

## TGSA Board Meeting Minutes

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Attendance:** Allison (President), Fiona (VP Academic), Marie (VP External), Melanie (VP Conferences), Trent (Biblical Rep), Benjamin (St. Mike's), Gord (Treasurer), Robyn (Regis Rep), Sheng Ping (History Rep), MJ (Knox Rep)

- 1) Opening – 10:05am
- 2) Housekeeping
  - a. Minutes from March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by consensus
  - b. Correction request – discussed, consensus reached but action deferred in light of item 8
  - c. Survey – draft survey approved in principle, details to be worked out by Allison and MJ, set to be distributed to all TGSA members on Thursday.
  - d. AGM Planning – AGM set for Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm as per previous discussion. Location still TBD. Hope to conclude business items and then turn the gathering into an end-of-term celebration
  - e. Board Orientation/Retreat – Doodle poll will go out to all board members once new board is in place to find a day when we can meet to plan the year ahead, go over policies, and undergo professional development training. Allison requests Board members consider what they would like to have known before starting as a Board member and that they send her ideas of what to include on the retreat agenda.
  - f. Opening Prayer – request that we commit to opening each TGSA Board meeting with prayer. This was agreeable to all present and will be the practice going forward.
- 3) Conference Debrief
  - The Board extended thanks to Melanie, MJ, and Robyn for their work in co-ordinating a successful conference. Fiona passed on thanks from TST Admin as well
  - Overall very happy with the way the conference went; about 35 people there throughout the day
  - Melanie presented feedback received from conference participants
  - For next year – host conference in a fully accessible space, make sure it isn't scheduled during March Break, have a longer turnaround time between proposal submissions and the conference
  - MJ suggested Knox as a potential site for next year's conference
  - Board agreed to schedule the conference for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. MJ will approach Knox about booking the space
- 4) Non-conjoint Students

- Letter from TST that was distributed to non-conjoint students on March 28<sup>th</sup> was handed out to the Board
- It was noted that some Board members have received emails from concerned students who will be impacted by these changes
- Everyone believes the issues raised here are very serious; TGSA needs to work hard to advocate for students in the wake of these changes
- Marie was commissioned to liaise with UTSU re: an “opt-in” procedure for non-conjoint students
- TGSA will request that library access be standardized across all colleges and that TST do everything under its power to resolve the OSAP status issues
- Communication to go out to students regarding OSAP deferment procedures and letting them know what the Board is working towards on their behalf

Items 5, 6, 7 having to do with policy review were deferred owing to time constraints. Will be picked up again at the next regular Board meeting.

8) Chair motioned for an *in camera* session  
Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05pm