TGSA Board Meeting

Oct 11, 2017

3:00 – 5:00pm

*Present:* Allison Murray, Gord Brown, Emma CW Ceruti, Robbie Walker, Sheng Ping Guo, Billy Gekas, Amy Panton, Chanelle Robinson, Michael Brain, Samuel Bado Auler

*Regrets: Trent Voth, MJ Perry, Robyn Boeré, Fiona Li, Gina Bae*

Meeting convened at 3:10pm.

**Housekeeping:**

- Minutes from September 6th meeting were approved by consensus

- Giacomo has resigned as Theology rep. Resignation formally accepted by the board.

- Discussion regarding the stipulations on TGSA Conference Travel Grants. It was decided that our three grants of $500 each are aimed at students who are going to a conference more than 250 km away from student’s place of residence. Exceptions to this distance requirement can be made for students with disabilities (whose travel costs can be high with even short distances).

**Appointments**:

**Motion** to appoint Amy Panton to Pastoral Rep. Moved by Emma. Vote: unanimous in favour, motion carried.

**Motion** to appoint Billy Gekas to Contextual Rep. Moved by Robbi. Vote: unanimous in favour, motion carried.

**Motion** to appoint Samuel Bado Auler to St. Mike’s Rep. Moved by Gord. Vote: unanimous in favour, motion carried.

**Motion** to appoint Leanne Ketchum and Ethan Rector as co-secretaries. Moved by Emma. Vote: unanimous in favour, motion carried.

**Motion** to appoint Billy and Allison to advisory committee for the GCTS Director search. Moved by Michael. Vote: unanimous in favour, motion carried.

**Treasurer Update:**

**-** We are short $900 from our projected income. May be some declining enrollment? Or delay in the processing of funds from the non-ACORN student information system? If we don’t received the expected funds we will have to revisit the budget approved in September. Further updates when finance rep comes back.

- An additional community bank account was opened at Bank of Montreal. A newer account gives access to additional features (such as sending and receiving e-transfers) not available with the older account at TD Bank. Gord and Allison are co-signers on the account.

**Third Thursday Update:**

- Oktoberfest Oct 19th 4:00-7:00pm at The Fox and Fiddle, 280 Bloor St West.

- Gord is set as point-person for November Third Thursday. Potentially a game night.

**PD Updates:**

-Publishing Academic Articles – Nov 2

-Doors are Open – Nov 9th. Pizza, parking for Miriam, Sbux cards for all 3 presenters.

**VP Academic Update**

* We should do a poll regarding options for language courses (twitter, facebook) to help TST know what will serve students best. The language courses were cancelled again this year because of lack of enrolment.
* Discussion of the Beyond Petitions group and their efforts against white supremacy on campus.

**Motion**: TGSA will support the effort towards beyond petitions in principle and continue to examine with that group how we can support them – moved by Gord. Vote: unanimous in favour, motion carries.

**VP Conferences Update**

Conference updates – AAR/SBL – Nov 1st is due date to sign up for combined transportation. It looks like we will have a few cars heading down. So far not enough people for discount flight option.

2018 grad student conference – to be held at Knox this year, 23 March 2018.

Official title: Privilege, Identity, Intersectionality: Global Theological Discourses

Plan is to have call for papers out Nov 30th, submission Jan 29th, acceptance Feb 15th. We need more proposals this year. Proposal guidelines – needs to be grad students, themes: history, pastoral, biblical etc. Emma will have a draft of the CFP ready for the November 13th board meeting for the rest of the board to approve.

**Communication Plan**

- Discussion of the merits of a TGSA-specific listserv.

**Motion**: for next board meeting Allison will bring a plan for our own listserv to next meeting – Moved by Emma. Vote: unanimous in favour, motion carries.

**Policy and Constitutional Review**

* Discussion of the need to review constitution and propose a new one to better mirror the new structures at TST. A Policy & Constitution Committee was officially commissioned, with Robyn as chair and Michael, Chanelle, and Gord as members.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm

[Minutes corrected and approved 13 November 2017]