

TGSA Executive Reports:
September 19th, 2016

President:

Peterborough Love Local Business Expo

I attend the Expo with Mac to explore career development opportunities for grad students.

Health Plan Merger

All the presidents from the student associations have signed the MoU.

Bi-Weekly meetings with Nona Robinson and Presidents/Prime Ministers of Organizations

Bi-Weekly meetings with all the presidents and prime ministers of student organizations and Nona Robinson have been scheduled. I have attended the first meeting (September 13th) at 6PM.

Talks

Created a powerpoint presentation for the TGSA Orientation talk for grad students. Also gave a short welcome speech at the Traill College BBQ.

Public Cameras on Campus

I have connected with Tariq (Associate Vice President, IT) who have been involved in the planning phase of initiating public cameras on campus (this was a proposal brought up in last month's emergency planning committee). I have invited him to talk at the Board Meeting so that grad students can share their input.

VP Internal Affairs: --

VP Finance: Logging conference bursaries to be processed after the September 15 deadline.

VP Communications: Will update the website with the list of committee positions as soon as I receive said list. Also, waiting on response from Michael Eamon to schedule the final interview for the Traill College documentary.

VP of Student Affairs: --

Senator: We should have five new board members joining us at our next meeting, however I will not be able to be there for the meeting as my class that I TA falls at exactly the same time as the meeting. This may be an issue for this term if this continues to be the day and time that works best for everyone else. 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. I haven't had a chance yet to meet with Wallis Hall residents, however I participated wherever possible in Orientation, and Miteb, Alex, and I attended an expo for local businesses last week to see how we might better form connections with the community. Senate orientation occurred this past Friday, and while there is not a lot to report, there are some elements of the orientation, which I feel deserves our attention in the long-term either due to potential for graduate involvement, specifically in relation to the current makeup of the Board of Directors and the undefined appointment of 2 students to the Board. While noting that we already have trouble getting enough involvement as it is, and while we are currently lucky enough to have a grad student as one of the two student representatives of the Board of Directors for Trent, this may not always be the case, and graduates are currently forced to run against undergraduates for these positions. While I value my position and the impact I can make on the educational quality here at Trent, the Senate has little to no say over the financial direction of Trent, and this willingness to allow us to have a say in the direction of programs, but not the use of our tuition, is worrisome, and suggests room for improvement, and to ensure security of graduate input in where and what the university decides to invest financially.