

**TGSA Board Meeting — Wednesday, September 18, 2019**  
**3:00-5:00 pm**

In Attendance: Fiona Li, Michael Rogers, Samuel Needham, Jordan Balint, Michael Anderson, Mia Theocharis, Maria Ivaniv, Meghan Bowen, Hannah Ferguson, Leanne Ketcham\* and Elizabeth (Beth) Anne Fisher\*.

Regrets: M.J. Perry, Carolyn Mackie, Paul Kye, and Maureen Ononiwu.

\*= Attended Via Teleconference.

**Call to Order 3:10 pm**

**1. Prayer; Territorial Remarks**

- Opening Prayer was offered by Sam N.
- Territorial Land Acknowledgement was offered by the Fiona L.

**2. Nomination of Mia T. for Secretary**

- Fiona L. nominates Mia T. for Secretary. Mike R. seconds.
- **Approved by consensus. Motion carries.**

**3. Approve New Agenda**

- Mike R. motions to approve new agenda. Sam N. seconds.
- **Motion carries. Agenda approved.**

**4. Accept Liam F.'s Resignation**

- Maria I. motions to accept Liam F.'s resignation. Meghan B. seconds.
- Than you to Liam for all his dedication to the conferences and efforts made for TGSA.
- **All in favour. Motion carries.**

**5. Aftermath**

- Someone needs to sign up for appeals committee (academic appeals, adjudication process) as Liam no longer can; also, someone also needs to attend the training accompanied with appeals committee. **Mia T. agreed to sign up for appeals committee for St. Mike's**; M.J. may also want to do this — Mike R. will contact M.J.
- Liam F. sent an email to Sam N. with some outstanding issues that need to be addressed.

The list from Liam F's email is as follows:

1. Susan Wood has agreed to speak at the conference. Her email is Susan.wood@utoronto.ca. I have attached the abstract as it is now.
2. I have not yet heard back from Fr. Loughran on his ability to come up for the panel. He was doing me a personal favour but he may still be inclined to do it. If you chose not to use him I would ask that you inform me and I will rescind the invitation personally.
3. I hadn't gotten around to contacting the new post docs yet. The one I am in touch with his named Peter O'Hagen. His email is peter.ohagen@utoronto.ca. If you will still use him please remember that he is a personal friend of mine, no longer working at the University, going out

of his way to do me a favour and treat him thusly. You'll need a new speaker for November.

4. I have informed Diane Henson of my resignation and that I will not be attending the appeal training.

- In regards to the **mental health panel**, Mike R. proposed asking Fr. Desmond (he will reach out to him). Sam H. also suggested asking Chaplains to sit on the panel.
- In regards to the **Post-Doc event on October 9th** — only one person right now, Peter O'Hagen. Preferably a co-panel of 4 people. Some suggestions: Melanie Kampen from Emmanuel College (Skype or Zoom call her in); Mike Walker from Chicago. **Leanne K. will contact Melanie Kampen (?) and Jordan B. Will contact Mike Walker.** Who wants to organize this event? **Meghan agreed to facilitate the organization of the Post-Doc event; and will contact Peter O'Hagen to confirm his attendance.** Further questions for consideration: *What is a Post-Doc? What kinds of Post-Docs are there? How do you go about finding/getting a Post-Doc? If you do find one, how do you apply? What are the ups and downs of doing a Post-Doc? How is a Post-Doc application different from OGS and SSHRC?*

6. **Nomination of Hannah F. for MA Representative**

- Mike R. motions to accept Hannah F. for MA rep, Sam N. seconds.
- **All in favour. Motions carries.**

7. **Nomination of Paul K. for Biblical Representative**

- Mike R. motions to accept Paul K. for Biblical rep, Maria I. seconds.
- **All in favour. Motions carries.**

8. **Nomination of Maureen O. for Contextual Theology Representative**

- Mike R. motions to accept Maureen O. for Contextual Theology rep, Maria I. seconds.
- **All in favour. Motions carries.**

9. **Approve June and August Minutes**

- Sam N. motions to approve, Mike A. seconds.
- Acknowledgment that dates need to be corrected — Fiona L. made necessary corrections.
- **All in favour. Motion carries.**

10. **Treasurer's Report**

- We have an extra \$240.00 — What do we do with the extra money? Purchase extra gift cards? Move the money for future events? We have to spend it on a mandatory event. Possibly the Post-Doc event? Mike R. Motions to have a social with food after mandatory events, Maria I. seconds. **All in favour. Motion Carries.**
- In Leanne K.'s report she mentioned that the BBQ at Wycliffe College ran out of food and that we should probably budget/plan for more food next year. As well, we are still waiting for TST to issue a cheque for this year. After they have, we will have a better sense of what the budget will look like.
- Mike R. motions to accept Leanne K.'s report, Sam N. second.
- **All in favour. Motion carries.**
- Meghan B. motions to give Scott a \$20 gift card, seconded by Beth Anne F. **All in favour of 2 x \$10 gift cards. Motion carries.**

## 11. College Reports

- **Emmanuel College (Jordan B.):** First week good, social event held for Emmanuel students.
- **Knox College (Mike A.):** Knox retreat (mandatory for all the new students); new study room at Knox, responding to student desires. How do we improve grad student life at Knox? What do the different colleges have/do?
- **St. Michael's College (Maria I.):** Welcome Back BBQ held for students/faculty.
- **Wycliffe College (Meghan B.):** Orientation, BBQ and retreat held for Wycliffe students.
- Mike R. Motions to accept all reports, Mike A. seconds.
- **All in favour. Motion carries.**

## 12. Concentration Reports

- **Theology and Systematics (Sam N.):** They want to meet every week/focus on networking/faculty event that is more career centred.
- **Pastoral (Beth Anne F.):** Not many names on the sign up list, Fiona L. said she will send another list; Encouraging students to opt-in not opt-out.
- Mike R. Motions to accept the reports, Sam N. seconds.
- **All in favour. Motion carries.**

## 13. Debrief of September Events

- **Mike R.:** Grant Writing Workshop was successful, everyone attended (mandatory); maybe next year look for more panelists?
- **Leanne K.:** BBQ at Wycliffe was successful, as previously mentioned they did run out of food quickly so next year let's think of budgeting for more people—75 would be a more appropriate number.

## 14. October Events Updates

- Wednesday, October 9, 2019 — Post-Doc Event (see section 5 above for more details)
- Wednesday, October 16, 2019 — Historical concentration meeting; TST workshop at that time — both events end 4:00 pm and 4:30 pm. We could possibly hold a social afterwards at 4:30 pm at TST? **NB: This still needs to be finalized.**

## 15. Conference Committee Update

- **Vote for Interim VP Conference**
  - Fiona L. motions Carolyn M. (she did email Leanne K. and Fiona L. volunteering for the position) to be interim VP Conference, Meghan B. seconds. **All in favour. Motion carries.**
- Beth Anne F. said she wants to help out with conferences in the New Year. Sam N. and Carolyn M. are on the committee for conferences — some of their tasks include: issuing call for papers; management for sign-up and fees; selection of papers/blind review process; finding plenary speakers; lots of labour/help needed on the day-of.
- Mike R., Meghan B., Maria I., Beth Anne F., Hannah F., and Mike A. have agreed to be part of the conference committee. Also to note: TST can only give us one seminar room for 1 of the days — might be able to get space at Regis?

## 16. Other Event Updates? News Business?

- Next meeting: October 30, 2019; then continue with third week in November.

**Motion to Adjourn at 4:30 PM**

**Meghan B. Motions, Fiona L. Seconds. Approved by Consensus.**

*Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mia Theocharis  
September 22, 2019*