



TGSA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 24th, 2023

Start time: 6:08 pm **End time:** 7:02 pm

Location: Traill College and Zoom Conference

Chair: Emma Kaszecki

Scribe: Sarah Rayner

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

Regrets: Sebastian Johnston-Lindsay, Jordan MacDonald, Heather Klyn-Hesselink

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: Will

Second: Jaz

Discussion

Approve: All

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Adopt the Minutes Previous

Mover: Will

Second: Jaz

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

a.) Emma — President

(i) CASSC Updates (detailed notes in appendix)

(ii) Research Policy Committee Meetings (detailed notes in appendix)

- (iii) Board of Governors meeting (detailed notes in appendix)
- (iv) Graduate Studies Committee Meeting (detailed notes in appendix)
- (v) Sustainability Planning Consultation (detailed notes in appendix)
- (vi) Librarian Search Committee (detailed notes in appendix)
- (vii) ThinkGrad (detailed notes in appendix)

VP, Finance

- (i) Collection of final levy cheque and dissemination of funds remaining

VP, Internal

- (i) Board elections completed and referendum questions passed (yay!)

b.) Sarah — VP, Communications

- (i) The end-of-year party went well! The turnout was good, and the venue was perfect
- (ii) Planning for events is going well, and there is a running list of possibilities—if anyone has any ideas please let me know so I can add them to the list!

c.) William — VP, Senate

- (i) Presidential Reviews Advisory Committee (meeting details in appendix)

d.) Egan — VP, Student Affairs

- (i) Ran the sustainable plan potting event with Heather (details in appendix)
- (ii) Literary Café (details in appendix)

e.) Heather — Environmental Commissioner

- (i) Food Services and Sustainability Committee meetings (details in appendix)
- (i) S&E steering committee update (details in appendix)
- (ii) Recycling survey (details in appendix)

6. Finance & Operations Coordinator—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 (7:02 pm)

Mover: Will

Second: Jaz

Addendum I

Executive Reports

Emma (President)

CASSC Updates

- Ancillary fee changes
 - College Fee: increased by 5.5%
 - Athletic & Recreation Fee: increased by 5.5%
 - Campus Card Fee: increased by 7.9% (\$0.73) to \$10.00
 - Campus Safety Fee: increased by 6.9%
 - Orientation Fee (graduate students do not pay): increased by 6.9%

Research Policy Committee Meeting

- Adjudication of Distinguished Research Award, Research Impact Award, and Early Career Researcher Awards
 - Celebration of receipts on May 3rd
- Meeting with the ORI about Public Scholar Initiative
 - VP Bruce is interested in teaming up with SGS to create a Public Scholar Initiative at Trent

Board of Governors Meeting

- Operating budgets
 - 2.67% growth expected
 - Includes updates to collective agreements
 - Banking on increasing enrolment to be able to float increased expenses
 - \$388K leftover = balanced budget
 - \$5.2 million in investment for academic and financial supports
 - Conservative budget just in case something happens
 - Inflation
 - Utilities went up 39%
- 83-85% of Trent students come from outside of the regional area
 - The most of any regional university in Ontario

Graduate Studies Committee Meeting

- The 10-hour rule for working on campus doesn't exist anymore!
 - Graduate students can work as many hours on campus as they want, as long as it is not the equivalent of full-time hours
 - No approval from supervisors is needed
 - It is still expected that graduate students work at least 30 hours per week on their research
- There are difficulties cross-listing UG and Grad courses
 - There are UG courses that can be selected as electives for some programs
 - Students are also encouraged to explore equivalent courses at other institutions

- Updates to Graduate Academic Integrity Policy to include information about AI
- Proposal for a Masters in Health Management and Leadership
 - Needs some detail fleshed out before moving forward
- Adjudication process for Mentorship Awards

Sustainability Planning Consultation

- Invited to participate in a consultation about what graduate students would like to see from Trent as far as sustainability goes

Librarian Search Committee

- Conclusion of the librarian search committee with a recommendation put forward to the Provost

ThinkGrad

- Discussed funding for graduate students and how different institutions are moving forward with how to address the need for more funding
- I am the Treasurer for ThinkGrad for 2023-2024

(VP Finance)

Collection of final levy cheque and dissemination of funds remaining

- Honorarium for Board members
- 3MT runner-up prize
- Anything else Connor says we need to pay for

(VP Internal Affairs)

Board elections completed and referendum questions passed

- TGSA Board decreased in size
- Increase in honorarium for Board members
- TGSA levy fee will increase 3.5%
- Addition of Campus Safety ancillary fee for graduate students
- Partnership with SGS for dissemination of TGSA Bursaries
- Addition of "housekeeping" by-law

Sarah (VP Communications):

- Planned the end-of-year party at the El (P), including location, menu, trivia questions, prizes, and RSVPs
- Started to plan out events for next year, in my new expanded role
- Made graphics for events

Will (VP Senate Report):

Presidential Reviews Advisory Committee

- Finalized the 2023-2028 presidential mandate.

Egan (VP Student Affairs):

- Ran Sustainable Plant Potting Event at Traill on March 23. Used supplies from previous paint night and brought in a couple plastic pots for those who didn't bring their own.
- Ran trivia at the end of year party at El (P)

Finalized plan for Literary Cafe with Jaz (Equity Commissioner)

- April 27, Wenjack Theatre, 6-10pm
- Students (grad and undergrad) can present a creative piece in under 4 minutes, audience open to general public
- Catering/snacks/refreshments will be available, alongside blind date with a book

Met with the Housing Advisory Committee on March 21

- Updates on Residence Standards, primarily reorganization and small changes
- Biggest updates are to social gatherings, smudging, and overconsumption leniency

Kept up with incoming emails from students and others

Addendum II
Commissioner Reports

Jaz (Equity Commissioner):

I have to say it's been a wild month finishing my course work and trying to push through grading. Egan and I organized the literary cafe which is taking place this Tuesday so we will see how that goes. We are still hoping for a few more people to sign up as right now there have only been 4 people who have RSVP'd.

I also attended two meetings with the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response committee and am moving forward with Arwen and Sarah to plan disclosure training for new TA's this coming August/September and so I anticipate that this work will unfold over the summer.

Margaret (International Student Commissioner):

Heather (Environmental Commissioner):

Committee meetings: Food services, Sustainability, etc. nothing new to report. Slow down for Summer term.

S&E steering committee: In person meeting beginning of May to review what objectives we can hope to obtain without representation from higher management of the university. What exactly are the goals of the committee?

Recycling survey: Only about 60 people responded which was lower than I'd hoped. However we did acquire some good information. There are those out there who would like to learn more about recycling in the lab, and even some labs with good methods for cleaning plastic and glassware so it can be reused. Next steps are to meet with Shelley again and discuss how people can get involved. Also, putting together a presentation or module that grad students can read through during their orientation days, so we catch them early. And perhaps reaching out to the various labs on campus to start expanding the recycling program.

Also: Thinking about trying another potting even in better weather, and at Symons campus, to see if we get any turnout.

Addendum III