**September 26th, 2018 TGSA Meeting**

Location: Jay Board Room, TST | Time: 3:08 | Meeting Status: Regular Monthly

Chair: Fiona Li | Secretary: Ethan Rector

*Present*: Fiona Li, Liam Farrer, Ethan Rector, MJ Perry, Mike Anderson, Amy Panton, Barbara Helms, Robbie Walker, Karen DeSuza (Guest), Deborah Lee

*Regrets*: Leanne Ketcham, Emma CW Ceruti, Jungyeon Bae, Carolyn Mackie

Previous Meeting Minutes Read: Yes  No

Previous Meeting Minutes Approved: Yes  No

Approved: As Read  Corrected

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

1. Meeting is opened with prayer and First Nations Land Acknowledgment.
2. Housekeeping
   1. Secretary: Fiona moves that Ethan serve secretary. MJ Seconded. Motion passes.
   2. Agenda Adjustments: Fiona moves to approve the Agenda for today. Liam seconds. Discussion involves adding forgotten items. Robbie moves to approve the adjusted agenda. MJ seconds. Motion passes.
   3. Move to accept Deborah Lee as Biblical Representative and accept Billy Gekas’ resignation as Contextual Representative.
   4. Fiona moves to approve the August meeting minutes. Robbie seconds. Minor corrections. Motion carries.
   5. Fiona moves to ask Leanne to correct the date on the April AGM meeting minutes. Liam seconds. Unanimous approval.
   6. Website Update: Fiona requests that anyone who wants to add their information and picture to the website should email her.
   7. Advocacy Chair: Liam objects to the nomination of a current TGSA Board member to fill the newly instituted non-voting role of Advocacy Chair. Discussion ensues. Resolution is reached to postpone the vote on an Advocacy Chair until next meeting.
3. Treasury Update
   1. Liam moves to postpone the treasury update until next month due to the absence of the Treasurer. Ethan seconds. Motion carries.
4. VP Academic Update
   1. In Emma’s absence, and the absence of any Academic Council or Graduate Studies Council since the past meeting, the floor is opened to discussion. Ethan criticizes the change to push the cohort pedagogy course to the second year—both for the financial detriment to students who want to finish early and the educational preparation for TAs who have not taken the pedagogy course yet (Amy). This will be brought up to the GSC at their meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd. MJ thinks language requirements are unnecessary, especially when other modern languages that may be more relevant to a student’s studies are not approved.
5. Library Council Update
   1. MJ updates that more than 40 students attended the Graduate Degree library tour this year. A few nice uses for Quercus, we can form non-class groups (TGSA, for example), as well as professors can add a librarian to their courses. Also, every 3 years the library council sends a survey to everyone, and this is the year. We’re hoping for a big turnout.
   2. MJ moves to accept her report. Ethan seconds. Discussion about the disappointing quality of Graham Library’s new library carrels for graduate degree students, as well as the desire for Regis to be on the T-Card system for paying for printing, etc. Motion to accept MJ’s report carries.

**--Deborah has to leave the meeting--**

1. Area Representative Updates
   1. Historical – MJ: None
   2. Pastoral – Amy: None
   3. Barbara – DMin students have a new director—Dr. Travis—who is going through the handbooks is trying to iron out a lot of complexities.
2. College Representative Updates
   1. Knox – Mike: Will be sitting on the Knox Theological Community Council, is also looking for increased community at Knox. Mike is interested in centralizing more of the TST GD student experience, to increase community and decrease disparity between colleges. Discussion ensues.
   2. Trinity – Robbie: Divinity Faculty Retreat went well. Meeting with Dr. Khan to plan for GD.
   3. Regis – Liam: Hosted Tri-College Liturgy. Definitely a desire among the Regis Student Council to participate more positively with TGSA, TST, the faculty/staff of Regis, etc.
   4. Wycliffe – Pub Nights on the last Friday of every month (first one is this Friday) in Leonard Hall at Wycliffe. Sarah Coakley lunch and (free) lecture on October 2nd.
   5. Ethan is commissioned to looking into an online calendar that all TST member colleges can list their events.
3. Conference Committee Update
   1. Billy’s resignation is also applicable for the conference committee, so Liam is looking for another member. Discussion of negotiating interfaith engagement. Discussion of charging a fee. Discussion of using Barbara as a conference interfaith consultant. Fiona
   2. Fiona proposes to defer TGSA Merch, MJ-PD events and Ethan-Community/Social Life Committee, TGSA Videos, and Mandated Leave agenda items to next meeting. MJ seconds. Motion carries.
4. Research Ethics Board issue
   1. An issue with a DMin student using the Research Ethics Board had complications, so TST is investigating why our professors are having trouble getting codes from REB.
5. Future Meeting Planning
   1. 2nd Wednesday of every month tentatively approved for future TGSA Board meetings.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:04. Minutes respectfully submitted by Ethan Rector.