

Trent Graduate Students' Association General Meeting
October 6th 2011, 6:30-7:30pm
Bagnani Hall

Quorum not met- 25 members in Attendance.

Call to Order

Introduction

Karen Gillis introduces Executive Committee

Current issues

Karen Gillis outlines 4 issues the GSA is currently discussing

1. Incorporation: the Executive Committee will be restructured, bylaws need to be finalized

2. Traill College: should we include part-time students in Traill College to help pay for the maintenance of the college and to give them a space on campus

-General consensus is that it makes sense, influx of cash to Traill, but we would still want our own seat on senate

-Part-time students are more like us demographically than full time undergrads so it makes sense to band together

3. CFS: we will be having a referendum this year regarding our prospective membership

-We are creating a committee to look into the pros and cons of membership

4. Academic plan: check out the Vice Presidents blog for any ideas or suggestion on what we want Trent to be as Karen is meeting with him on October 27th

Incorporation update: Karen Gillis gives update on Incorporation. Our application is in, we only need to vote on the bylaws.

Health plan update: Beth Evans gives update on Health plan. The opt-in/opt-out date was October 5th, however, there is still a black-out period for another few weeks while all the paperwork gets sorted out. Students can then start submitting your claims online from last month to get reimbursed. Check the website for updates as to when the black-out period will be over.

Budget update: Kristen Schultz presents budget for year to be approved. Kristen reviews the college fee budget (academic growth: conference bursaries, Symons series, conference and group supports, donations and savings to keep GSA viable) and levy fee budget (social events, in partnership with community organizations, microfilming paid for all grad theses). Details of new plan can be found on GSA website.

-It is suggested that we lobby for grad studies to keep the research fellowships that are taken away from students who receive external funding

Committees update: Karen Gillis gives update on committees. Filling our senate seat is a priority.

Events update: Megan Lloyst gives update on upcoming events. There are Professional Development workshops begin held at Traill throughout the year.