



## TGSA Board Meeting Agenda

**Date:** March 27th, 2023

**Start time: End time:**

**Location:** Zoom Conference

**Chair:** Emma Kaszecki

**Scribe:** Sarah Rayner

**Attendance:**

**Absence with regrets:**

**Absence without 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: 0

Abstain: 0

### 4. Past Meeting Minutes

Adopt the Minutes from February 6th, 2023 Board Meeting

Mover:

Second:

Discussion

Approve:

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

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

**6. Updates from CUPE**

**7. Student Support Co-Ordinator – Connor Elverson**

**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:

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

Emma (President)

Board of Governor Luncheon

- Attended the BoG luncheon on behalf of the TGSA
- Had a conversation with President Groarke about the progress of graduate student space on Symons campus
  - Offered the opportunity to move SGS and create spaces in the academic block of the new residence building

- President Groarke asked VP-AI Idrissi in his report about the new residence building about allocation for graduate student spaces (design plans are being drawn up in the fall and I have been welcomed to the discussion by President Groarke, VP Ali-Idrissi, and AVP Bianco)

#### CASSC Updates

- Ancillary fee budget presentations are in full swing
  - College Fee: asking for 6.9% increase
    - Student Leaders are meeting to discuss this further
  - Athletic & Recreation Fee: asking for 6.9%
    - Further discussion in CASSC
  - Campus Card Fee: increased by 7.9% (\$0.73) to \$10.00
  - Campus Safety Fee: asking for 6.9% increase
  - Orientation Fee (graduate students do not pay): asking for 6.9%

#### Research Policy Committee Meetings

- Review Strategic Research Priorities for comments
- Finalization of Research Data Management Strategy

#### **Overtime fee proposal was approved for 5th year PhD Students!**

#### (VP Internal Affairs)

TGSA by-laws, policies, and appendices have all been approved by the membership!

#### Sarah (VP Communications):

- February was an event planning and “looking forward” month, as I booked and organized the AGM and spent the majority of the month planning the end of year party
- Ordered travel mugs for incoming members/award winners/ prizes
- Created social media posts and did outreach through SGS

#### Will (VP Senate Report):

I attended the monthly senate meeting (see below for a summary of what was discussed), as well as other subcommittees.

#### Senate Teaching Awards Subcommittee (STAS)

o Discussed and selected the recipients for the teaching awards (Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching, Award for Educational Leadership and Innovation, Award for Excellence in Online Teaching, CUPE 3908-1 Award for Excellence in Teaching, and Award for Excellence in Teaching

Assistance)

o Discussed implementing new criteria for selecting recipients for the awards.

IT Strategy Steering Committee

o Discussed how to cultivate a healthy workplace within the IT department (e.g., empowering the IT team, innovations in the IT department, and finding meaningful ways to engage IT with the Trent community).

Senate meeting

o Discussed the recipients receiving the teaching awards (Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching, Award for Educational Leadership and Innovation, Award for Excellence in Online Teaching, CUPE 3908-1 Award for Excellence in Teaching, and Award for Excellence in Teaching Assistance)

o Strategic Research Plan of 2023-2028 was discussed. Further discussion in this section includes addressing the strengths/weaknesses, as well as future direction/key actions, of research conducted at Trent University.

o Undergraduate Studies Subcommittee: Couple of changes to the syllabi of various courses

o Graduate Studies Committee: Minor changes to course names, adding new course to the IDSR PhD program, removing the 10-hour rules for graduate students working at the University.

Egan (VP Student Affairs):

Ran TGSA elections and referendum. Created a Qualtrics survey, sent it to all students, collated data and determined results. These results were sent to all students along with being posted into meeting minutes from the Winter AGM. All positions were confirmed and all referendum questions passed.

Ran Sustainable Plant Potting Event at Traill on March 23. Used supplies from previous paint night and brought in a couple plastic pots for those who didn't bring their own.

Planning end-of-term party. Generating trivia questions, etc.

Planning Literary Cafe with Jaz (Equity Commissioner)

- April 27, Wenjack Theatre, 6-10pm
- Students (grad and undergrad) can present a creative piece in under 4 minutes, audience open to general public
- Catering/snacks/refreshments will be available, alongside blind date with a book

Met with CASSC and Athletics Subcommittee

- Athletics fee increase
- Residence cost increase

Met with Library Advisory Committee

- Archives presentation, interesting resources for certain fields
- Changing over to Omni for book borrowing

Met with the Housing Advisory Committee on March 21

- Updates on Residence Standards, primarily reorganization and small changes
- Biggest updates are to social gatherings, smudging, and overconsumption leniency

Kept up incoming emails from students and others

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

Jaz (Equity Commissioner):

Margaret (International Student Commissioner):

Heather (Environmental Commissioner):

- Food services – surveys going out to assess food insecurity and other pertinent undergrad concerns, process underway for new bidding of food services contracts
- Sustainability – Looking into “Useful” as a new sustainable option instead of ecotrays. Like a library program for plates and cups. Fines for late returns and replacements.
- Also looking into more diverse food options for campus particularly during holidays when only a few eateries are open.
- Energy and Sustainability Steering – Stiletto was the chosen consultant. The student portion
- questionnaires and focus groups have begun to try to get input before students leave for the summer.
- Trent U has already done most facility related greening that is low cost and easy. What remains to be done is higher cost and operation heavy - concern was raised over the lack of input by senior admin/finance to include this sort of thing in the budget.
- Events: Potting event – not exactly a success. Next attempt: summer with better temperatures, outside, at Symons campus, ? advertising paper fliers ? email blast, suggestions?

- Laboratory recycling survey: Last day for survey was today. I will converse with Shelley for the results and next steps.

**Addendum III**