

TGSA Executive Reports:
August 18th, 2016

President:

Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

I attended the EPC meeting earlier this month and can send a summary to anyone interested in the details. Some topics we discussed include installing a new surveillance system on campus and marketing a new phone application for students to use when emergencies occur on campus such as lock down modes.

Health Plan Merge

I had a meeting with Student VIP and TCSA Health plan merging meeting with Ali and Miteb: Long story short, the TCSA has greater voting power than we do which can be problematic of course (Alison can explain to us her conversation with Renee), but there is no way the TCSA can get around that so we have come up with some compromises, namely changing the language on the MoU so that it is clearer and more specific.

Positive Space Training

I looked into getting the executive positive space training and will contact Andy Cragg about it in the Fall as the training is offered then.

Mentorship Program/Contact with Trill College about Events

I had a talk via phone with M. Eamon about graduate-undergraduate mentorship training program and event planning. More details about these topics, as well as orientation week will be discussed in a meeting with the orientation week organizer Pipa O'Brien, M. Eamon, and our VP Student Affairs on Monday August 8th.

Disorientation Event Proposal Submitted

I submitted disorientation event proposal for a mental health campaign and a graduate student advice section (e.g., how to apply to grad school, experiences / advice or Q & A from grad students).

Ontario Graduate Student Association Meeting

I attended an OGSA meeting here at Trent with OGSA commissioner, Laura Thursby. I touched base with Laura about getting training workshops for the executives from the OGSA and initiating more involvement of the TGSA on the OGSA (i.e., being included in their monthly online meetings, access to their drop box, etc., as I think that since we pay them a fee to join as member, we should be granted more access to their organization).

Dean of Grad Studies

I met with Craig Brunetti and have established that he and I would have consistent monthly meetings to keep each other updated on grad students' issues.

VP Internal Affairs: Working tirelessly on many drafts of the Memorandum of Understanding for the health care plan merger.

VP Finance: I approved and send back conference bursary reimbursements. I also have made our insurance payment in full to Stewart Morrison Insurance that was due August 1 (\$1610.28). This amount was less than we had budgeted for.

VP Communications: I submitted an article to Arthur Newspaper on August 15th, 2016 outlining our association in detail. Alexandra Ha helped me edit the article. Traill documentary update: my interview with Leo Groarke on Wednesday, August 10th went very well. I am going to get in touch with Michael Eamon and Nona Robertson to (potentially) offer some final thoughts on the outcome of the Traill College review. I will also try to interview Chris Tindale, who is out of Peterborough. I intend to release the final documentary with the new post-review interviews incorporated just before the start of Orientation Week. Michael Eamon has also contacted me regarding using some footage I shot for the documentary to promote Traill College. I will be creating short promotional videos for the college in time for Orientation Week as well. By then, I will have also started my position as Operations Coordinator on the Symons Seminar Series executive. My dissertation will hopefully be completed by 2025 (conservative estimate).

VP of Student Affairs: Anastasia and I met to discuss the budget for the events for the year and there were a few minor changes that were made. Attached is the proposed events and budget. After this is approved by our finance committee, it will go to the board for final approval.

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