

TGSA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 7, 2016

3:00 pm – 5:03 pm.

Members Present: Allison Murray (President), Fiona Li (VP Academic), Marie Green (VP External), Melanie Kampen (VP Conferences), Trent Voth (Biblical), Matthew Bowman (Trinity), Gord Brown (Treasurer), Benjamin Lujan (St. Mike's), Robyn Boéré (Regis), Carla Marcoccia (Secretary).

Regrets: Lindsay Ann Cox (Emmanuel), Steve Hewko (Wycliffe), Sheng Ping Guo (Historical).

1) Opening (Allison): 3:00pm

Welcome.

2) Appointment (Allison): 3:04pm

Appoint Carla Marcoccia as Secretary and CRO of referendum.

Unanimous decision: yes.

3) Housekeeping (Allison): 3:10pm

Concerns voiced by Marie and Matthew regarding checking minutes for diplomacy.

Amend point 11 to indicate survey was deferred

Approve amended minutes from November 7, 2016, all in favor.

Block off time for next term in the calendar provided to schedule meetings next term.

(Attachment provided).

4) Meeting Notices (Marie): 3:15pm

A week isn't enough notice for meetings, be mindful of scheduling meetings as this impacts the turnout. Will attempt to schedule Winter Term meetings by beginning of term.

5) Quorum (Marie): 3:16pm

TGSA has 13 members, 6 are needed to make quorum.

6) Roles/ Vacant Positions (Marie): 3:17pm

If positions are filled it would lighten the load for board members. The positions are set and would require amending the constitution and a referendum to change this.

Concerns about generating interest in student engagement. Winter term focus will be on planning for future of board.

7) Board Participation (Melanie): 3:22pm

Policy for missing meetings will forfeit position but hopefully won't have to go there.

Suggestion was made to set a consistent time for meetings next term.

Two year maximum in a position when you come on board, if you don't come back you need to think of someone you would vote in.

8) External Update (Allison): 3:28pm

TST Roundtable had their first meeting at the end of November and is an official organization. Mandate is parallel to TGSA except there is no treasurer and it is technically open to anyone to join. It is meant to help build relationships between BD students and UTSU.

Matthew voiced concern AD students are not eligible to participate because the club is under student affairs at UofT. Also the club elects UTSU members, this is problematic as AD students are not eligible to be members. [clarification – UTSU is elected according to UTSU policy, not appointed by TST RT or TGSA. The two orgs need to sort out their relationship to each other and how to share an UTSU rep]

Marie spoke with Jasmine Wong who is president of UTSU and was informed TGSA does not have a rep; TST has one seat (AD/BD).

Allison said she would get in touch with Andrew McPherson, chair of TST roundtable, and inquire how Roundtable and TGSA will ratify position.

Ben attended the meeting, the purpose is to promote friendship between BD, AD and UofT students and promote collaboration. Also, because of the potential referendum student affairs would be considered a possibility.

Matthew is uncomfortable that the \$500 student fees paid is not cared about by Roundtable; he is concerned with the relationship with Roundtable.

Allison will work internally with TST to relate to each other (TGSA with Roundtable and UTSU).

Allison mentioned the Engineering society had a referendum to separate partially from UTSU. They negotiated associate student status in UTSU (health and dental) but not eligible for other services and a portion of the fees go back to Engineering.

TGSA is a different demographic than undergrad thus pursue similar relationship with UTSU. TGSA to negotiate would require a referendum and give up access to certain services.

Robyn mentioned joining GSU instead of UTSU. Allison mentioned this has come up previously, the health plans are more expensive and the GSU VP external was impeached and wasn't replaced so there is no one to speak with.

9) Referendum Consultation (Marie): 3:50pm

Marie is concerned about Orvin Lau not being present at meetings and is the voting voice for TGSA. She is also concerned not ready or informed enough for a referendum on UTSU fees.

Allison stated if channels of communication are open then it is ok if Orvin isn't present.

Matthew is concerned with official documents that PhD students are not listed in Schedule B.

Allison confirmed conjoint, PhD and AD students are part of the Schedule B.

Marie suggested if TGSA can legally confirm they can have a referendum then proceed.

MOTION by Marie; move forward with the motion for referendum on condition of clarification Schedule B student status. Seconded by: Gordon

Motion Carried. 8 In Favour, 1 Opposed (Matthew Bowman).

Feedback regarding Referendum

Allison has a general consensus in favor for referendum and is undecided about the fees.

Matthew said 6-8 Trinity students are against the referendum, concerned that the Facebook page is closed and thinks students haven't received adequate information about the referendum.

Ben noted that communication could be better but it is sufficient.

Robyn noted Regis students are in favor of the referendum and paying the fees.

9.1) Referendum Committee (Allison): 4:18pm

Review of Referenda policy and procedure.

Paper work is due by February 10, 2017 in order for fees to be implemented by September 2017/18. [Correction: May 1st, 2017]

MOTION by Ben, seconded by Melanie to move forward with referendum on student life fees.

Motion Carried. 8 in favor, 1 opposed (Matthew Bowman, who was against motion because not all college representatives present).

Referendum Committee: RO Carla, Pro side is Robyn, against side is Matthew, Allison and Trent have offered to help with logistics.

The members agree to divert UTSU fee question for now in favour of exploring UTSU/GSU options more thoroughly. Marie will open up conversation with GSU about benefits and new membership process before the February meeting.

10) College Updates (Ben, Robyn, Matthew, Gore, and Trent): 4:33pm

St. Mikes (Ben): Advent dinner this Friday is the last event of the year.

Indigenous event being planned to occur in May.

Fiona mentioned Emmaus is unveiling his art at the Flahif center tomorrow from 7-9:00pm with reception to follow

Regis (Robyn): Last Lonergan research seminar took place last Friday. There are four upcoming LRI seminars in the spring on Fridays. Convocation took place two weeks ago. Next Wednesday there is a concert in Regis chapel \$35 per ticket, for a fundraiser.

January 20, 2017 is the culture fest at Regis. The library will be closed for two weeks over the Christmas break.

Trinity (Matthew): 175th academic year of the faculty coming up with special events to follow in the spring, the dean will announce further details. It is David's final year and they are hoping to appoint someone by July, they have one student on the committee.

Knox (Gord): worship on Tuesdays at 4:15 beginning in the first week of January. There are three positions underway, the jobs are already posted. Hope to integrate AD students with life of the college.

Emmanuel (Trent): Unsure of timeline for new Principal search, but process underway.

11) Area Updates (Trent): 4:38pm

Biblical Rep: Monday was the last Bible seminar, small turnout but it was nice nonetheless.

12) Treasure Update (Gore): 4:40pm

The budget was increased today, on track with budget. Three conference awards were granted in November.

TGSA Financial Report – December 7, 2016

Figure	Transaction	Balance
Balance @ June 30		2500.27
Deposits	4666.21	7166.48
Disbursements	-2333.76	4829.72
Current Balance	4829.72	

Notes:

1. Disbursements included social events to date, 1 grant and 3 travel bursaries as determined by TST process
2. Total budget approved 2016-17 5110 (46% spent to date)

13) Conference Update (Melanie): 4:41pm

Submissions for papers/panels due by January 13, 2017, there are posters being circulated, waiting for TST to confirm for lunch provision.

Questions regarding delaying deadline for submission but not possible because the panel needs the turnaround time.

Questions regarding the nature of the lectures, it must be an argument/essay for a 20-minute lecture. There will be guidelines added that a paper must be presented for 20 minutes.

14) VP Academic (Fiona): 4:48pm

TST Roundtable approved by ULife.

April 27, 2017 non-conjoint students will no longer exist on ROSI (99 students).

General exams, new guideline for supervision by SGS.

January 1, 2017 new sexual violence policy occurs and will be reflective of UofT's policy.

Question if TST will raise PhD fees or not, right now they are the same as UofT.

15) Third Thursdays (Allison): 4:45pm

November event did not have a good turnout but hoping for a better one for the upcoming skate night on December 25, 2016 from 6:00-9:00pm.

Allison suggested January Third Thursday outing at the AGO with the budget to help fund.

Volunteer needed, Robyn volunteered.

16) PD Events (Allison): 4:58pm

Mental Health event in January or February, Melanie and Marie have been discussing it and would like to plan something.

17) Requests Received (Allison): 4:59pm

Request received to make public some aggregate data from 2014/15 ADSA student survey (approved). Mentorship program was suggested by Trinity to allow for new students to contact existing students, there is not a lot of movement but would like to pick this up in January.

Agreed to advertise for this (approved).

18) Additional Business: 5:01pm

Marie mentioned the TST handbook is supposed to list AD student research interests, seeking a grad student directory. Allison said she would speak to Bradley about this.

19) Adjournment: 5:03pm

Minutes amended and approved unanimously at Jan 10th board meeting.