

Agenda

1. Opening prayer (Stanley Hauerwas)
 - a. Mike noted that Hauerwas' prayers are cynical
2. Approval of February Minutes (attached pages 2-4)
 - a. Minutes were approved (spelling mistake was pointed out)
3. Events and Finances
 - a. Postmortem: non-academic jobs seminar
 - i. About 12 people
 - ii. 2 relatively recent grads
 - iii. mostly Q & A
 - iv. Went well and worth doing next year
 - v. Beth brought up that seminars are some times well attended and some not
 - (1) Chris suggested a sign-in sheet to register names, numbers, and schools for feedback
 - (2) Design a survey to figure out what are the factors for people coming
 - b. Postmortem: second annual conference
 - i. Good presentations, good attendance, speaker was good
 - ii. The question was raised as to why we didn't invite another speaker that would save us money
 - iii. Anything we could do better?
 - (1) Good sandwiches
 - (2) Wushke was a good moderator
 - (3) We had a paper that went way overtime and there wasn't really an address to the questions
 - (a) How could we deal with this in the future?
 - (i) Maybe just cut them off
 - (4) Were there too many papers?
 - (a) 16 presenters and a keynote
 - (b) last year was only 12 papers
 - (c) Maybe we could ask people to come for the ones were interested in
 - (5) We should try to get more faculty
 - (6) The theme idea was good
 - (a) Pick a topic with wide appeal
 - (b) 17 papers were proposed

- (c) Lack of Wycliffe involvement; they are a disproportionate amount of our AD students, but are not represented at the conference; how can we attract proposals?
 - (7) We could encourage people to invite their friends
- c. Upcoming March 25th seminar on getting published (Matt Thollander, Abigail)
 - i. Profs. Khan and Stoebler
 - ii. We will send the posters around
- d. Draw names for winter travel bursaries
 - i. 13 people applied; 26 total this year
 - ii. Bursaries to: Priscilla Sihm and Catherine Wright and Dae Jeong
- 4. External Committees
 - a. ADC reps (Becca, Beth, Matt Thollander)
 - i. Updates from March 4 meeting; future of ADC and graduate council
 - (1) Issues were making DMin into ThD
 - (2) Has anyone heard about the MA?
 - (3) Alan was reappointed
 - (4) First round admissions reports are back
 - (a) Same number of applications
 - (b) More international students
 - (5) No news from graduate council
 - ii. Are all of you free to continue attending ADC meetings until at least September?
 - (1) Beth, Becca, and Matt will all be around
 - b. TST Board (Michael)
 - i. Outcome of student life meeting, news from emails with Alan & Jerry
 - (1) We are keeping open our discussions with student life, but we are not going to add significant amounts to the fees
 - (2) Could TST pay this since they are getting more money from UofT?
 - (a) Probably not, but the last financial meeting seemed to indicate that fees are going up and this will take up the money
 - (b) Will the fees apply to us?
 - (i) Tuition is based on the year you come in but fees aren't
 - (ii) Michael tabled the issue
 - c. College reps (Abigail, Billie Anne, Jon Clemens, Kim, Mike)
 - i. Any news/upcoming events? Posters to distribute?
 - (1) Euthanasia debate – did anyone hear about it? Would you be interested in coming?
 - (2) College volunteers to distribute posters
 - (3) No other updates
 - d. Department and program reps (Anthony, Chris, Jonathan Lofft, Maureen)

- i. Biblical dept. - dissertation defense came up
 - (1) Language program will exist – Hebrew and Greek
 - (2) Anxiety about TST becoming a “theology degree” – maintain field identity?
 - ii. Any resolution on closing thesis defences? On when departments disappear?
5. Elections
- a. Result of referendum on amending the constitution (attached page 5)
 - i. Referendum succeeded
 - b. Overview of election procedure and appointment of Chief Returning Officer (Nick)
 - i. Take out positions that we won't have and list open positions
 - ii. Send out listserv e-mail and link policies and procedures to see duties
 - iii. Many terms are coming up which means positions will open up
 - iv. Michael is not returning as president – Becca may become president
 - (1) Billie Ann will be Chief Returning Officer
 - (2) Becca will run for president
 - (3) Matt will run for Vice President Conferences
 - (4) Michael will run for Vice President External
 - (5) Beth will run for Vice President Academic
 - (6) Chris will run for Treasurer
 - (7) Nick will run for Theology Dept. Rep.
 - (8) College reps open
 - (a) Last year we mostly acclaimed college reps
 - (b) We are also looking for MA/ThM rep
 - (c) Library rep?
 - (i) Library system is changing
 - (ii) Abigail will run for library rep
 - (9) We will have the AGM and then elections afterward
 - c. Nominations to open tomorrow, March 21st and close Wednesday, April 2nd
 - d. List of positions coming open (pass around)
 - e. Is anyone who *can* continue planning to resign or not run again?
 - f. Roughly how many people are hoping to return?
6. Discussion of latest draft of duties for Board members (attached pages 6-12)
- a. D.10 – library rep responsibilities
 - b. Blue is added, red is removed, green is existing
 - c. D.9.4 – If the departments stop meeting, this is an ad hoc way to keep them informed
 - d. D.8 – no more written report; meets with college or internal as needed; designed to improve relationships with college
 - e. Two strike rule has become a “universal” rule

- f. Secretary will confirm that the agenda has been distributed; archive things online; secretary is alternate library rep
- g. D.6 – treasurer
 - i. added affiliate schools and travel bursaries; no longer principal liaison with student union
- h. Vice president internal
 - i. Appointed – need non-elected exec
 - ii. Opportunities to bring colleges together
 - iii. There is some concern that we are doing all the work in terms of BD representation
 - iv. Will attend meetings if BD student doesn't
- i. Vice President Conferences
 - i. Will biblical seminar be subsumed under this committee?
 - ii. Committees will stay in touch, but one will not “take over”
 - iii. Will share other responsibility; cheque signing authority
- j. Vice President External
 - i. Chairing meetings in president's absence
 - ii. Assisting in adjudicating disagreements
- k. Vice President Academic
 - i. Help ensure continuity and representation
- l. Vice President Internal
- m. President
 - i. Chairs meetings
 - ii. Sits on the board
 - iii. Cheque-signing authority
 - iv. Summarize a report for the annual report
- n. C.4 – attending meetings
 - i. Absence from two or more is a resignation – that is, if you don't communicate
 - (1) We can keep track of this
 - ii. Rule for removal
 - (1) Removal of executive or officer – revised process; three fifths vote
 - (2) Other board members are four fifths vote – change to three fifths for lower threshold and more accountability
- o. C.2 Filling vacancies
 - i. Must resign other executive position
 - ii. Can continue to fulfil duties after announcing step down
 - iii. Vice president internal is for one year
- p. Is there anything about needing current year registration in order to fulfil a position?
 - i. Maybe, but let's look into it.

7. Annual General Meeting will be from 11am to 12:30 on Thursday, April 3rd at TST
 - a. Agenda: elect new board, welcome new board members and thank outgoing ones, present final financial statement and year in review, ratify constitution and policy changes, discuss preliminary survey results, eat free pizza