

TGSA EXECUTIVE REPORTS-
November 12th and 23rd, 2015

Laura:

- Attended Executives meetings
- Attended Presidents' meetings
- Attended entrepreneurship centre user group meeting
- Helped create the research survey to get a better sense on the service that grad students find most important to them, and to allow students to comment about our current performances as executives
- Delivered TGSA donation cheques for the 3-Minute-Thesis and Fekete Lecture
- Attended meeting with Symons Committee to discuss best practices for going forward
- Drafted response to letter to clear up any misconceptions about Symons funding from GSA
- Attended Symons Seminar Series Faculty Advisory Board meeting
- Attended Heritage Committee meeting to discuss formalizing a heritage policy for Trent
- Working with CUPE representative to pursue research project into graduate student tuition
- Worked with Alison F. and CUPE representative to work on voting initiative, to inform students on how to vote in the federal election
- Working on policy for Sexual Violence Committee
- Attending the Symons Seminar Series talks
- Attended Constitutional Changes Committee meeting
- Working on finishing the audit (with Renee H. and David B.)
- Working with David B. on finalizing the budget
- Meeting with the Dean to discuss strategies for the TGSA's success going forward
- Worked with Renee H. to throw Fall Social event
- Worked on securing more donations for the GSA, including gift cards, cake/squares for last event
- Met with Drew from Student VIP to discuss plan status
- Attended Best Practices meeting between Student VIP, Trent Finance, and Grad Studies to streamline process for health care
- Planning for the upcoming AGM
- Signed cheque from Grad Studies for ancillary fees and college levies

- Payment made to Student VIP to process opt-out cheques

David H.: Update on transferring our website to a new host: we actually can't, since our website is paid off until 2018. I am now going to contact Trent IT to see if TGSA execs can have emails indicating their positions (ex: vp-operations@trentu.ca). I continue to promote the AGM and field/redirect any questions from students. I am also currently working on putting together the agenda for the AGM. In addition, I now have all the equipment I need to proceed with gathering interviews for the Traill College documentary that I am producing through and behalf of the TGSA, without any funding from the TGSA. I will be working closely with Michael Eamon to schedule interviews for the documentary from now until roughly mid-December. Expected completion is roughly toward the end of December, since the documentary should be finished in time for the external review of Traill College.

David B.:

- Processed cheques to be disbursed to September Conference Bursary applicants
- Attended meeting with Symons Committee to discuss best practices for going forward
- Delivered first contribution (\$1500.00) to the Symons Seminar Series
- Compiled final pieces of information required for audit
- Prepared Proposed Budget 2015/16 as well as the Addendum to the Proposed Budget 2015/16
- Meeting with the Dean of Graduate Studies to discuss strategies for the TGSA's success going forward
- Attended Best Practices meeting between Student VIP, Trent Finance, and Grad Studies to streamline process for health care
- Signed and received cheque from Grad Studies for ancillary fees and college levies
- Payment made to Student VIP to process opt-out cheques

Alison:

- Clarifying issues to do with committee representation
- Getting in touch with departments to find TGSA Board of Directors representation
- Sitting on committees
- Advertising vacant committee positions
- Preparing for First Year Representative Elections
- Organizing constitutional changes committee meeting
- Meeting with Jen Coulter of Housing Services

L. Renee: Since the last meeting, the President (Laura Thursby) and I set up a Fall Social event during Reading Week in the Senior Common Room. It wasn't heavily attended, but we will provide refreshments (desserts and snacks) and hot drinks for students from 12 PM – 3 PM. Laura was able to get a cake and some brownies donated, and the rest of the items cost \$70. We had a budget of \$100, which means we came in \$30 under budget. A spreadsheet detailing the purchased items is available on the TGSA Google Drive and in Dropbox. We also met with the Symons' Seminar Committee in order to present a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the relationship of the TGSA Executive Committee and the Symons Seminar Committee, and set a clear mandate going forward. Laura Thursby and I have met with Drew, our VIP rep, in order to discuss mid-year reports and set up a meeting with Grad Studies on November 9 to try to streamline the process of levy cheques in order to get students their VIP refunds in a timely manner. In addition, I have met with Jamie Lynch and Theresa Treasure at an informal meeting in order to get information regarding the Fall AGM and Festivus. They were both incredibly helpful, and I have set a budget of \$250 for the AGM in order to get pizza. Afterwards, Theresa suggested a movie night for a social event, as it will not take any more money from the budget and grad students are already at Bagnani Hall. Lastly, I have begun planning Festivus with the help of Jamie and Theresa. We are proposing a budget of \$850.00 based on last year's Spring Fling, as we are using the same venue (Shots). I have emailed Shawn about the date of Saturday, December 5, 2015, from 7-10 PM.

Avinaash: Currently working on trying to get another grad student senator. The undergrad chair thinks it is a great idea. Senate so far has only been on developing undergrad reports and one graduate report but on the stuff that was presented already. Most of the new talk is around the funding formula which is currently under review. Yet to hear back what it will look like. It is currently under consultation.