



## TGSA Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 3rd, 2022

**Start time:** 6:55 pm **End time:** 7:58 pm

**Location:** Zoom Conference

**Chair:** Emma Kaszecki

**Scribe:** Sarah Rayner

**Attendance:** Emma Kaszecki, Sarah Rayner, William Kim, Egan Henderson, Ali Fraser, Connor Elverson

**Absence with regrets:** William Kim, Jordan MacDonald

**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: Sarah

Second: Ali

Discussion

Approve: All

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

### 4. Past Meeting Minutes

Adopt the Minutes from July 6th, 2022 Board Meeting

Mover: Egan

Second: Sarah

Discussion

Approve: 3

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

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

### a.) Emma – President (presented before meeting began)

- (i) Will is leaving for the Fall semester to go to Harvard— yay Will!
- (ii) Meeting with Michael Eamon
  - Just a meeting to touch base
- (iii) Meeting with Dean of Graduate Studies (Craig Brunetti)
  - Craig is willing to discuss the possibility of reducing fees for overtime students
    - Is worried about the number of students that will be going more overtime than necessary as a result
      - Conversation to be had with Provost Kahn
    - They are currently working on having International PhD students pay domestic tuition
  - Craig offered (on behalf of SGS) to contribute to the cost of the Grad Swag
- (iv) Meetings with VP Julie Davis and some of her team (Alison Scholl)
  - Julie and Alison have some projects we can collaborate on
    - Indigenous information cards + Bingo cards for the Orientation Packages
    - There are many opportunities moving forward for the GSA to be involved in (Alumni Relations, Construction Projects etc.)
- (v) Food Services Committee Meeting
  - White Buffalo is confirmed for Bata Bean
    - Next steps include working with Mark to come up with some GSA signage (QR code maybe?) to add by the coffee
  - All Baden Coffee will be \$1 on campus for the entire month of September for those that bring their own cups
  - Trent University is the first school in the world that partnered with Skip the Dishes to allow students to use the meal plan and TrentCash on the app
- (vi) Meeting with Acting AVP Students Lawrence Lam
  - Catch-up and get to know each other
    - Share what our goals are for this year and any passion projects we have
  - An MOU is going to be signed off by all the student levy groups to increase accountability

- Will require the online posting of financial statements for every group to be able to access their levy fees

(vii) Meetings with Shaun from Kawartha Embroidery

- Designs have been finalized
  - Waiting for cost structure and availability so we can move ahead with making the order forms

**b.) Sarah- VP Communication (presented before meeting began)**

- (i) Website Maintenance
  - Has been updating the website page-by-page
  - Has been doing general maintenance, as so much needs to be updated
- (ii) Social Media
  - Has been updating our social media channels for our events, and has made a post about current vacant positions
- (iii) Orientation swag/materials
  - Planning on making a zine for orientation packages
  - Stress balls/pens/other items as possibilities?

**c.) Egan- VP Student Affairs**

- (i) Possible orientation events— some online? Boardgames?
- (ii) TGSA Coffee Night at Cork & Bean happened on July 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Turnout not the best, but it was expected for a summer event
- (iii) Next big event is for orientation on Sept 6th along with virtual events through August
- (iv) Kept up with emails and continued events planning

**d.) Board vacancies**

- (i) We have interest for International Rep, Durham Rep, VP Finance, Equity Commissioner, and Public Texts Program Rep
  - Interest from a few students across multiple positions
  - Sarah— suggests we hold a Fall election at Fall AGM as we can gain more interest during orientation
- (ii) Decision made to hold off on filling positions and to hold an election

**6. Updates from CUPE**

Ali- Vice President, Unit 2

- (i) Almost done new collective agreement
- (ii) Graduate Orientation
  - Button maker!
  - CUPE will be beside the TGSA table
- (iii) GTA Workshop
  - Partnered event with the TGSA

## **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 (tentatively) held on August 3rd at 6:00 pm
- b. The reports and motions for that meeting are due August 3rd, 2022 (by 12pm)

## **13. Adjournment**

### **Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

Mover: Will

Second: Sebastian

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

### Emma (President):

#### Meeting with Michael Eamon

- Touch base meeting
  - Working to keep him in the loop with events happening and exciting endeavors!

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- There is a fund that international students can apply to that help off-set costs for them and the majority of students end up using the fund
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#### Meeting with Traill

- Egan has events under control!
  - Have we heard about the liquor license for the Traill Carnival?

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  - **Does this help us remove audits from our by-laws?**

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Emma (VP Finance Report):

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Sarah (VP Communications):

- Website maintenance continues; if anyone has any ideas of what they want added/taken away let me know
- Continued outreach to fill board vacancies

Willl (VP Senate):

- Finalizing the TGSA Bylaws
- Attended the High Tea Event representing the TGSA
- Reached out to admins about the EnLS program naming

Egan (VP Student Affairs):

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