**TGSA Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

**10:00 am – 11:34 am.**

**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 Boeré (Regis), Sheng Ping Guo (Historical), Carla Marcoccia (Secretary).

**Regrets:** Lindsay Ann Cox (Emmanuel), Steve Hewko (Wycliffe).

**1) Opening (Allison): 10:00 am**

Welcome.

**2) Housekeeping (Allison): 10:05 am**

Corrections to the December 7, 2016 meeting minutes: name adjustments, spelling errors.

MOTION by Robyn to approve minutes from December 7, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Trent. Motion carried.

Lindsay Ann Cox resigned as Emmanuel Rep. Seat now vacant

Matthew is concerned about absence of board members.

Allison is to contact WADSA re: alternate appointee in case of Steve’s absence.

**3) Even Planning (Allison): 10:15 am**

**Third Thursday ideas:**

January 19, 2017 AGO outing with Emmanuel, suggested to follow the event at a pub. Cost is $13, and TGSA is subsidizing the first 12 people $8, making the cost to $5. Email Betsy Anderson at Emmanuel to reserve tickets and RSVP to TGSA.

February 16, 2017 movie afternoon.

March 16 (or the week of), 2017 Breakfast followed with a visit to the ROM, or a PD event.

April 4, 2017 outing after AGM.

**Professional Development:**

Social days: Mental health, articles/presentations, publications (St. Mikes), academic success center, Regis is having an event in February regarding career planning workshop.

Matthew mentioned to contact Shawn Lucas who is the manager of Spiritual Care at CAMH.

Follow-ups: Matthew with Trinity, Robyn with details about the career-planning event, and Melanie for mental health events.

**4) Referendum (Allison): 10:40 am**

There are concerns regarding the replies we have received in the forms of letters from MTCU, and an email from Diane Henson, TST Registrar. Allison provided letters from UofT acknowledging the approval of the conjoint PhD and the conjoint MA. There are procedural concerns.

Heads of colleges meeting: aware of schedule B.

Memorandum of agreement revised in 2014: clause about student life fees: schedule B doesn’t list conjoint PhD students as the new program was not yet approved at the time.

TGSA received a letter of concern from a Trinity student, main concerns are: the schedule B concern, the division of the TGSA body into conjoint/non-conjoint, and a rushed timeline.

MOTION moved by Gord to accept the letter, seconded by Matthew with the provision to respond to the letter. Motion carried. Referendum Committee tasked with responding to the letter.

MOTION moved by Gord to move forward with referendum with the clarification regarding student status received so far as sufficient, seconded by Ben. 8 in favor, 1 opposed (Matthew). Motion carried.

MOTION moved by Robyn petition the Joint Committee to formally and officially amend Schedule B to include the recently approved conjoint programs, seconded by Gord. Motion carried.

The town hall will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 5-7pm in Emmanuel College, room 119.

There is an additional information session, potentially on January 18, 2017.

Matthew is concerned the referendum committee went ahead with setting up the system before a committee is established. Allison clarified that the CRO appointment was confirmed. Robyn added that signing up with voting.utoronto.ca did not do anything that couldn’t be undone, but was a necessary step to ensure the provisionally approved referendum could still proceed if it was finalized.

There will be a special board meeting on January 17, 2017; the board has to approve the language of the referendum question.

January 20, 2017 – February 3, 2017 the voting takes place.

There will be a referendum committee meeting tomorrow, January 11, 2017 from 2:30-3:30.

**5) VP Academic Update (Fiona): 11:16 am**

No updates.

Concerns voiced were in regards to teaching opportunities for students as well as guest speaking opportunities.

The process of applying to teaching opportunities should be clearly communicated to PhD students.

Comp recommendations have been brought forward to GSC, still pending.

**6) Treasurer Update (Gord): 11:21 am**

No transactions since the last meeting have occurred.

**7) Conference Update (Melanie): 11:21 am**

Paper proposals are due on Friday Jan 13th, Melanie asked college reps to remind students to submit papers. Allison will send a reminder email.

**8) External Update (Marie): 11:24 am**

Issues arose from a discussion at CORMS, which made Marie wait to move on her dialogue with UTSU and the GSU. Will continue to pursue the conversations we commissioned her to pursue at the December meeting

**9) College Updates (Reps): 11:27 am**

Regis (Robyn): January 20, 2017 Regis is hosting a culture fest. LRI grad seminar. February 1, 2017 there is a career-planning workshop.

Regis has changed the leadership strategy in the student union, which is now run by one lay and one Jesuit student (this was an old model that they have re-introduced).

Knox (Gord): Commencing interviews for principal, there is also an open search for an administrative assistant.

St. Michael’s (Ben): Working on two events for the future: a one day workshop for Indigenous planning. Next year St. Mike’s would like to create a committee for interfaith cultural relevance to poverty.

Trinity (Matthew): January is the 175th anniversary of the faculty. Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 4:00 pm in St. James cathedral will commemorate events.

**10) Area Updates (Reps): 11:31 am**

Biblical (Trent): No updates

History (Sheng Ping Guo): Calling papers for the Congress conference, with over 40 societies present, on January 28, 2017.

**11) Other Business: 11:33 am**

Marie made a correction to December 7, 2016 minutes, section 8: Jasmine Wong.

**12) Adjournment: 11:34 am**