



## TGSA Board Meeting Agenda

**Date:** July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Monday)

**Start time:** 3pm      **End time:**

**Location:** Zoom video conference

**Chair:** Sebastian Johnston-Lindsay

**Scribe:** Stephanie Gao

**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

4.1 Adopt the Minutes from the Summarized Minutes from June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Mover:

Second:

Discussion

Approve:

Oppose:

Abstain:

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

- a) Sebastian (President)
  - (i) Update on listserv
  - (ii) Update on meeting with Jennie Rennie on the Racialized Student Bursary
  - (iii) TGSA listserv
  - (iv) Update on meeting with Craig Brunetti regarding the emergency bursary and mental health
- b) Devon (VP internal affairs)
- c) Stephanie (VP Communications)
  - (i) Update on newsletter, website, and comments on event promotion
- d) Mariana (VP Finance)
- e) Gabriella Peters (VP Student Affairs)
  - (i) Skribblio update
  - (ii) Requirement of TGSA members at TGSA events

Discussion: Is it a requirement for TGSA members to be present at TGSA-hosted events?

- f) Emma (Environmental Commissioner)
- g) Tanya (Equity Commissioner)
  - (i) TGSA/TCSA Joint event

**6. Updates from CUPE**

**Alison (CUPE Unit 2 representative)**

- a) Presentation on health and safety requirements for students should they have to return to campus (PDF attached in email)

**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**

**13. Notices of Motions and Announcements**

- a. The next board meeting will be held August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021
- b. The reports and motions for that meeting are due July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**14. Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

Mover:

Second:

Discussion

Approve:

Oppose:

Abstain:

**Addendum I**  
**Executive Reports**

**Sebastian (President)**

This month was primarily taken up with following up on certain issues that have been left hanging and that the TGSA has been waiting to hear back on.

Prime among these is the document regarding the list serve. We have heard that it now exists but have yet to receive a draft of it from Grad Studies. My impression is that Stephanie would like both the Dean of Graduate Studies and Michael Eamon to look at it before we get to see it. Naturally, both Michael and Craig were off this past week and then compounding this is the fact that James Connolly is covering for Craig's upcoming sabbatical. I am sure we'll eventually receive this document.

I have been in touch with Jane Rennie regarding the racialized student bursary. Jane and Stephanie are putting together a report on how that was received and how we might be able to improve it moving forward. I also need to meet with them to go over and sign our financial distribution agreement.

A couple of other things to note here: I am still hoping that we can try and work on the creation of an email list which would allow us to avoid the pitfalls of the listserv. It would make sense if this was a concern of the VP Communications, but if anyone else would like to help out or has experience with this kinds of things and knows a good and dependable way to make an email list, that would be greatly appreciated.

Mariana and I met with Craig Brunetti to talk about mental health services and the possibilities for the fall regarding international students especially. We're still looking to update our emergency bursary form to reflect the fact that the TGSA considers issues surrounding mental health to be included alongside health and dental as it is currently laid out in the application.

**Devon (VP Internal Affairs):**

**Stephanie (VP Communication):**

In the month of June, I worked on:

- Prepared and released June Newsletter
- Designed poster regarding discovery of the Kamloops grave and releasing it
- Creating draft of blurbs and pictures of all board members for eventual release

**Mariana (VP Finance):**

**Gabriella (VP Student Affairs):**

In regards to running events, I was wondering about what kind of events people wanted to see happen this summer. The overall response was to keep things light and fun over the summer by running game nights. After reaching out over Instagram to see what games people would like to play, a majority of people expressed interest in playing the game Skribblio.

Returning to last month's dilemma on how to run an event without putting people in breakout rooms, we decided to try and use the platform Discord instead of Zoom. Discord allows participants to join a voice channel so participants can be in separate groups (for the purpose of server capacity) while all conversing in the same general chat. Although this still separates people to an extent, I think it is still more functional than Zoom's completely isolated rooms. Hopefully, this is something we can improve in the future.

The Skribblio event took place on June 25th at 7pm. It ran for a total of 1.5 hours, and eight people attended the event and came in and out of the call. The overall response of the event was successful.

Skribblio's server capacity is eight players, so I did not have the chance to test using the different voice channels on Discord.

A comment that an attendant made was "where are the other TGSA members" and to that, I did not have a concrete answer. I think it is important to have a bigger TGSA presence at events, or at least let me know if people cannot attend so that I have a better grasp on what to expect when starting an event.

I like engaging with the student body to see what kinds of events they would enjoy partaking in, so for the rest of the summer I intend on reaching out to the community to see what events they would like to see the TGSA facilitate.

**Addendum II**  
**Commissioner Reports**

**Emma (Environmental Commissioner):**

For the month of June my focus has been primarily on my research as I prepare to write my PhD conversion proposal. That being said, there were two developments in my role.

First, a dialogue opened between myself and Ruth-Ann Dafoe for the Trent Lands & Nature Area Plan (TLNAP). She informed me that the construction of the Senior's Village will be modeled after that of the new Forensic Crime Scene Lab on the East Bank across from the DNA building. The construction of this building was entirely carbon neutral. Additionally, the TLNAP provided a framework for how they expect the construction to proceed. This involves obtaining green construction certifications including LEED, The WELL Building Standard, The Living Building Challenge, and other programs. This reassurance can help ease the minds of students who worry about the integrity of the land remaining intact. I am of the opinion that at this time there is no need for the TGSA to interfere or work to slow and/or halt this project.

Second, preliminary research has begun regarding the University Climate Change Coalition (UC3). The criteria to become a member is rigorous, and requires extensive involvement by Trent University. Further research is required to understand where Trent stands with regards to the requirements, and what would need to be changed or implemented going forward. The goal this month will be to establish a dialogue with the appropriate administration about academic and institutional climate change stances and initiatives.

**Beatriz (International Student Representative Commissioner): -**

**Tanya (Equity Commissioner):**

For the past month, I have been drafting the TGSA's statement for the pride month. Devon and I are working on it before sending it out. Also, I have been in touch with the TCSA and we are planning to have a meeting soon in order to organize a couple of TGSA/TCSA joint equity events for the upcoming orientation week