

## Minutes

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1. Welcome
    - a. Opening prayer (Stanley Hauerwas)
    - b. Introductions (if necessary)
      - None
    - c. Approval of January Minutes (attached pages 2-3)
      - Approved with no corrections
  2. External Committees
    - a. ADC reps (Becca, Beth, Matt Thollander)
      - i. Updates?
        - Glen Taylor still wants input on having a Greek and Hebrew tutorial. Agreed that it might be something for him to take up next year at orientation, but it seems like a good idea
    - b. TST Board (Michael)
      - i. Academic Board composition,
        - Revised the academic board (now called Academic Council) in be in line with what ADSA had requested: BD rep and an AD rep (with the BD rep's spot able to go to an AD student if there is no BD person who wants it).
          - Restricted to conjoint degree students
  2. Teaching Assistant Training Program
    - Still trying to find out more about the training program
      - Is closed to TST students because we don't pay for it
        - Need to find out how to pay for it if it is something that we want access to
        - Beth raised the question if colleges with undergrads have access to the training program, will have to be looked into further
3. J.M. Kelly Award
  - Still exists
  - Attempting to ensure it is a competitive award
  - Looking to see if students could use student recommendations rather than faculty ones because there is service to TST that does not involve interacting with faculty
- c. College reps (Abigail, Ann, Billie Anne, Jon Clemens, Kim, Mike)
  - i. Any news/upcoming events?
    - Knox: A student final came to ask Mike W. for advice about financial aid

- Emmanuel: Having a documentary on Residential Schools
  - St. Mikes: Having an appreciation event for the Basilians.
    - The dean is leaving for a new post. There is a search committee. Because the Theology school is unionized they have very little say in the process.
  - Trinity: Reynolds Lecture and Seminar is coming up
- d. Department and program reps (Anthony, Chris, Jonathan Lofft, Maureen)
- i. Any discussion/dissent on closing thesis defences? Other issues/updates?
- Theology: Approving committees and instructors and course
  - Bible: Question if Theology students can teach/TA Bible Classes
3. Conference and Finances (Matt Eaton)
- a. Need volunteers to moderate sessions, do other conference tasks (attached page 4)
- A signup sheet went around the room and Michael will email those not at the meeting
- b. Advertising: poster distribution and other media
- Posters are going up
  - Maybe plug at the Reynolds's lecture/seminar
  - Matt is sending out info every Monday over email and on Facebook to keep people thinking about the conference
- c. Financial update (attached page 5)
- Conference Money:
    - \$600 advance from TST to pay for food/wine
    - \$673 for her ticket-under budgeted cost. That means we can pay for a cab to get her back
    - Have extra money to help cover a dinner for her and her per diem
    - \$200 from ADSA doesn't need to be used
  - ADSA Monday:
    - Got gift cards for the PD seminars
    - \$700-\$800 left if we stay on budget
4. Other Events
- a. Postmortem: first-year welcome back lunch, seminar on staying sane in grad school
- Need to reevaluate timing for the first year lunch
  - The seminar was not well attended but went over well. Mostly Q &A and the notes from it were posted online
- b. March 4<sup>th</sup> seminar on non-academic jobs (Chris, Becca)
- c. Townhall on student life fees will be 12-2pm, Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (Michael, ?)
- Student life from UT will come
  - Maybe we could record the conversation so that people who were not able to attend could see/hear the discussion

- d. April (?) seminar on getting published (Matt Thollander, Abigail)
  - Will be in March
5. Policy and Constitution Changes
  - a. Proposal: recipients of a CGS, SSHRC, OGS, or other travel funding will not be eligible for travel bursaries, and preference may be given to students travelling or rooming together
    - Discussion: Can it just be based on funding levels and just scholarships
    - Maybe we can ask people to report funding
    - Agreed to exclude people who have SSHRC-same as last year
    - No preference for traveling together-also same as last year
  - b. Proposal: because of the referendum and conference, nominations for this year's election will be due the fourth Friday of March (the 28<sup>th</sup>) rather than the second Friday
    - Nominations for the election due April 2
  - c. Draft of referendum question on amending the ADSA constitution (attached page 6)
    - Questions were raised about what quorum, should we even try to have it all meetings
    - We could have it so it (quorum) is just 50% + 1 rather than the 2/3 that are now required
    - Changed 4.8 in the constitution to have quorum be 50% + 1
  - d. Referendum will open tomorrow and close – when? In two weeks? Or after X votes?
    - Going to ask people why they are rejecting the constitution
    - Email was sent out about voting which will close the day of the conference
  - e. Draft of duties for new ADSA Board positions (attached pages 7-8)
    - Will be approved next meeting
    - Need a list of names of who is out of a job/who needs to run again
  - f. Open discussion and questions about the constitution changes, new positions, etc.
6. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 to noon
  - AGM is April 3 at Noon
  - Nominations due April 2