**13 November, 2017 TGSA Meeting**

Location: Seminar Room (TST Building) | Time: 2:00 pm | Meeting Type: Regular Monthly

Chair: President Allison Murray | Secretary: Ethan Rector

*Present*: Allison Murray Emma CW Ceruti Fiona Li Gordon Brown

Liam Farrer Robyn Boeré Trenton Voth MJ Perry

Sheng Ping Guo Chanelle Robinson Gina Bae Michael Brain

Robert Walker Samuel Bado Auler Ethan Rector Billy Gekas

*Regrets*: Amy Panton, Leanne Ketcham

This meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Allison Murray.

Previous Meeting Minutes Read: Yes  No

Previous Meeting Minutes Approved: Yes  No

Approved: As Read  Corrected

The agenda for this meeting was reviewed and approved by consensus. The minutes from last meeting (October 11th) were reviewed and corrected. Robyn pointed out that it would be good to include last names on minutes going forward.

**Appointments**

Robyn proposed to resign as Regis representative. Allison moved to accept Robyn’s resignation as Regis rep, and nominated Liam as Regis rep for a one year term. This motion was adopted, with one abstention. Liam then moved to thank Robyn for her service as Regis rep, which was adopted quickly and without debate. Furthermore, Liam moved to nominate Ethan for the position of Theology Rep. This motion was adopted as well.

Because MJ is not currently a student, and in case Robyn cannot serve due to conflict of interest, there was a discussion regarding who might serve as alternate for TST appeals committee. Billy Gekas volunteered, and his appointment as alternate student representative on the appeals committee was confirmed.

**Treasury**

Gord offered an update on the treasury, followed by discussion regarding the source of the deficit. Regarding conference awards, the possibility of adjusting the amount awarded was considered. General consensus was to retain the awards at $500. Discussion followed on giving more awards next term with any surplus money.

**Third Thursday Debrief and Planning**

Consensus on the October event was that it was quiet enough that people could get to know each other, relatively accessible from campus, had a good variety of food, and was generally successful, though the service was terrible. Next Third Thursday, as organized by Gord, is Family Games Night. Details are: 4PM at Knox (either lounge or classroom 2 or 3, somewhere on the academic wing east side). Trent reported on his initial investigations for December’s Third Thursday. Harborfront skating is his inclination—much more committed transit trip than Nathan Phillips, however. December 14th date is workable, but Trent requests someone to help execute. Emma will help organize, including making a TGSA Facebook event. Snacks and beverage options discussed, unresolved.

**Professional Development Debrief**

Following MJ’s description of the publication advice event with Professor Khan—which was appreciated and well attended—it was suggested that a gift card be purchased as a thank you for Professor Khan. Gord proposes $50.

Emma describes November 9th event on accessibility. Mild attendance, but event went well.

Fiona is in charge of January PD event. Potential of “academic job skills and CV.” Discussion about whether this is a useful subject. Include information on post-docs? How to find an academic job more pressing than just CVs? Panel with TST professor, UofT professor, St. Augustine’s professor, and post-doc professor possible?

**VP Academic Debrief**

Fiona informs that the GSC has not met yet, but the AC has, though largely more discussion than any decisions. Regarding the search for TST administrator replacements, the names for one replacement committee have been established.

In response to the TRC, TST seeks potential for collaborative courses. They are trying to find ways to encourage indigenous representation and interaction. Billy will collaborate with Fiona on coming up with questions for the AC regarding this.

Discussion about the AC’s consideration of changing title of "sessional" or “adjunct” to “instructor" when ABD doctoral students are teaching.

**College/Area Debrief**

Regis – taking over Scarborough Missions Archive and installation of professor.

* Lonergan Seminar - Professor hiring a cross-appointed professor that will also be a Regis professor, thus relevant to TST.

Bible – Trent recounted the first meeting of the Bible Seminar this semester. There is uncertainty about what form that group will take after current leader's term is up. The Regional SBL call for papers in mentioned.

MA Students – Possibility of MA being part time/extending it to two years full time.

Knox – Struggling with culture of collegiality amongst GD students.

St. Michael’s – Reconciliation ceremony last month.

**Letter of Concern**

Robbie presented a letter of concern he received from a colleague at Trinity.

The chair moves to go to an *in camera* discussion. The motion is carried.

MJ moves to table Gord’s motion until later in the meeting. This motion passes unanimously.

**Conference Update**

The potential TGSA Conference 2018 flyer is distributed to board. After brief discussion regarding wording, MJ, Emma, and Robbie are commissioned by consensus to review and edit this document.

**Listserv**

Allison moves that TGSA establish its own Graduate Student Listserv. Motion passes unanimously.

**Policy/Constitution Committee Update**

Robyn informs the Board of how the committee is progressing in considering potential amendment(s) to the TGSA constitution. It is the recommendation of the committee to put potential constitutional changes to referendum. Discussion of changes includes a code of conduct, procedure for grievances, and establishment of representatives for underrepresented student populations.

**Return to the Tabled Motion**

MJ moves to table Gord’s earlier motion until next meeting. This motion is adopted, MJ then moves that the TGSA board explicitly support the TGSA Executives’ previous communication with Dean Chris Brittain regarding the author of the letter of concern addressed in this meeting. The motion passes with 13 in favor, none opposed, and 2 abstentions.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Ethan Rector.

[Minutes corrected and approved 7th December, 2017]