

TGSA EXECUTIVE REPORTS-
January 11th, 2016

President:

- I will not have everything uploaded to the google drive by the date that we decided on earlier – but will do this early February (I have an unexpected paper deadline and will be working throughout most of January to try to get this finished).
- Emailed Drew so Student VIP could put together a proposal that we can bring to our board meeting to discuss renewing the insurance.
- Editing Cory and Alison's updated bylaws for the Constitutional Changes Committee
- Discussing with Avinaash and Alison about advocating for changes to the language requirement that is held by some programs (despite little to no program support for meeting this requirement)
- Will be attending the OGSA meeting on the weekend
- Have accumulated quite a few different board games to bring tomorrow night
- Scheduled date of next LTPC meeting and board meeting
- Meeting with Michael Eamon tomorrow to discuss activities at Traill and to see if any progress has been made on Traill sponsoring the SSS
- Meeting tomorrow with Dr. Muldoon to discuss possibilities for academic teaching for Ph.D. students
- Set up office hours for the year (will practice on other browsers to see if my instructions make sense)
- Lunch meeting with Garfield Dunlop, Ontario PC Party's Chief Training Colleges and Universities Advisor on January 19th – to discuss student issues.
- Meeting with Alison afterwards to discuss the duties of the President for the updated bylaws
- Discussion with Emergency Planning Committee – will be having a lockdown drill on Wednesday. January 13, 2016 from 1:45-2:00pm

VP of Internal Affairs: I have/am:

- making massive changes to the bylaws with Cory and Laura
- Emailing Symons about filling out risk assessment forms which they refuse to do even though they have received a number of written warnings
- emailing all the department reps to find out if they were elected and if not get them appointed
- finding out what departments have departmental societies and trying to go to those meetings or create a departmental society with the first year reps
- organizing the next constitutional changes committee

-meeting with everyone that was a portfolio in the bylaws and getting them to make changes

VP of Finance: AP&B Committee meeting has been deferred until the 28th of January, so no meetings have been held since the end of last year. I have finally received the first application from Troy Bordun for the TGSA Conference & Group Support. I have forwarded this email to you all so you may take a look at it. My understanding is that the \$610 quoted *underfunding required* is what Troy hopes to raise from all mentioned funding sources. I will follow up with him to see whether any amounts have been specified as of yet. We can then collectively decide how much we are willing to part with, given that we may receive other applications by the end of the semester. Of course, it is also my goal to minimize our costs especially under this line item under our budget while being able to provide the support requested. Otherwise, I am preparing for my 3rd and final wave of Conference Bursary applications. Luckily, last round we did not receive even a single late submission which made my job easy. I do want to be prepared however for this round with how we will deal with late applications. All that is stated under our document is that “*Applications will be accepted no later than 5 days after the period end.*”. Supposedly, we have an additional late submission policy though it is not very clearly defined (i.e. not stated in our document). I do not have my notes in front of me while I write this report, however, I believe I saw an amount of \$237.50 in a letter to an applicant that suggested a 5% late penalty. Since this is not clearly stated anywhere, I will not be enforcing this penalty. Either applicants submit on time and are awarded the full amount claimed (with potential deductions realized after prorating if necessary), or their application is denied if it is not received by 11:59pm on the 20th.

VP of Operations: Entering the next round of interviews for the Traill College documentary. Because the Traill College review will begin at the end of the month, I have more time to schedule more interviewees. Documentary will be completed and released by the end of the month, following final approval from Michael Eamon. Michael Eamon has forwarded me the contact info for several former members of Traill College, including the college’s very first principal. I still need to contact them. Michael Eamon said he would contact the first president on my behalf, and I’m waiting for Michael’s report on that.

VP of Student Affairs: We have a board game social night scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, from 7 to 9 PM at the Trend. Today I received notice that the risk assessment has been approved, and I have verified with the Trend that we do still have the booking at that snacks will be provided. It is possible we might go over

budget a little up to a quantity of \$200, but our Festivus was incredibly under budget, so I am not overly concerned. There is minimal preparation required, short of showing up. However, I do not have games to bring, but hopefully students will do so. (The boyfriend forgot to bring me Illuminati). I also made a poster after I returned from the holidays. I have had minimal questions about health care opt outs, although I am still waiting on a reply from Donna Hoard at Finance for one particular student. I will remind her tomorrow if I still do not have an answer by the end of today. I am not foreseeing any trouble this go around with opt-outs. I need to start thinking about the February event. As per the by-laws, we must hold an international student event, and I was thinking we could do this in the guise of a February social. I need to get with the international rep and see if he would like to help me with it. The GSA could book Bagnani Hall (since it has tables), and provide beverages, and students can bring a dish from a country of their choice. We will not need to dress up or “perform” a culture, as I feel that is marginalizing. We would just need to eat. Tomorrow I am starting to hold office hours, and I will be making spreadsheets for Orientation and Festivus to add to the Google Drive and Dropbox. After that, we should be up to date on social events, especially since this one will cost very little and almost no preparation.

Senator: At the last GSC meeting, the grad committee members were worried about the President and his view of Grad studies. He was invited to the meeting and assured members that the University needs to have a graduate unit and he likes it. However, he indicated that changes need to be made. Nothing of importance from Senate's end - just a bunch of reports with programs and courses to read. In addition, working with Frost Centre Canadian Studies students on taking the French requirement to grad studies committee.