



## TGSA Board Meeting Summarized Minutes

**Date:** February 3rd, 2021 (Wednesday)

**Start time:** 5:00PM      **End time:** 6:30PM

**Location:** Zoom video conference

**Chair:** Sandra Klemet-N'Guessan

**Scribe:** Shyong Quan (Elicia) Yap

**Attendance:** Sandra Klemet-N'Guessan, Jordon Williams, Elicia Yap, Alexandra Miller-Gerard, Autumn Jordan, Logan Hamer, Mariana Castelli Rosa, Nina Schmitz, Sebastian Johnston-Lindsay, Shiva Javdan, Verena Sesin (11, quorum met)

**Regrets:** Shannon Fiedler, Carol Andrews, Tanya Aminataei, Dominique O' Bonsawin, Devon Howell, Madhu Garg, Maryam Helae, Connor Elverson, Andrew Brown, Fatma Ozen

### 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: Sandra Klemet-N'Guessan

Second: Jordon Williams

Discussion

-no discussion

Approve: 11

Oppose:

Abstain: 0

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

### 4. Past Meeting Minutes

Adopt the Minutes from the Verbatim and Summarized Minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Board Meeting

Mover: Sandra Klemet-N'Guessan

Second: Sebastian Johnston-Lindsay

Discussion

-no discussion

Approve: 11

Oppose:

Abstain: 0

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

**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.

Jordon updated the board on the events that he has been planning for March and April such as trivia event with Traill, Life after Trent (LAT) with Career Space and Trent Alumni with a focus on a public sector style jobs, discussion group event on mental health, an equity event focused on poverty as well as mentorship event with TCSA, Career Space and TDSA. The board brainstormed on ideas on the discussion group event on mental health and the equity event such as making the discussion group event a craft/paint night as well and inviting Unit 1 members for the equity event.

b) Nina (VP Senate)

(i) Open representative positions

Nina reminded the board about open committee representative positions for the Senate teaching awards committee and the CUPE teaching awards committee as well as the Food and Safety Committee.

c) Verena (Environmental Commissioner)

(i) TLNAP survey report

Verena updated the board on the results from the Trent Lands and Nature Areas Plan (TLNAP) survey, including the responses, meaningful comments and suggestions that graduate students had provided about the plan. Verena had also prepared a letter advocating for the dismissal of the letter that was sent by the TLNAP committee in December. This letter was shared to the board.

d) Sandra (President)

(i) Conference update

Sandra reminded the board about the dates for upcoming elections and our Annual General Meeting (AGM). Sandra also updated the board about the conference that was held by the Canadian Association of graduates' studies and skills about

development, career, mentoring were mentioned during the conference. The board discussed about their experiences in their respective graduate programs, specifically on areas of improvement such as information on careers post-graduation, marketability and employability. The board also discussed about the email sent by the Research and Innovative Office regarding their request on images to share on their website and have decided to send a letter detailing the issues concerning the request.

## 6. Updates from CUPE

### Alison or Shiva (CUPE Unit 2 representative)

Shiva mentioned that there were no grievances at the moment.

## 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: Sandra Klemet-N'Guessan

Second: Verena Sesin

#### Discussion

-no discussion

Approve: 11

Oppose:

Abstain: 0

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

## 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: Sandra Klemet-N'Guessan

Second: Verena Sesin

Discussion

-no discussion

Approve: 11

Oppose:

Abstain: 0

**\*\*motion carries\*\***

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021
- b. The reports and motions for that meeting February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**14. Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

Mover: Jordon Williams

Second: Sebastian Johnston-Lindsay

**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): -**