

TGSA Executive Reports:
October 14th, 2016

President:

Indigenous culture dialogue and blanket exercise

Following up with our Ph.D Indigenous rep, I have invited her to host a dialogue about indigenous culture. We thought having a blanket exercise would be a valuable cultural experience.

Meeting with Dean of Grad studies

I met with Craig B. to discuss about our current issues. I updated him that Alaine will attend our next meeting. We talked about the student center and opportunities for graduate students but our discussion remain inconclusive as he is waiting to hear back from the president. I suggested to him the idea of a Journal for Graduate Research.

Health Plan Communication Issue

Received a concern from a graduate student regarding Becky and her misinformation. I talked to Drew and have sorted this out with him.

Documentary clips of Executives

Currently planning a documentary filmed clip of executives (and board members) explaining our roles and what TGSA is about. I

Canadian Association for Graduate Studies Conference

I have registered and will be attending the CAGS and OCGS Dean's Meeting in November for three days.

VP Internal Affairs: Working on TGSA-Trent Support Agreement. Working with Graduate Studies about the odd not quite HST charge put onto our Traill College ancillary fees.

VP Finance: I will have the final conference bursary amount approved by the board and have logged all applications. We are under budget once again, but this time we were closer to that \$4000 mark. Once the amount is approved, I will mail out cheques. I have FINALLY been granted access to online banking. I have been in contact with the auditors to try and set up a time for them to perform their audit. They are currently waiting on the date of the AGM, as they said they would like to be there to present the results. I picked up our cheques from Grad Studies, and will deposit them to the bank.

VP Communications: I traveled to the University of Windsor on September 27th, 2016 to interview Dr. Chris Tindale, who conducted the Traill College review. I

feel that I have all the additional interviews I need to finish the documentary.

VP of Student Affairs: --

Senator: Just a friendly reminder to anyone not on a committee, to please consider signing up for one as soon as possible. An up to date list of community availability has been provided on Facebook, and with many committees having already started or starting up this month, now is the perfect time to ease into committee work. This past month I have been focusing on committee organization and recruitment, but have also attended various meetings, including the Graduate Curriculum and Regulations Subcommittee, the Graduate Studies Committee, the Foodservices Advisory Committee, and the Sexual Violence Steering Committee. The presentation today in regards to the Women's Campus Safety Fund is the result of active and engaged participation by Michelle Hisson and Erin Laverty, who are two of the grad committee members on the Sexual Violence Steering Committee. Due to requests from us and some of the other interested parties in current programs and services (Walkhome program, e-phone use and presence as a deterrent, etc.) we were asked to bring up the discussion to our governmental bodies about opinions on removing the e-phone program due to excessive cost and move towards app-based emergency systems, as well as areas in which additional funding to campus safety could be best used, such as security cameras in high-traffic areas.