



TGSA Board Meeting Agenda

Date: May 4th, 2022

Start time: 6:05 pm **End time:** 7:21 pm

Location: Zoom Conference

Chair: Emma Kaszecki

Scribe: Sarah Rayner

Attendance: Emma Kaszecki, Sebastian Johnston-Lindsay, Sarah Rayner, Egan Henderson, Conner Elverson, Alison MacMillan

Absence with regrets: Alison Fraser (Zoom issues), Richard Moore (Zoom issues), Will, Melissa Miller Gerrard

Absence without Regrets: Cheryl Mitchell, Jordan MacDonald, Madison Moore

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: Egan

Second: Sebastian

Discussion

Approve: All

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Past Meeting Minutes

Adopt the Minutes from April 22nd, 2022 Board Meeting

Mover: Sebastian

Second: Sarah

Discussion

Approve: All

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

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

a.) Sebastian – VP Finance

- (i) Introduces discussion regarding amendments to our polices, these being a review of the amounts dedicated in our annual budget for both Academic and Emergency Bursaries given the increased need demonstrated by our members and also the current economic climate.
- (ii) Suggests increasing the amount dedicated to Emergency Bursaries to \$10,000 and Academic Bursaries to \$15,000 (minimum/annually), as well as increasing the maximum amount per Academic Bursary to \$450 per academic year
 - There has been an increase of applicants for academic and emergency bursaries over the course of the pandemic (Academic bursary: 10 applicants -> 45 applicants)
 - We financially have room to increase

b.) Emma- Environmental Commissioner

- (i) Climate Emergency Declaration
 - Invited to Levy meeting to speak about declaration more and to get more groups involved
- (ii) Emma – President
 - (i) Is attending Board of Governors meeting soon
 - (ii) Suggests overhaul of bylaws over the summer (updates, spelling, etc.)

6. Updates from CUPE

7. Student Support Co-Ordinator – Connor Elverson

- (i) Discussion regarding Banking/Investments
 - Suggests switching from TD to Kawartha Union to allow for “two to sign” to continue with online banking/e-transfers
 - No vote needed for this change, but group consensus is to switch
- (ii) Surplus of cash sitting around
 - Per bylaws we must run a balanced budget
 - Suggests creating a TGSA endowment, which would allow for future boards to withdraw 3-4% to add to their yearly budget
 - Would improve sustainability of income

- (iii) Proposed amendments to TGSA policies that would allow for the waiving of an annual audit/review
 - Bylaws should also be updated to note these changes
 - Three policies would need to be changed regarding language: changing “audit” to “financial statements”; “auditor” to “accounting firm”; and “annual audit” to “preparation of financial statements”

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 on June 1st at 6:00 pm
- b. The reports and motions for that meeting are due June 1st, 2022 (by 12pm)

13. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Mover: Sebastian

Second: Alison

Addendum I **Executive Reports**

Sebastian (VP Finance Report):

As of May 1st, the Emergency Bursary Account has been restored to \$5,000 for the academic year as per our by-laws.

Last year’s executive managed to operate at approximately \$17,000 under our projected expenses. We are still awaiting our final levy cheque for Winter 2022, but even without that last income cheque, the TGSA is only approximately \$4000 under our projected revenue for the 2021/22 year. This is all very good news.

Connor has been in touch regarding switching banks. He can speak more to that and the logistics required on the part of the President and VP Finance. This has to do primarily with the

limitations of TD and our will to have two people instigate e-transfers as opposed to just a single signing officer.

Addendum II
Commissioner Reports

Emma (Environmental Commissioner Report):

Last month I had multiple meetings regarding my climate emergency declaration. I met with student groups around campus that are more directly involved in the efforts to reduce their carbon footprint on campus (Seasoned Spoon, Trent Vegetable Garden, Kawartha World Issues Centre, and Food Services). Shelley Strain also joined the meeting after I met with her beforehand to discuss the document. The consensus of the meeting was to incorporate tangible declarations to the document (ie. reducing waste, advocating for sustainability in committee meetings, the development of principles etc.) for students, and separate the document in half. Initially, the letter to students would be released, followed by the call to action for the school. It was pointed out that it can be hard to ask for something positive when you are “attacking” the individuals that can elicit change. The document was updated and recirculated to the student groups for further discussion, and I have been invited to the next Levy meeting to discuss the movement with additional student groups.

Additionally, I met with James Conolly and Michal Eamon as part of my transition into the role of TGSA President.

Addendum III