



TGSA Board Meeting Agenda

Date: February 3rd, 2021 (Wednesday)
Start time: 5PM **End time:**
Location: Zoom video conference

Chair: Sandra Klemet-N'Guessan
Scribe: Shyong Quan (Elicia) Yap
Attendance:
Regrets:

1. Presentation(s) and Discussion (s) without voting

Introduction and updates from board members

2. Call to Order

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg. We offer our gratitude to the First Peoples for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.

3. Adopt the Agenda:

Mover:
Second:

Discussion

Approve:
Oppose:
Abstain:

4. Past Meeting Minutes

Adopt the Minutes from the Verbatim and Summarized Minutes from 13th January 2021 Board Meeting

Mover:
Second:

Discussion

Approve: 11
Oppose:

Abstain:

5. Presentation(s) and Discussion (s) with/without motions

- a) Jordon (VP student affairs)
 - (i) Events update
Trivia event – Traill got back to me on it.
- b) Sandra (President)
 - (i) Conference update
- c) Nina (VP Senate)
 - (i) Open representative positions
- d) Verena (Environmental Commissioner)
 - (i) TLNAP survey report

6. Updates from CUPE

Alison or Shiva (CUPE Unit 2 representative)

7. Executive Reports (see Addendum I)

- a) President
- b) VP Internal Affairs
- c) VP Communications
- d) VP Finance
- e) VP Student Affairs
- f) VP Senate Representative

Minutes: Additions to Executive reports

Motion to Approve the Executive Reports

Mover:

Second:

Discussion

Approve:

Oppose:

Abstain:

8. Commissioner Reports (see Addendum II)

- a. Equity Commissioner
- b. Environmental Commissioner
- c. International Student Representative Commissioner

Minutes: Additions to Commissioner reports

Motion to Approve the Commissioner Reports

Mover:

Second:

Discussion

Approve:

Oppose:

Abstain:

9. Question Period and Departmental Issues

10. Business Arising from the Minutes

11. Motions

12. Other Business

13. Notices of Motions and Announcements

- a. The next board meeting March 3rd, 2021
- b. The reports and motions for that meeting February 25th, 2021

14. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Mover:

Sebastian

Addendum I
Executive Reports

Sandra (President):

This January was about setting up the new semester. I met with our new VP Finance to provide some guidance in her new role, and our staff for the first annual review of his position and the future of that position. I have been planning for the elections (schedule, speakers, advertisement) and supporting VP Student Affairs and Equity Commissioner on the planning and outline of events for this semester. I have been responding and addressing some students' concerns. Lastly I have attended Student leaders meetings and the Anti-racism Task Force as usual.

Sebastian (VP Internal Affairs):

Over the past few weeks since the last meeting, I've been involved in a small way with ensuring that the election and AGM planning is going smoothly, though at an arms-length.

Following the Board meeting earlier this month, I updated the By-Laws and forwarded them so that they can be updated on the TGSA website.

I also sent along materials to be distributed on behalf of the Sexual Violence Prevention Educator at Trent, Malika Whelan, to the TGSA grad list.

Over the next week before the February Board meeting, I plan to reach out to both Sandra and Jordon who are overseeing the upcoming elections to ensure that a version of all the previously Board approved amendments to our By-Laws are included in the election material as has been done in previous years.

Elicia (VP Communication):

This month, I have been working on:

- Distributed our January newsletter
- Compiled information for the February issue
- Publicized the TLNAP survey sent by Verena
- Started to promote our upcoming AGM and Elections
- Sent out an email underlying the issues concerning images requested from the Research and Innovative Office for their new website

Mariana (VP Finance):

This month I have worked on the academic bursaries. Only three people applied and they got their bursaries approved. The next step is to update the file with information about how the money is being spent. The last update was in October/2020.

Jordon (VP Student Affairs):-

Janina (VP Senate):

In January, I attended the monthly CASSC, senate exec, and senate meeting. We approved minor and major changes To various programs brought forward by the Undergraduate and Graduate studies committees. We approved the report of the undergraduate academic Policy committee and of the academic planning and budget committee. The committee presented a draft for a new archive policy that is supposed to regulate the care, acceptance, and management of Physical and digital archival materials at Trent. Lastly the committee presented a new policy concerning research involving human participants. All policy changes can be found in detail in the senate minutes. At cassc, we mostly shared updates about what is going on at the different colleges and at The Trent health and wellness Center. They are currently applying to be eligible to vaccinate students on campus once the covid vaccine will be available. This service will most likely prioritize students in resident. From what I understand, covid testing is already available on campus. They also hired their first BIPoC counselor and are now offering single therapy sessions for students. Both are reactions to The additional demand counseling Has experienced

since the beginning of the pandemic. So that's exciting news. And lastly, I am working on filling new open representative positions with TGSA members

Addendum II
Commissioner Reports

Verena (Environmental Commissioner):

In the past month I have mostly focussed on moving our advocacy on the TLNAP forward. I have obtained the TCSA survey questions and have modified these for use in our own survey of graduate students specifically. The survey was started on January 20 and will be open until January 31. As the next step, I will summarize the responses in a report that we will submit to the TLNAP committee.

Maryam (International Student Representative Commissioner): -

Tanya (Equity Commissioner): -