

TGSA Board Meeting — Wednesday, December 11, 2019
3:00-5:00 pm

In Attendance: Michael Rogers, Samuel Needham*, Jordan Balint, Mia Theocharis, Meghan Bowen, Mariia Ivaniv, Hannah Ferguson, Paul Kye, M.J. Perry, Leanne Ketcham, Carolyn Mackie and Elizabeth (Beth) Anne Fisher*

Regrets: Michael Anderson

Absent: Jordan Balint, Paul Kye, and Maureen Ononiwu

*Via Teleconference

Call to Order 3:05 pm

1. Prayer; Territorial Acknowledgment — 3:00 pm

- Leanne K. offers prayer; Fiona L. offers territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda/Meeting Minutes — 3:05 pm

- Mike R. motions to accept meeting agenda and minutes, Hannah F. seconds.
- **Both motions carry, agenda and minutes approved by consensus.**

3. Business Arising from Last Meeting — 3:10 pm

- Next semester activities/VP Conference (who wants to take on the position?)
- Leanne K.: In regards to next semester's events, we budgeted money and accounted for fees concerning those specific events listed on the President's report (see Google doc link with all the reports; also, see Leanne K.'s detailed Treasurer's report below).
- Mike R. motions to nominate Hannah F. for VP Conference, Leanna K. seconds.
- Motion to nominate Hannah F. for VP Conference, Mike R. And Leanne seconds.
- **Motion carries, all in favour of Hannah F. for VP Conference (position officially starts in the spring)**

4. Reports — 3:30 pm

- President's Report:
 - See Fiona L.'s full Report via Google doc.
 - Leanne K, motions to accept President's report, Mike R. Seconds.
 - Meghan B.: Are we still doing the post-doc events? It was hard to track down post-docs the first time, hence its initial difficulty— possibly change it to post-doc career opportunities? Maybe non-academic post-doc event also?
 - Decision was to make it into a two-part event — Mental Health event with post-doc event after; half-hour in between with food to be held on February 12th from 4-6 pm
 - Fiona L. added this to the online report; post-doctoral avenues, snacks, mental health (2-hour event)
 - Beth Anne F. agreed to organize the mental health for scholars section (she will either speak or find someone) and Meghan B. will organize the post-doc one

- Leanna K. proposes to move March 18th (shifting pedagogy — online teaching)
- Continue with meetings for next semester on the third week of every month
- **Motion carries. Approved by consensus.**
- Vice-President Academic:
 - See Mike R.'s full report via Google doc.
 - Discussion of restoring Graduate role so that Colleen S. would be alleviated from her (many) duties; the role was taken away because there were no funds and therefore, Colleen S. has to take on the duties which were once part of the Graduate role.
 - Meghan B. motions to accept VP-Academic's report, Hannah F. seconds.
 - TST is going to be reviewing the cohort classes — Mike R. mentioned emailing him with suggestions about the cohort classes which he can pass along to Colleen S.
 - **Motion carries. All in favour.**
- Conference Committee:
 - Leanne K. motions to accept Conference report, Mike R. seconds.
 - **Motion carries. All approve.**
- Vice-President External:
 - Leanne K. motions to accept VP-External's report, Mike R. seconds.
 - **Motion carries. All in favour.**
- Treasurer's Report: (this was done at the beginning of the meeting, approximately 3:10 pm)
 - See Leanne K.'s full report via Google doc.
 - The cheque TGSA received back from TST is around \$4,200 (it is our mandatory fees and opted in fees from the fall term)
 - Leanne K. says we will be fine with the money we have currently for the rest of the years events
 - What about the opt-out/in option? There is no opt-out option for the winter term anymore but if you opted out before the court ruling the University of Toronto and TST are leaving it
 - A portion of the money we have received will be going to Travel Conference Award — around \$200-250
 - What about honorariums? What do we do about remaining funds? (We haven't spent as much as we budgeted, we've spent less)
 - We have to remember that this money needs to be spent in constructive ways
 - Possibly a significant honorarium for the keynote speaker at the conference and smaller honorariums for other events? Additional travel grants?
 - Leanne K. is going to search for ways in which we can spend our money and also send some emails to people addressing the problem re: opt-out/in
 - Mariia I. motions to accept Treasurer's report, Hannah F. seconds.
 - **Motion carries. All in favour.**
- External Committees, Library Committee (TST):
 - Leanne K. motions to accept report, Mariia I. seconds.

- **Motion carries. All in favour.**
 - College Rep Reports:
 - Mike R. motions to accept all College reports, Hannah F. seconds.
 - **Motion carries. All in favour.**
 - Area Rep Reports:
 - Meghan B. motions to accept all Area reports, seconded by Hannah F.
 - **Motion carries. All in favour.**
 - Non-voting social Chair:
 - Meghan B. motions to accept Social Chair's report, seconded by Mike R.
 - Sam N. asks if we should do another study session on Friday? Everyone says yes! Possibly have a break in between study time that's more social — last ten minutes of every hour can be a social break.
 - Leanne K. suggests making this a monthly activity?
 - **Motion carries. All in favour.**
5. Business Arising:
- M.J. P. raises the issue of convocation — we should look into a TST conjoint convocation.
 - TGSA Committee Roles: We must consider people who actually want the position/know what they are doing; we can't have people who are just doing it for their CV — we need to get that message across diplomatically and respectfully
 - The TST Handbook: M.J. P. Asks why we have to submit the AD form if we are bound to the handbook of which we are admitted? The form is not so much about students, but about supervision says Mike R.

Motion to Adjourn at 4:00 pm
Approved by Consensus.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mia Theocharis
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