

10 January, 2018 TGSA Meeting

Location: Jay Board Room (TST Building) | Time: 3:00pm | Meeting Status: Regular Monthly
Chair: President Allison Murray | Secretary: Ethan Rector/Leanne Ketcham

5 *Present:* Allison Murray MJ Perry Sam Bado Auler Robbie Walker
Gina Bae Ethan Rector Chanelle Robinson Amy Panton
Robyn Boeré Trent Voth Billy Gekas Liam Farrer
Fiona Li

10 *Regrets:* Emma CW Ceruti Gord Brown Sheng Ping Guo

This meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Allison Murray.

15 Previous Meeting Minutes Read: Yes No
Previous Meeting Minutes Approved: Yes No
Approved: As Read Corrected

20 Item 3 on the Agenda (Referendum Committee) is moved to between Items 8 (College/Area Updates) and 9 (Communication Plans). Otherwise, agenda is adopted by consensus. Minutes are reviewed and approved with minimal correction.

Winter Term meetings will be on Wednesday afternoons at this time. These meetings will be on February 7th, March 7th. Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be April 12th at 3pm, social to begin at 4pm. Location of AGM TBD.

25 Robyn and Allison discussed potential dates for Referendum Town Hall, which would affect the need for extraordinary meetings of the board. No identified need at this point, though that may change.

Conferences

30 In Emma's absence, MJ updates. A reminder call for papers for the TGSA Conference 2018. No sponsorships so far—John Knox Press won't do it because it's Canada, other requests still out. Same deal (free) for coffee break stuff as last year. Cheese and grapes. Liam offers his services regarding wine connections. Robyn will put MJ in touch with a local brewery. Conference is March 23rd.

Third Thursday

35 Skate night was canceled in December due to a number of factors. Allison suggests for the next 3 Third Thursdays (through this semester) we should probably stick closer to pubs since those events seemed to be better received last semester. Billy corrects the agenda—Third Thursday in January is 18th, not 19th. Suggestions for pubs that are accessible and relatively inexpensive were few, but The Wickson Social is agreed as a compromise. Allison will take point in January. Settled on The Wickson Social on January 18th from 4pm-6pm.

40 Movies in February. Liam point person.

Chanelle will take point for Snakes and Lattes in March. Snakes and Lattes on Bloor is accessible and has gender inclusive bathrooms, so good potential for February. TGSA will cover entry fee, students will be responsible for their own drinks/food.

PD Updates

45 Fiona describes how Jerry Skira and Natalie Wigg-Stevenson will contribute to panel on hiring. Tristan Sharpe will give post-doc perspective. The date of the panel will be January 24th from 3-5 pm, but Fiona is still waiting to hear back regarding a room at Regis.

50 February event need new point person. Discussion about potential topics. Amy will plan a networking event with MJ's help. Allison suggests contacting the TST folks collaborating with Disability Studies folks. Robyn suggests getting in touch with cross-appointed faculty.

VP Academic Updates

55 TST/ GSC is proposing to move from numeric grades to letter grades and would like to begin consultation about that. Also would like to talk with Jewish Studies on a joint PhD program someday.

60 *Issues raised to bring to VP's:* (Liam) DMin students were concerned that the “contextual” and “pastoral” class have become too academic since moving to conjoint program. (MJ) What kind of training are professors going to get on how processes change and how it affects students’ lives? (Sam) How are grades going to be computed (ex: 50% of the course received an A, 50% received an A-; how would these two grades be weighted to result in the grade?)

Action Item: Robin and Fiona to share concerns with GSC

College/Area Reps

65 Knox: getting ready for co-hort to Cuba

Aquinas Day—January 26, at Toronto Dominican House behind Robarts (372 Huron St.) 6-8pm

Action Item: Fiona to make an event for TGSA event page

Contextual event coming together well

70 Regis: event to talk about why Jesuits are important; getting ready for annual trip to the Holy Land with St. Mike’s

Wycliffe: Jan 26, 7:30-9:30; event “Meaning of life” (Rebecca Goldstein, William Lane Craig, Jordan B. Peterson)

Action Item: TBD if anything needed for care response to Wycliffe event

Referendum Committee

75 Committee has drafted a notice of referendum. Action Item: Talk to bigger board about some things.

80 Notice tells students about the contents of the referendum (constitutional changes and leaving UTSU for GSU). TGSA: 349 people, all people can vote because it is negotiating a relationship between TGSA and an outside body. Voting period to be February 19-March 5. Report on results submitted to TGSA on March 7. Referendum results to be circulated on March 9. Voting for conjoint students on ACORN, non-conjoint = paper (or electronic) ballot

Action Item: Town Hall Meeting Scheduled—January 31, 3-5pm, pending room assignment; reps get information together; Ethan contact UTSU and GSU reps to come to meetings, Liam to get word out about the Town Hall

85 Communication Plans

Action Items: Allison to send out January email—update on events. Referendum to be sent out in separate email. Talking heads videos: town hall (out in January) and Dropping Number Grades (out in February)

Other Business

90 Problem of quorum with perpetual absence. Leave of absence policy to be considered. Unpaid TST dues to be explored more

This meeting was adjourned at 4:44. Minutes respectfully submitted by Ethan Rector and Leanne Ketcham.