



TGSA Board Meeting Agenda

Date: January 13th, 2020 (Wednesday)

Start time: **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 4th November 2020 Board Meeting

Mover:

Second:

Discussion

Approve:

Oppose:

Abstain:

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

- a) Sandra (President)
 - (i) Updates from meeting with Sexual Harassments Prevention team
 - (ii) Election

- b) Sebastian (VP Internal Affairs)
 - (i) Motion for proposed amendments and delegation on overseeing election

Motion:

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I move the current President, Sandra Klemet-N'Guessan and VP Student Affairs, Jordon Williams, take over the task of overseeing this election.

- c) Verena (Environmental Commissioner)
 - (i) Update on TGSA action on the TLNAP

6. Updates from CUPE

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. Health Benefits Commissioner
- d. 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 TBA
- b. The reports and motions for that meeting TBA

14. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Mover:

Second:

Discussion

Approve:

Oppose:

Abstain:

Sandra (President):

The month of December has been pretty calm since we went on holidays. The bulk of my work has been to oversee the planning of our Festivus event, and follow up with Craig Brunetti and Michael Eamon after our last board meeting with our suggestions. I also met with Malika Whelan from the Sexual Harassment Prevention team and other TGSA members and CUPE to brainstorm ideas to address these issues for graduate students at the student and TA levels. Lastly, I had my regular meeting with the Anti-racism Task Force with tasks that each member should complete for the next meeting.

Sebastian (VP Internal Affairs):

Over the past month, I have been involved in a number of different initiatives concerning the Trent Lands and Nature Area Plan (TLNAP). This included attending the TCSA Board meeting on December 6th, and subsequently helped draft a letter to the TLNAP Planning committee and Trent Vice President External Relations and Advancement, Julie Davies.

On December 18th, I attended a meeting with representatives of the TGSA and CUPE 3908 on the topic of developing a program of awareness and outreach for Sexual Violence Prevention among graduate students with Trent Sexual Violence Prevention Educator, Malika Whelan.

I've drafted and put forth a straightforward amendment to each section of Policy 2 of our By-Laws and Policies. These amendments concern the addition of a paragraph to each portfolio of Section 2 outlining each Board Member's responsibility to maintain their own folders and documents in the Shared Google Drive of the TGSA. This amendment is intended to clarify following Amendment 1 ii., passed by the Board on December 2nd, 2020. A full draft of the amendment is included below.

Finally, as I am running again in the upcoming elections, I wanted to put forward a motion to designate Sandra and Jordon as the Board members who will oversee the election process.

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Appendix:

Proposed amendments to the Policies and By-Laws of the TGSA

January 2021

Compiled and Drafted by:
Sebastian Johnston-Lindsay, VP Internal Affairs

As per By-Law 26.03, the topics of the following amendments were reported to the VP Internal Affairs 30 days in advance of the January 2021 Board meeting.

All Amendments will require ratification by the General Membership at the next General Meeting, as per By-Law 26.01 and 11.01, respectively.

Amendment 1.) In response to Amendment 1.ii. of the proposed amendments document voted on and passed by the TGSA board on December 2nd, 2020, this amendment will insert the following text as a new paragraph into the portfolios of each Executive, Commissioner, and Representative portfolio as found in “Policy 2: Executive, Commissioner, and Program Representative Portfolios” of the TGSA By-Laws and Policies document:

“To maintain their respective Portfolio Folder in the TGSA Google Drive database and organize the documents wherein”

Elicia (VP Communication):

This month, I have been working on:

- Distributed our December newsletter
- Compiled information for the January issue
- Uploaded a section on Sexual Violence Disclosure: Resources for TAs on our website
- Publicized TGSA’s initiatives on TLNAP

Mariana (VP Finance):-

Jordon (VP Student Affairs):

The Model Parliament event has been cancelled, but I spent some time drafting a new document so that the event can be passed down to other students. In other words, the TGSA has done its part in setting up the event, and it is up to other students to pick up where we left off. I TA for Political Studies this term and will be passing along the information to first and second-year students.

Festivus was successful and a great deal of fun. The TGSA discord server worked well with almost no difficulties, minus one attendee with one of the games. We briefly met on Zoom to vote on the ugly sweater contest for the event. We then moved on to our games. We played Among Us and a couple of games from the Jackbox party pack. Gift cards have not been distributed due to the lockdown in Ontario. Once I can get the cards, they will be distributed. The goal is no later than the end of the lockdown.

For the coming term, I have been brainstorming what events we could have as the TGSA. Beyond having another Life After Trent event, I would like to focus on other academic and discussion-oriented events. I will be contacting our commissioners to develop events that cater to the particular commissioner roles as per my role in the bylaws policies section. For January, I would like to host a basic social night with the option to play the game Among Us. The setup for the game takes almost no time, and it does not require money. I will be submitting a list of potential events with possible dates by Monday evening. As for the social in January. That date will also be sent on Monday.

Janina (VP Senate):-

Addendum II
Executive Reports

Verena (Environmental Commissioner):

In the month of December most of my work has been focused on the Trent Lands and Nature Areas Plan. This plan is open for public comment until January 4th. I have received graduate student concerns on their ability to adequately review the plan and provide comments, due to the short comment period, the complexity and confusing presentation of information, as well as an unclear communication and resolution process. In response to these comments, I have initiated a joint working group between the TCSA and TGSA which drafted and submitted an official letter requesting an extension of the comment period until March 2021. This request was dismissed by Julie Davis on behalf of the official plan committee. We are currently brainstorming on how we could appeal this decision, and/or what other ways of support we can offer to graduate students in this matter.

Maryam (International Student Representative Commissioner): -

Tanya (Equity Commissioner):-