



TGSA Board Meeting Summarized Minutes

Date: February 3rd, 2022 (Thursday)

Start time: 3:00 pm **End time:** 5:05 pm

Location: Zoom Conference

Chair: Sebastian Johnston-Lindsay

Scribe: Via Zoom Recording

Attendance: Sebastian Johnston-Lindsay, Ali Fraser, Jordan MacDonald, Egan Henderson, Cheryl Mitchell, Connor Elverson, Gabriella Peters, Stephanie Gao, Melissa Miller-Gerrard, Emelia-Naana-Baah

Andrew Krzeczowski, the President of Active Minds joined at approximately 3:30 pm.

Regrets: Tanya Aminataei, Devon Howell, Madison Moore, Richard Moore

Absence without Regrets: George Danso, Nisarg Patel, Jithendra Kodali

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: Ali

Second: Gabriella

Discussion

Approve:

Oppose:

Abstain:

4. Past Meeting Minutes

Adopt the Minutes from Summarized Minutes from January 13th, 2022, Board Meeting

Mover:

Second: Emelia

Discussion

Approve:

Oppose:

Abstain:

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

a.) President - Sebastian

a. Annual General Meeting

Registration email about AGM should be sent out to members shortly. Gabriella suggests to do a door prize to encourage members to register. Executives and commissioners are required to provide a few slides providing an overview of what was accomplished by February 10th. 2022.

b. Impact of COVID-19 Survey

Graduate Studies former policy was to refund students after they have graduated but it does not alleviate financial burden during the school year. There has been no email from the School of Graduate Studies about funding students have not been sent out yet. Students are encouraged to reach out to graduate studies. Emma said that her colleague received an email from graduate studies about the tuition rebate since this student is delayed. Sebastian will take to the Dean of Graduate Studies and follow up this. Ali mentioned if students who were delayed not specifically due to COVID but if the funding can still be extended to them.

c) Transition to on-campus learning

Nona Robinson is more than willing to listen to concerns of students and have encouraged professors to be more lenient on their students.

b.) Guest – Andrew, President Active Minds

Andrew proposed any events that TGSA has in mind can be discussed for the future. Events that Active Minds host are based on mental health and wellness and promotes the wellbeing of mental health. His email: andrewkrzeczowski@trentu.ca for future use.

c.) VP of Student Affairs – Gabriella

Gabriella is hoping to have an end of the night social event at the Ceilie. Another event idea is to have a movie night after the TGSA AGM on February 17th.

d) VP of Communications - Stephanie

Many posters were made recently, each for one of Gabriella's events! There is a plan to go to Plant Goals to get a quote on bulk plant purchasing in exchange for promo on our event posters.

6. Updates from CUPE

7. Issues regarding Trent's Sexual Violence Policy

Issues regarding Trent's policies are not easily accessible to students and could be very important to students who do experience sexual violence/harassment .

8. 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:

9. 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:

Second:

Discussion

Approve:

Oppose:

Abstain:

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 will be held on March 3rd at 3:00 pm, 2022
- b. The reports and motions for that meeting are due March 1st, 2022
- c. The next Executive meeting will be held on February 28th at 3:00 pm

14. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Mover: Gabriella

Second: Gabriella

Addendum I Executive Reports

Sebastian (President):

This month was hectic, but I like to think that much has been accomplished. The planning for the AGM has been running smoothly, and today (February 3rd) marks the beginning of the nomination period! If you are interested in a position on the Board, please nominate yourself!

The AGM is only two weeks away and the nomination period runs until February 10th.

Executive and Commissioners will need to give a short presentation on what they have done over the past year. If you can please get your reports in for the AGM by February 10th in order for us to put a powerpoint presentation together. If you can include the main points of your report for use in a powerpoint, that would be very helpful. Please send your reports and points to presidenttgsa@trentu.ca and vpcommunications@trentu.ca. Let me know if you have any questions.

As I mentioned at last month's meeting, after discussions with James Conolly, I was asked to create a survey for our membership to gauge the impact of COVID 19 on their time to completion and to gain some insights into the overall experience of graduate students over the past two years. Over 120 students filled out the survey and the results are very much in line with what we had expected.

Over the next few weeks, I will be compiling some of these results into a report for Graduate Studies so they can continue to work with us on supporting graduate students through this time.

This week Trent University is also back online. I've heard a lot of concerns being voiced in student leaders meetings. If you have concerns with the return to campus, you are encouraged to reach out to Student Affairs and Nona Robinson to voice them. If you would prefer, you can also reach out to me and I'll bring up these points in upcoming meetings with administration. Of

course, if there are concerns surrounding your working experience at Trent, you can and should reach out to CUPE 3908 as well with anything to do with your employment at Trent.

I've been in frequent contact with Michael Eamon over the past month addressing some concerns about communication from the college regarding events and activities which involve graduate students. This is something which I will continue to do and will ensure that incoming Executives have a solid foundation to build on with Michael and Trail College.

Devon (VP Senate): -

Gabriella (VP Student Affairs):-

Stephanie – VP Communications

As per usual, I don't get as busy as the other exec members. I created a few posters this past month, each for all events that Gabriella has organized as well as the Annual General Meeting. I share them on our social handles daily and occasionally through our list serve in order to not spam our members. I appreciate all efforts the other execs put in. Thank you!

Addendum II
Commissioner Reports

Emma – Environmental Commissioner

Tanya – Equity Commissioner

As we discussed in our previous meeting, during last month, I got in touch with Nona Robinson, who was in charge of the sexual violence committee meetings, to ask her for more information and to offer possible awareness sessions with collaboration of the TGSA. She referred me to Ms. Arwen Sweet who is the sexual violence prevention coordinator and who can help in this matter. She sent me the required information which I shared with our VP communication, Stephanie, for the poster that we've been planning to make to reach out to the graduate student body. There are two upcoming relevant information sessions which I have sent their announcements to Stephanie to kindly share and get the word out there. Also, at Ms. Sweet's request, I'm going to have a meeting with her next week to further discuss possible information sessions for the graduate students. More updates will be on that. Furthermore, I've been looking into the names that Gabriella has kindly sent me and been trying to reach out to them for another possible equity event on which I'll keep the VP student affairs posted and will update the board once I receive a concrete answer. Thank you all!