

December 7, 2017 TGSA Meeting

Location: [TST] | Time: [9:00am] | Meeting Status: [Regular] [Monthly]

Chair: [Allison Murray] | Secretary: [Leanne Ketcham]

Present: Allison Murray, Robyn Boere, Emma CW Ceruti, Amy Panton, MJ Perry, Fiona Li, Liam Farrer, Gordon Brown, Leanne Ketcham, Robbie Walker

Regrets: Ethan Rector, Sam, Billy, Gina Bae, Sheng Ping

Previous Meeting Minutes Read: Yes No

Previous Meeting Minutes Approved: Yes No

Approved: As Read Corrected

Meeting convened at 9:03am

Agenda Items

1. Opening Prayer

2. Housekeeping

1. Michael Brain resigned (Wycliffe Rep)
2. Letters Received: VP External Marie Green sent a letter of resignation
 1. Move to appoint Ethan Rector as VP External: Emma; Seconded.
 2. Result: Motion carries
3. Winter Term Schedule- ask to enter standing commitments before Christmas
4. Minutes from Nov.— corrections made; approved by consensus
5. Professor Khan received the gift card and extended his gratitude

3. Policy/Constitution Committee

1. Update on progress thus far

1. Looking at constitution to change representations to meet needs of student body, current program reps representative of defunct program. Proposing change to 4.2.2; ThD/PhD rep, D.Min rep, ThM, MA rep; 5 members at large- accessibility's rep, First Nations rep, LGBTQ rep, scholars of colour rep, international students
 1. Advantage of numbering members at large, but named in policy— allows TGSA to be more flexible.
 2. Advantage of naming the reps in constitution— historically underrepresented groups. By naming the seats we ensure the representation of those groups.
 3. Discussion: need for communications/PR rep, concern over voting processes, need to clarify that reps need to be from the programs
2. 4.3 add “and other non-voting officers”
3. **Action Item:** These will be added on to referendum

4. Migration to UTGSU?

1. If we migrate to UTGSU we would be a “course union” and have 2 reps, increasing our voice in a small union versus the 1 rep in UTSU
2. Why switch? (Aside from logic of graduate students being in a graduate student union)
 1. full-time, part-time, conjoin/non-conjoint can all be taken into GSU- more equity.
 2. CU Head Grants-
 1. FT students pay \$62.88, PT pay \$31.44. 50% of those fees can be put into course union.
 3. Health care— designed for adult students, a more robust plan.

4. UTSU fees: FT \$427.02/year- \$37.52 UTSU fee, \$176.78 health, \$147.78 Dental, external fees
5. UTGSU: FT—\$62.88, \$302.38 health, \$220.08 dental. Total: FT\$618.72; PT \$570.60
 1. Healthcare can continue to be opted out of
6. UTSU's building plan seems like it will bankrupt itself in the next 5-10 years
3. **Action Item:** Questions:
 1. Can students who are on a leave of absence opt in to healthcare?
 2. Do we have facility use? (No- that falls to student life)
 3. Do the student members get a special rate for the gym? What is UTGSU's relationship with student life services (gym)?
4. **Action Item:** Motion to hold a referendum on constitutional amendments (take out area concentration to members at large, adding Phd/ThD rep) and student union membership
 1. Moved: Emma; seconded.
 2. Unanimous, motion carries
5. **Action Item:** Referendum committee
 1. Yes rep- MJ
 2. No rep- Emma
 3. VP external- Ethan
 4. Communications representative- Liam
 5. Chaired by Robyn
 6. Creation of committee moved by Gordon, seconded by Fiona, unanimously carried
5. Treasurer Update
 1. Halfway through the year, 2/3 of allocated budget spent to date. Received \$400 additional funding.
 1. Projected budget: \$6500; Income to date: \$3150
 2. Spent so far: \$2098.93
 3. Action Item: figure out which college hasn't paid
 2. Seminar hospitality grant: Women in Theology, Wycliffe
 1. Move to pass: Gordon; seconded.
 2. Discussion: Necessity of an accessible location
 3. Unanimous acceptance
 4. Action Item: Gordon to write back
6. Conference Updates
 1. Website updated, FB event, posters up, abstracts are being sent to TGSA email.
 2. MJ to pursue sponsorship for academic conferences on campus
7. Third Thursday Updates
 1. Game Night- not successful
 2. Skate Night- Dec 14; FB event
8. PD Updates
 1. January PD- St. Mike's women post-doc fellow, Knox hires, Seminary
 2. February— non-academic job searches
 3. Action Item: Allison to email people not in attendance to take February PD
9. VP academic updates
 1. Options for general exams for PhD— essay vs exam. 24 hr take home exam or sit down exam
 2. Conjoint PhD course on course design moved to second year
 3. Move to conform with SGS model of letter grades to GPA- in consultation
 4. Action Item: table discussion to send feedback and discuss about how to present at GSC
10. College/Area Updates
 1. Knox: international student in need of funding
 2. Trinity: nothing to report

3. Regis:
11. Communication Plans
 1. December email to include referendum
 2. Letter from the Board read
 1. Move to go in camera for discussion: MJ, seconded. Passed.
 2. Move to go out of camera.
 3. Motion to send letter: MJ; Seconded. In favor: 5; abstentions: 3. Motion carries.

This meeting was adjourned at 11:16am. Minutes respectfully submitted by Leanne Ketcham.