



TGSA Board Meeting Agenda

Date: July 6th, 2022

Start time: End time:

Location: Zoom Conference

Chair: Emma Kaszecki

Scribe: Sarah Rayner

Attendance:

Regrets:

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

Introductions and update from board members

2. Call to Order

3. Adopt the Agenda:

Mover:

Second:

Discussion

Approve:

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

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

5. Student Support Co-Ordinator–Connor Elverson

6. Updates from CUPE

(i) Looking for Unit 2 Stewards, if interested contact steward2@cupe3908.org

(ii) Beginning to plan for September orientation! Possible collaboration with TGSA?

8. Question Period and Departmental Issues

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

10. Motions

11. Other Business

12. Notices of Motions and Announcements

- a. The next board meeting will be held TBD
- b. The reports and motions for that meeting are due TBD

13. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Mover:

Second:

Discussion

Approve:

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Addendum I Executive Reports

Emma (President):

Loss of Board members

- Resignation of Equity Commissioner and Cultural Studies representative

Convocation photos

- Lou Fitze of Fitze Photography took free photos of the 2020, 2021, and 2022 graduates on June 8th as they walked across the stage
- 68% of the students that did walk across the stage reached out before the ceremony requesting their photos, and additional students that requested their photos after the ceremony brought that number up to 72% of students

Lunch with Michael Eamon

- Increasing the TGSA and graduate student presence at Traill College by working closely with Traill
 - Collaborating to bring life back to Traill and increase graduate student activity at Traill
 - Invited to participate in the Traill Carnival
 - Work on Orientation packages and Grad Swag sooner than later
 - Invited back to participating in Symons Series

- Do we want to expand the Symons series? Do we want to do our own conference?
- Work on increased representation for graduate students on Symons campus
- Figure out how to improve the transit routes to Traill College

Meeting with President Groake

- Working towards a better graduate student experience at Trent University through the collaborative efforts of the TGSA and Trent University administrators
 - Increasing graduate student representation on Symons campus
 - Regular meetings to discuss TGSA progress and initiatives
 - Working towards a concrete plan to assist students that go overtime in their research (to be presented at the PVP in February)

Student Leaders Meeting

- Nona Robinson stepping down and going to York University
- More information for TCSA orientation

Attended Board of Governors Meeting on June 24

- Last meeting before the BoG recessed for the summer
- Lots of policy amendments passed (nothing that directly impacts graduate students)
 - Sexual Violence Policy passed with recommendations to be brought back to the task force: Why is there a section that specifically highlights sexual assault against women and marginalized women?

Meeting with Dean of Graduate Studies (James Conolly)

- Canadian Studies + Indigenous Studies Masters program is combined
 - ID students do not feel like they have enough representation because many of the classes taught are from the point of view of colonizers
- Representation for graduate students
 - Trent's \$100 million campaign
 - Julie Davis is meeting with the Dean's of each department to discuss what their vision would be for use of funds (Can we contribute money from the levy fees we received?)
 - Could be used to help increase graduate student representation on Symons and increase the graduate student presence
- Introduction of a new program: Interdisciplinary Aging Studies
 - 2-year research MA + placement to work in elder care/hospital
 - Linked to old age home going in at Trent
- Something interesting
 - The Provost and President Groake saw the increased growth of the graduate programs at Trent as "financial support for the institution"
 - For the first time ever the administration is asking for specifics when it comes to financial projections (ie. enrolment, allocation of resources, program expansion etc.)
 - International "accepts" are up 60%
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Meeting with Mark Murdoch (Food Services)

- Publicly issued RFP for the Bata Bean
 - Everyone that was contacted about the opportunity said they did not want to do it → Charwell's takes over the space
 - White Buffalo Coffee Company out of Calgary is an Indigenous and smudge-certified coffee company that will be selling coffee out of the Bata Bean (we will be buying their coffee from them and selling out as a grab-and-go style)

- Original concept of the Bata Bean was to have local businesses provide their own snacks/pastries/sandwiches etc. to be sold (increases awareness of local businesses and is another source of income for the business)
 - TGSA can assist with helping this vision come to life in exchange for getting our name on the Bata Bean = marketing for us

Meeting with Provost Khan

- Open to helping overtime graduate students
 - Revamping the continuing education fee + providing a fund for graduate students that go overtime due to extenuating circumstances
- Wants to help increase graduate student representation on Symons campus

Setting up regular meetings going forward with Craig and myself to touch base and work collaboratively to meet our goals

Emma (VP Finance Report):

Bursary funds

- Increasing the amount of funding each student can get
 - Round up to the next hundred?
- Separate academic and conference bursaries with clear lines for what the bursaries can be used for

KeyPad for TGSA Office

- \$150 one-time fee

Orientation

- TGSA will supply the liquor license and popcorn machine for Traill Carnival
 - Contact Karbon about the event?

Emma (VP Internal Affairs):

Sarah (VP Communications):

During the month of June my focus remained on updating and doing maintenance our website. I updated all of the Board's bios and headshots and took a walk around campus to take new photos of campus for our page banners. I made sure to update our social media accounts with advertisements for our grad photo endeavour. This upcoming month I will be focusing on creating postings to try and grab new Board members for our vacancies.

Willi (VP Senate):

- Currently modifying the TGSA Bylaws
- In the process of organizing the upcoming committee meeting assignments

Egan (VP Student Affairs):

This last month I planned our July event and reached out to several local businesses around Nogo/Ptbo.

July Event

- Social event being held at Cork & Bean on George St.
- July 20th, ~6-8pm, ~20 people
- Pay for one drink “voucher” for everyone

Meeting W/ Michael Eamon

- Met with Michael to discuss ideas for Traill BBQ/Carnival
- TGSA is going to run the liquor/beer tent, and have a popcorn machine running
- This helps us advertise ourselves to new and current students
- He wants to work together on events in the future, so we may be able to “piggyback” off events Traill runs and just hop in on the action

Otherwise my duties were keeping up with emails and thinking of potential events to run for August-September. There are some ideas floating around but nothing concrete.

Addendum II
Commissioner Reports