

## ADSA Meeting Jan. 14, 2015

### 1: Opening Prayer

### 2: College Reps

- Emmanuel – not present
- Knox – not present
- Regis – film series starting and annual culture fest
- Trinity – Maria is stepping down, week of Christian unity; Graham library search committee
- St. Mike's – no report
- Wycliffe – ATS letter

### 3: Dept Reps

- History – not much
- Theology – talking about representation on new committees for the new graduate center; want increased representation; depts. are going away but we need to work on a transition; what do existing students do about departmental meetings since they will dissolve; departments will still need to approve courses
- Pastoral – approved some courses; requesting a rework of the comprehensive exams/qualifying examinations to better mirror pastoral handbook
- Biblical – not present
- MA – not present

### 4: Other Committees

- Academic Council – meets on Monday
- GSC – scheduled but cancelled
- Library – no report
- Board of Trustees – meeting of students with board to listen to us; need to communicate what we want to talk about and set a meeting; also need to have a conversation about more teaching opportunities; some colleges pay TA's at the college level, and the colleges work very differently although some colleges hire outside their AD students; loans for US students – what is going on? Some push to be reconsidered but doesn't look that good; board is a little worried about the MOA and how UofT is related to TST; what about TST identity? They don't necessarily know yet; what do we need to pay UofT for and what can we do better?

### 5: Conference

- David Novak is coming and will give the keynote address

### 6: PD Seminar (Mental Health)

- this went well, but we didn't get as many people as we would have liked
- should we move this given that town hall is so close? Maybe move until the end of February

### 7: Survey Results

- funding is definitely an issue
- people report working 87 hours a week

- people are interested in our services and less dissatisfied with us than with TST
- some people are coming to most things that we organize and our using the services we offer
- Board of Trustees has offered us money to put together a more in-depth survey – may want to invest in someone building a survey for us
- We will submit a copy to the board

#### 8: Townhall

- we have not raised our fees in about 4 years and we would like to have a referendum to change the fees
- ELWS has been overcharging us
- Proposing a provision for raising our fees over several years so we don't have to keep having referendums
- Revenues dropping are going to be complicated by the new PhD
- Perhaps raise it up to a certain amount without needing to have a referendum
- Should we add fees? Student Life (career centre, athletics, recreation, Hart House)? We might want to give people the option to opt in.
  - o Townhall will present information on it and let students decide
  - o Part time health and dental? We should offer a comparison with other health and dental. What about doing this for international students?
  - o What about opting into TATP? Prof. Skira would like us to wait on another meeting before we talk about it. They don't know how much it is going to cost. This probably needs to come off the survey for now. They are running at capacity already. Maybe we need to shelve this for now. Perhaps we can ask the more general question about TA training.
  - o Have we heard from GSU? No.
  - o Referendum to raise fees to \$16 with option to add dollar per term option to increase without another referendum if necessary.

#### 9: Other Business

#### 10: Adjourned