August 7, 2018 **TGSA Meeting**

Location: [TST] | Time: [11:00am] | Meeting Status: [Regular] [Monthly]

Chair: [X] | Secretary: [X]

*Present*: Fiona Li, Liam Farrer, Emma CW Ceruti, Leanne Ketcham, Gina Jungyeon Bae, Amy Panton, Mike Anderson, MJ Perry

*Regrets*: Billy Gekas, Robbie Walker, Carolyn Mackie, Barbara Helms

Previous Meeting Minutes Read: Yes ☐ No ☐

Previous Meeting Minutes Approved: Yes ☐ No ☐

 Approved: As Read ☐ Corrected ☐

Meeting convened at 3:00pm

Regular Board Meeting Agenda Items

1. Opening Prayer
2. Housekeeping
	1. Agenda approved with amendments. MJ moved. Emma seconded. Unanimously passed.
	2. Minutes approved with minor changes. MJ moved. Ethan seconded. Unanimously passed.
		1. Discussion of one or two year term for nonvoting members tabled to ask Robyn
	3. Note in orientation that we need a MA rep
3. Treasurer Update
	1. Lessened budget, question raised of referendum for 2019-2020.
	2. We receive $9.50 per full-time student per semester for 2018-2019
	3. Tabled to approve budget at the end of the meeting. Unanimously approved.
4. Council Reps (moved up in agenda—Unanimously approved)
	1. Academic Council: Emma CW Ceruti (2 year commitment)
	2. Graduate Studies Council: Emma CW Ceruti, Ethan Rector (2 year commitment)
	3. Library Committee: MJ Perry
	4. Appeals Committee: Leanne Ketcham, Liam Farrer (alternate)
	5. Mike moves to approve. Emma seconds. Passes unanimously.
5. VP Academic Update (moved down in agenda—Unanimously approved)
	1. Academic Council— May 1: Colleen Shantz replaces Jerry Skira as director of GCTS
		1. Grading Policy in handbook revised: All grades are recorded in the students academic history as a letter grade and then transferred to a GPA. Deleting percentage grades.
		2. Dorcas Gordon as Interim Director of TST
		3. Truth and Reconciliation Commission— courses for BD students in Fall 2018
		4. Center for Jewish Studies has a post-doc fellowship (currently stalled but in conversation)

\*\*\*Paused for Pizza at 12:23pm\*\*\*

\*\*\*Restart at 12:40pm\*\*\*

* + 1. Conjoint PhD general exam option of change: (1) traditional sit down to take the exam or (2) 24 hr take home
		2. PhD required cohort courses: Fall 2018 Research and Scholarship- Gordon Rixon, Christopher Brittain. Pedagogy course moved to second year.
		3. Conjoint MA success benchmarks being discussed.
		4. GCTS
			1. Summer language program is running
			2. OGS had 30 applicants, 12 allotments, 1 SHRC, 1 Bombardier grant
		5. Maternity Leave: No such thing as maternity leave and there’s no way to change that. International students must contact government office to request keeping permit, but housing and health insurance would go away.
1. Conference
	1. Proposed Structure Changes
		* 1. Theme: “The Role of the Bible in Theological Studies”
		1. Conference over two days: Thursday and Friday
			1. Lunch on your own
			2. Organized Pub Nights each evening
			3. Evening prayer services— one from Trinity, the other Emmanuel Paul Wilson
			4. Keynote Speaker— Ephram Radner
			5. Panel of speakers— Marian Taylor (biblical hermeneutics), Jonathan Bernier, and Alexandra Andre. Ann Jervis as backup
			6. Pre-registration through Eventbrite; Swag bags from colleges and institutes
			7. Ask Andrew Wellesley, Fiona Li to speak at the start/end
			8. Ask Emmaus O’Herlihy to display art
			9. Paper invites/fliers
			10. Sponsorships from businesses?
			11. Committee: Gina Jungyeon, Amy, Ethan
			12. Emma to make poster
			13. Eventbrite Registration
	2. Review last year’s conference
	3. Fiona Move to accept MJ’s report and thank her, commission Liam, Gina Jungyeon, Amy, Ethan as the committee. Second: Emma, Ethan. Unanimously carried.

\*\*\*Paused at 1:57 for short break\*\*\*

\*\*\*Resumed at 2:05pm\*\*\*

1. PD and Social Planning
	1. Review last year’s events
		1. Cancel PD & Social for December and February; Remove November and April
		2. PD Topics:
			1. September: SSHRC
			2. Submitting articles to Journals
			3. Changing pre-existing papers to fit alternatives
			4. Two larger PD events in October and January; January to include a health & wellness component
			5. Chris Zeichman on publishing dissertation, Bruce Worthington on journals, Phyllis Airhart
			6. MJ to take on October, Leanne to take on January (writing as a spiritual practice
		3. PD Template proposal
			1. Health & wellness (protecting personal life; Extroversion/introvesion in academia; writing as a spiritual discipline)
			2. Publishing (crafting a conference proposal/paper)
			3. Networking
		4. Ethan moves for MJ and Leanne to point person PD events. Emma seconds. Passes unanimously
		5. Social Luncheon’s @ TST— first Thursday at 1:15pm
		6. Community/Social Life Committee: chaired by Ethan. Moved by Fiona, seconded by Liam. Passes unanimously.
	2. Listserv of membership
2. University of Toronto Sexual Violence and Harassment Policy
	1. Module available at: <http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/committees/Working_Groups/SVactionplan.htm>
3. University of Toronto Mandated Leave Policy
	1. Students for Barrier Free Access, NEADS National educational association for disabled students, Human Rights Commission point out problems:
		1. Currently lack of accommodation on campus for students with disabilities. Increase in students, but more support has not been hired.
		2. Contrary to the Ontarians Human Rights Act
		3. Stereotyping students with mental illness as violent and violent towards others
		4. Put on mandatory leave a person can be evicted; loss of benefits, loss of financial assistance/funding/employment/study permit. Can be subject to psychiatric risk assessment.
		5. Students are going to be afraid to seek out help on campus because they are fearful of the mandated leave, putting them more at risk.
		6. Faculty may be hesitant to recommend students to services.
		7. Policy fails to preserve the dignity of students with disabilities. If you are removed from your community you will be forced to find other services and wait times are months or years long.
		8. University administrators do not have special training in risk or human rights and are making decisions for these persons.
	2. TGSA response made on July 11, 2018
	3. Fiona to email Vice Provost with questions that MJ raised (what happens prior to the mandated leave, is there mental health first aid, etc).
4. UTSU Health and Dental Insurance
	1. Non-conjoint and part time students are still allowed to opt-in to health insurance
	2. Increase in costs
5. Other Business
	1. TGSA video & updates: tabled to September meeting. Moved by Leanne. Second by Ethan. Unanimously deferred to September meeting.
	2. Library rep update: ICS library is moving into the basement of Knox; T-card going to slide instead of chip
	3. Nonvoting Advocacy Member: tabled to September meeting. Moved by Leanne. Second by Fiona. Unanimously deferred to September meeting.
	4. Ethan moves to approve budget. Fiona seconds. Passes unanimously.
6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:09pm.