

TGSA Executive Reports:
August 9th, 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 Traill 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: --

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: Traill documentary update: I have an interview with Leo Groarke on Wednesday, August 10th in the early afternoon. Once I've logged that, I will be able to complete and post the updated doc to the GSA's YouTube page. I'll do so ideally in time for Orientation Week.

VP of Student Affairs: There has been a little more than expected technicalities to sort out regarding the Taco Fest. It turned out that Pizza Friday is the same day as our August 12th proposed event, hence the taco fest was not approved of by Micheal Eamon. He proposed a collaborated event, which allowed us to throw our event alongside pizza Friday. This seemed like a good idea, so that's what we settled on doing. The taco fest will now be on August 12th between 12 - 1:30 pm. I spoke to Wayne Craft and he will transport our BBQs to Traill to keep our meat warm on them. Alexandra, me and Micheal Eamon is having a meeting on August 8th to discuss events. There is usually overlap with our events and those sponsored by Traill college. This usually results in a split audience, so we are meeting to work out time and how to coordinate events planned for the rest of the year. Additionally 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.

Senator: --