



TGSA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 12th, 2022

Start time: 6:05pm **End time:** 7:31pm

Location: Zoom Conference

Chair: Emma Kaszecki

Scribe: Sarah Rayner

Attendance: Emma Kaszecki, Sarah Rayner, William Kim, Egan Henderson, Conner Elverson

Regrets: Sebastian Johnston-Lindsay, Jordan MacDonald

1. Presentation(s) and Discussion (s) without voting

Introductions and update 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: William

Second: Egan

Discussion

Approve: All

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Adopt the Minutes Previous

Mover: William

Second: Sarah

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

a.) Emma — President

- (i) Reminder of upcoming Fall General Meeting— please send one slide of your work up until now to be included in the slideshow
 - Hoping for 45 members to make quorum, but not necessarily needed as we have nothing to vote on
- (ii) So many meetings! Details of each can be found in Addendum I (President Report)

b.) Sarah — VP, Communications

- (i) Continuation of making graphics for our events, as well as outreach for new board members
- (ii) Co-organized the Pride Picnic, which was a lot of fun!

c.) William — VP, Senate

- (i) Attended the CASSC in September for Emma
 - Discussed WalkHome, Natural Parks, International Scholarship, and TUEFRT
 - Want to increase their levy fees in accordance to living expense (no more than 3%)
 - The TCSA is addressing the bus/transit issues (infrequency and cancellations)
- (ii) Chat with Tara from the Senate in regard to special appeals
 - Suggests that we have a second representative for Senate
- (iii) Meeting tomorrow with teaching committee
- (iv) Sent out bylaw edits for discussion

d.) Egan — VP, Student Affairs

- (i) Pride Picnic went well
- (ii) Pumpkinfest is our next event—an event with Trail College and the Trail College Cabinet
- (iii) Met with Michael Eamon about the Spooky Walk
- (iv) Joined in on graduate studies committee meeting about funding and position pay

6. Student Support Co-Ordinator—Connor Elverson

7. Updates from CUPE

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 (7:31pm)

Mover: William

Second: Egan

Addendum I **Executive Reports**

Emma (President)

- Meeting with AVP Students
 - Addition of fees for graduate students (ancillary and levy)
Trent Campus Safety (include TUEFRT and WalkHome) ancillary fee is not charged to graduate student
 - Of course, graduate students have access to these services —> we should be providing funding for the programs
 - Trent Nature Areas is another ancillary fee that can be added
 - The addition of an ancillary fee does not need to go to referendum
- Levy group fees
 - Levy groups that have been considered for graduate students to pay in to include: Arthur Newspaper, Trent Child Care, Trent International Student Association
 - In order to add levy fees they need to go to referendum and be voted on by the membership with a quorum of 15% —> Lesley and Lawrence are going to look into this
 - Although we are a levy group that is subject to the levy group by-laws set out by the lev council, we do have get a vote on the levy council because we are a graduate student group and the levy council is an undergraduate organization
- CASSC Meeting
 - If anyone has information about the events that took place at HOTT please share it with Student Affairs
 - Trent Mudder is this weekend (so is Pumpkinfest with Trill College)
- Meeting with Dean of Graduate Studies (Craig Brunetti)
 - Craig had his meeting with Julie Davis
 - Graduate student space is on the wish-list
 - The budget cycle was moved up ~6 weeks for everyone at Trent University
 - This means I need to get the proposal for overtime fee reductions done for November
 - Interested to see what other schools are doing
 - A report published by CFS in 2015 indicates that only two schools in Ontario have post-residency fees for graduate students (this has since changed, but not drastically)
- Meeting with Shelley Strain (Sustainability)
 - Trent is working on a new Sustainability plan
 - Offered our services to help educate graduate students about sustainable practices at Trent

- Work with Shelley to help achieve her goals of what a sustainable Trent looks like
- Fun events (Linda Kash AKA the Philly Cream Cheese Angel coming to do improv/comedy, partnering with Trent frat and the free-market etc.)
- Any projects or ideas we have we can share!
- Food Services Meetings
 - Trent has the least expensive meal plan in Canada (although prices have gone up with inflation)
 - Chartwells contract is up April 2024
 - Although Trent and Chartwells work together to make changes every year to the menu and services they offer
- Research Policy Committee Meeting
 - Everything in the RPC is confidential, however there is significant room for graduate students to have a say on how things operate at Trent as far as research goes

Meeting with Lee Hays (Alumni Engagement)

- Alumni has a list of ~27,000 Trent graduates (both from their undergraduate and graduate degrees)
- They send out monthly electronic newsletters to alumni about things going on at Trent and to share news and alumni highlights
- We were interested in doing a spotlight with the TGSA to highlight graduate research happening at Trent and alumni that are doing related work

Sarah (VP Communications):

- Created graphics for our Pride Picnic, apparel ordering, and our Fall General Meeting
- Circulated graphics and announcements through our social media channels, and through mass emails to graduate students
- Co-organized the Pride Picnic

Will (VP Senate Report):

- Sent out first drafts of the TGSA Bylaws/Policies to all TGSA executives
- Attended the CASSC Meeting on Sept 21, 2022

Egan (VP Student Affairs):

Events

- Helped run the TGSA booth at orientation. Brought the baked goods from Black Honey
- Served alcohol at the Traill Carnival from the beer tent
- Ran Pride Picnic event, with pizza, button making, and hanging out at Traill

- Planned Pumpkinfest alongside Traill College (event on Oct. 15th)

Other

- Met with other grad student associations from McMaster, Western, and Brock. Talked about executive position compensations, but my focus was to chat and see what other GSAs do. Hoping to stay in contact with them for further discussions
- Kept up with Student Affairs email and the signing off of emergency bursaries

Addendum II
Commissioner Reports