



Toronto School of Theology Graduate Students' Association
 Board Meeting – September 12th, 2016 – 9:30am
 Meeting Agenda

#	Item	Description	Presenter	Purpose	Attach	Time	Notes
1	Opening					9:30	
2	Welcome & Intros		Allison	Organize Appoint		5 min	
3	Overview of the year	Discuss mandate for the year, develop program calendar, future agendas	Allison	Inform Plan	Yes	5 - 7 min	
4	Upcoming Events	SSHRC/OGS Workshop Welcome Back BBQ October event?	Fiona Gord Others	Inform Plan		10 min	
5	College Updates	College reps inform the board of any relevant happenings or concerns	College Reps	Inform		5 min	
6	Area Updates	Area reps inform the board of any relevant happenings or concerns	Area Reps	Inform		5 min	
7	VP Academic Update	- Council updates - Comps vote	Fiona	Inform Discuss	Yes	10 min	
8	VP Conferences Update	Discuss this year's TGSA Conference (goals, potential dates & themes)	Melanie	Inform Plan		10 min	
9	VP External Update		Marie	Inform		5 min	
10	Treasurer Update	Submit budget for discussion and board approval	Gord	Inform Discuss Vote	Yes	10 min	
11	Student Life Fees Referendum	Introduce the referendum issue, familiarize board with referenda guidelines, hi-light next steps	Allison	Inform Discuss Plan		15 min	
12	Council & Committee Appointments	Graduate Studies Council, Academic Council, Appeals Committee, Library	Allison	Appoint		5 min	
13	Meeting Dates	Plan future meeting dates	Allison	Organize	Yes	5 min	
10	Cumulative GPA	A communication gap has recently been exposed regarding cumulative GPA and how it is calculated	M.J. Perry	Inform Recommend		10 min	
11	Any other business?						
12	Adjourn		Allison				



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1	Opening – 9:33am
2	Welcome & Intros <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roll: Allison (President), Fiona (VP Academic), Trent (Bible), Marie (VP External), Melanie (VP Conferences), M.J. (Knox), Giacomo (Trinity Rep, pending)
3	Overview of the year – 9:37 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - events on the horizon: conference in spring, referendum in the coming months, - brainstorm of ideas for social and PD events throughout the year
4	Upcoming Events – 9:43 <p>SSHRC/OGS Workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimal help required, just arranging and re-arranging the room. Handouts will be made available to those who can not attend. Live-streaming the event is an interesting idea to pursue in future, but we don't have the capacity/permission at this time. - thanks to Fiona for her hard work in organizing <p>Welcome Back BBQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - held at Knox, catered by Knox food services. Minimal help required but board should be present to mingle and help at the TGSA table with info for students - rain plan is in the building, good weather in the quad <p>Future events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - options include: publishing, conference proposals & presentations, thesis writing, mental health & wellness, research strategies, teaching styles - decided to try having standing social events, TGSA's Third Thursdays (Sept 15th, Oct 20th, Nov 17th, Dec 15th) - first PD event will be on mental health in November. Melanie and Marie to co-chair the event - balance family-friendly events with other types of events
5	College Updates – 10:13 <p>Knox: trying to address collegiality at Knox, work on community. Recently had a retreat and though turnout was not as high as hoped, those who attended felt it was valuable and successful</p> <p>Trinity: Starting up a Faith, Gender, and Sexuality resource group; also want to have student profiles on the website</p> <p>Emmanuel: Up and running</p> <p>St Mike's: ProAD Seminars are starting up (also to address collegiality and networking), now will follow all defences with wine and cheese receptions, the student life committee is up and running</p> <p>Wyclife, Regis – reps absent</p>
6	Area Updates – 10:21



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	Trent has connected with incoming Bible students, they are eager to form a co-hort No other program reps currently sitting on the board
7	VP Academic Update – 10:23 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- proposed changes to the general examination guidelines in the handbook will be discussed and voted on at GSC on Oct 4th- TGSA will have its first “digital town hall” to inform students on the proposal and to solicit feedback from the student body
8	VP Conferences Update – 10:29 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- no theme or exact date yet, but hoping to grow the profile of the event and have presenters from a wider variety of places- hope to have a CFP out by mid-October- Theme may be POWER
9	VP External Update – 10:33 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Upcoming UTSU meetings- might want to consider re-opening the GSU migration conversation- ask for outside help to get a sense of the pros and cons of the affiliation
10	Treasurer Update – 10:40 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- proposed budget put ahead of the board- follows allotments from previous years- Gord motioned for the budget to be approved by vote, Trent seconded the motion- the budget vote passed unanimously
11	Student Life Fees Referendum – 10:45 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- on the horizon U of T and TST would like us to start paying student services fees- at first seemed like a top-down dictate, but several incoming students voiced concern over the lack of access to campus facilities so it does seem like there is organic, grass-roots demand for the change- overview of the referenda policy (section 6 of TGSA’s policies and procedures)- need to be quick. Hope to have a Returning Officer in place by October
12	Council & Committee Appointments – 10:55 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Board approves Melanie Kampen as our second rep on GSC- Rachel Knight-Messenger sends her resignation to the board; contextual rep now vacant- Giacomo volunteers for the appeals council if we get confirmation from TST that a student rep is needed
13	Meeting Dates - 11:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- forms distributed to find the best meeting time for the rest of the semester



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10	Cumulative GPA – 11:05 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- MJ highlighted the issue with the numerical average vs. GPA and the lack of communication from TST about the difference between the two, as well as lack of student and faculty awareness of the difference- Board recommends that Fiona bring this up at the GSC meeting, ask AD Directors to make sure faculty are aware of this
11	Any other business? - no
12	Adjourn -11:11