February 7, 2017 **TGSA Meeting**

Location: [TST] | Time: [3:00pm] | Meeting Status: [Regular] [Monthly]

Chair: [Allison Murray] | Secretary: [Leanne Ketchum]

*Present*: Allison Murray, Robyn Boeré, Emma CW Ceruti, Amy Panton, MJ Perry, Fiona Li, Liam Farrer, Gordon Brown, Leanne Ketcham, Robbie Walker, Ethan Rector, Sam Bado Auler, Trent Voth

*Regrets*: Billie Gekas, Chanelle Robinson, Sheng Ping Guo

Previous Meeting Minutes Read: Yes X No ☐

Previous Meeting Minutes Approved: Yes X No ☐

Approved: As Read ☐ Corrected X

Meeting convened at 3:03pm

Agenda Items

1. Opening Prayer
2. Housekeeping
   1. Minutes approved with minor changes
3. Treasurer Update
   1. Financial Updates— $400 still outstanding
   2. Conference Travel Grants
      1. Motion to allow for up to four conference travel grants
   3. **Action Items:**
      1. Motion unanimously carried to allow for up to 4 travel grants
4. Conference Updates
   1. 11 submissions from 10 people = 3.5 sessions
   2. Readers selected: MJ, Liam, and Emma
   3. There used to be a keynote speaker.
   4. TGSA to adopt arts (poetry, visual art)/racism project from Colleen Shantz. Should this be a session or keynote?
   5. Food: fair trade organic coffee donated; GF items and vegan items; wine & cheese
      1. Buying dishes or borrowing from TST
   6. Louisville Institutes: not sure if they can fund us.
   7. **Action Items**: Keynote and arts project to be pursued. Emma to make new poster. Sign-up list for March meeting
5. Referendum Update
   1. Update on Process
      1. UofT will allow us to use UElect system this year, but **not** for the future because we don’t pay student life fees.
      2. Non conjoint students will use an election website
      3. Motion to use referendum budget to pay for closed, electoral process for non conjoint students (costs $15USD). For future: 350 voters on Simply voting is $240USD; [ElectionRunner.com](http://ElectionRunner.com) is $45USD
         1. Motion unanimously carried to use Election Runner
   2. Vote on question language
      1. Significant questions on the wording of “historically under-represented groups.”
         1. “Historically under-represented issues”
         2. “Representing the diversity of the colleges”
         3. “Under-represented concerns”
      2. Voting language:
         1. “Five members at large, elected by the TGSA, whose primary responsibility is to represent historically under-represented groups...”
            1. Moved by Liam. Three opposed. Motion carries.
         2. “Do you approve the TGSA learning the University of Toronto Students’ Union (UTSU) and joining the University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union (UTGSU)?
            1. Moved by Liam. Motion carries unanimously.
      3. Policy Committee: Robyn, Gord, Chanelle, Gina, Robbie
   3. **Action Items**: Robyn to use Election Runner for closed, electoral vote for non-conjoint.
6. Third Thursday Updates
   1. February Movie Night— Liam
7. PD Updates
   1. Networking event February—
   2. Action Items: February 28 at TST, 3-5pm—Scholarly Networking
8. Academic Update
   1. GSC did not meet
   2. AC—addition of “creative professionals”
   3. Library Committee—
      1. Jewish librarian position failed in the first round.
      2. Non-conjoint students must get a library card from every theological library (Free)
      3. Response to library committee tabled to March meeting
9. College/Area Updates
   1. Regis students are not happy that there is no Regis rep on the search committee to replace Jerry Skira. *[Note: Later confirmed those from Regis invited to participate declined seat on committee]*
   2. Knox— want college specific listserv.
10. Advocacy
    1. St. Mike’s Update: letter sent asking to avoid the strike.
    2. Funding for International Students— all of the faculties that have made the promise of funding for international students have revenue neutral arrangements.
    3. Action Item: ask TST to clarify why international students are not receiving domestic fees
11. Communication Plans
    1. TGSA email
    2. Student survey tabled to March meeting.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Leanne Ketcham.