

TGSA Executive Reports:
August 31st, 2016

President:

Support/Space Agreement

I met with Alison and Nona Robinson to discuss and revise the Support and Space Agreement. Alison will be making the changes on the document to send back to Nona.

Health Plan Merger

As you know, negotiations with TCSA were made through out the past months. I have been contacting Alaine Spiwak, Tracy Milne, and Drew Martin via email and phone consistently about the MoU for the past few weeks, and have worked with Alison to produce an MoU that best reflect grad students' interests.

Dean of Grad Studies

I had a meeting with Craig Brunetti to touch base on where we are at, what activities we're planning, what issues we're facing. In this meeting, we mostly talked about the health plan merger and the best steps to be taken by the TGSA going forward.

Orientation Events

I met with Michael Eamon, Swarsattie, and Pippa (from TCSA) about the logistics surrounding orientation events and how to best combine graduate and undergraduate events.

Dis-orientation Event: Mental Health Campaign

I will be meeting with Alexa from Truly B Me who I will be collaborating with for the mental health campaign we are organizing for Disorientation event.

VP Internal Affairs: --

VP Finance: --

VP Communications: I realized that I had forgotten to make the changes to the website that were recommended toward the beginning of the year (having the responsibilities of various positions as separate documents instead of cluttering up the main pages). Those changes have now been made. Once the new academic year kicks in, I want to work with all of you to create images for the website, along the same lines as the changes Alexandra made a couple of months ago. If we create our own images, we'll have a dynamic website that also won't contain any potentially copyrighted materials. I have already added two images to executive page and the contact page: the picture of us from the BBQ and the picture of our office door from my Traill doc, respectively.

VP of Student Affairs: --

Senator: Due to the Special Board Meeting being focused on determining the direction of the Healthcare Plan merger with the TCSA, I thought it best to hold off pressuring our new program reps to come out to the meeting due to short notice and the fact that it would be a poor introductory experience to their roles on the board. However, I will be putting forward Samantha Snetsinger as the M.A. AMOD representative, Alicia Hartley as the M.A. Anthropology representative, and Jessica Hinton as the Ph.D Indigenous Studies representative to have their positions ratified at the beginning of our September board meeting. For the record, Samantha has actually gone ahead and gotten approval from her department, so I'm happy to see that we have some very ambitious and enthusiastic incoming grads this year. Graduate Studies still needs a Ph.D rep, and I'll be asking some of our current and incoming Board members personally if they have an interest in joining me on the Grad Studies Committee. The Sexual Violence Steering Committee also needs a representative, which I will focus on trying to fill as soon as I can. Katherine Boyde has informed me that she has taken on the Human Ethics Committee position, which means that we now have one less seat on committees to fill this fall. As an update to my progress with the Wallis Hall residents and feedback on the Traill College changes, I will be looking into this right away, and will be putting out messages to the residents asking for their feedback, and to send along comments and concerns to ensure their voices are heard. I will be leaving messages in Wallis Hall this coming week, and hopefully start to hear back via electronically and in person from concerned residents within the following two weeks. Finally, I participated in the meeting regarding community support and networking with the Chamber of Commerce along with Miteb and Alexandra, and believe there may be some opportunities for us to expand our influence, assist in employment and networking opportunities for grads, and overall help to create a more positive and professional image for the TGSA by working with the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Peterborough.