyle Borrowman	VP Student Affairs
John Franey	VP Communications
James Lisowski	First Year Rep

**Members not in attendance:**

Jessica Ellison	Human Rights Commissioner
Agata Durkalec	VP Finance
Judith Mintz	Senator
Agnes Pelletier	Science Liaison
Kim Wilson	CUPE Representative
Meghan Buckham	Environmental Commissioner

**Quorum was not met so the meeting proceeded with discussion and no formal vote on agenda items could be held.**

**President's remarks**

- Co-curricular record: Looking for a committee member. Committee assesses what counts on the co-curricular record using software program to make a standard record in accordance with other institutions with co-curricular records.
- Sustainability task force: University (CASSC) has requested a task force to examine/monitor multiple sustainability policies and create an encompassing sustainability policy. The commitment is 5-10 hours a week for one year commitment. The Environmental Commissioner should take on this responsibility, but time commitment is extensive (same as TA-ship). We need to develop an honorarium for this position. Committee contains five members. Alison will e-mail CASSC secretary and ask for details. Allison suggested Traill College money would be well spent going towards this position.

- TIP: Judith and Alison drafted a letter to go to Gary Boire, VP Academic re: TIP.
- Office keys: Technically we are supposed to have eight keys, which Alison will be responsible. Allison noted keys to be made and for whom.

### **GM update**

- Beth: we are allowed to have our own food as long as it is not protein based/will go bad.
- The GSA will subsidize \$1.00 for each drink.
- Each member should put up a poster near their office.
- Form for the meeting: present the social events, the budget. Vote on budget and constitutional changes, hold elections for vacant positions.

### **Budget**

- Halloween party needs to be deleted from events budget.
- Executive honorarium: there is \$1300 for this budget line, but there should be \$100 for each member (1400- 1500).
- Emergency honoraria: where would extra honoraria come from for exceptional or outstanding commitments?
- Communications has a \$500 Budget. Could we move money from that budget to honoraria or how can we use communications budget better
- Where will we get money to be incorporated if that is a need in the future?
- Microfilming is less than last year and last year we went over budget.

### **Other upcoming events at the Trend & GSA co-sponsorship:**

- Next Thursday- calypso band, \$5 cover, \$5 pints and food. Encourage people to go. They are coming back towards the end of November.
- Research in Action series- e-mailed Joan Sangster to ask about holding this event at the Trend and GSA will co-sponsor the event. Daniel has asked that if the GSA is holding an event on a night that the Trend is not usually open, the

GSA should cover the cost of staffing (\$450) for the event. If the Trend makes \$50+, the GSA will get that money back. Beth proposed we spend \$50-75 dollars to cover the cost of the Trend and \$25 to provide the speaker at the Research in Action night with an honorarium. Allison questioned what are trail and graduate studies contributing to the event? The College will be buying food. The Dean does not believe an honorarium is necessary for the speaker because speaking is part of their job.

### **Trail College budget**

- Traill College will not show the GSA a break down of what they do with student fees. Allison will bring this matter to the principles advisory council.

### **Health Plan**

- TCSA has suggested that non-members seeking health benefits from student organizations at other Universities usually have to pay more than members.
- Allison is sending copy of consultants report and work done by Nina (previous health plan research) to James.

### **Other Events**

- Allen O'Connor is doing a poetry night that we have been asked to co-sponsor. Vote next meeting.
- International Student Event: slide luck pot show, pictures and food from home (January event).
- Festivus venue: Red Dog, Riley's? Looking for suggestions.
- February hockey game.
- Biking: Ena wants to organize a group bike one weekend in November for Graduate Students.

- Ski trip (February): Work with TCSA. Overnight or weekend?

**Senate seats re:**

- Sheldon's e-mail- student representation is being reduced within the senate because students are not filing the seat. Forward e-mail to Leonard Conolly for support.

Rachel motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kyle seconded the motion. All were in favour.

Reminders for next meeting:

Approval of the meeting agenda

Approval of the minutes

Group support request- e-mail Agata

Group support request- Beth

TA training