

TGSA Board Meeting — Wednesday, January 15, 2020
3:00-5:00 pm

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

Regrets: Jordan Balint, Paul Kye, Mariia Ivaniv

Absent: Maureen Ononiwu

*Via Teleconference

Call to Order 3:00 pm

1. Prayer; Territorial Acknowledgment — 3:00 pm

- Fiona L. offers prayer and territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda/Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2019— 3:05 pm

- Hannah F. motions to accept agenda, Mike R. seconds.
 - M.J. P. asks if we can add meeting times to the next agenda
 - Leanne K. would like treasurer's report to be first on the agenda for today's meeting
- Mike R. motions to approve minutes, seconded by Meghan B.
- **Both motions carry, agenda and minutes approved by consensus.**

3. Reports — 3:10pm

- Treasurer's Report:
 - No money spent last month, just the bank fee.
 - Hannah F. motions to accept treasurer's report, Mike A. seconds.
 - Leanne asks: How much do we want to offer for the conference grant (winter)? The grant is offered through TST.
 - We haven't spent as much as we intended for our monthly events, hence why there is available finds which can be used to up the conference grant
 - M.J. P.: What about gift cards (for area rep events)? Leanne K.: We would need to write a proposal for something like that and there would also need to be a set of guidelines attached; it has to be put in the budget at the beginning of the year; it may be beneficial to think about having an allotted sum of money that can be used for gift cards in the 2020/21 academic year.
 - Two travel grants at \$250 or \$300? Leanne K. suggests \$250. Mike A. motions to accept Leanne K.'s proposal of \$250, Mike R. seconds.
 - **Motion carries. All in favour.**
- Vice-President Academic:
 - See Google Doc for full report.
 - Meaghan B. motions to accept VP Academic's report, Hannah F. seconds.

- M.J. P. asks: TST wide graduation? Mike R.: unfortunately, a TST wide graduation is a nonstarter because of dates/funding; TST doesn't function in the same way that other graduate schools do.
- Mike A.: What about a Faculty of Theology within GSTC, all the theological schools under one umbrella? Mike R.: How does this fit in the Faculty of Religion? There are lots of technical issues that arise. Leanne K. suggests possibly getting a petition going with student signatures which may help push our agenda forward. What about changing the regalia? Mike R.: that may be possible, greater chance of that happening than anything else.
- Mike R.: If you are an MA applying for a PhD your committee will be decided first thing — this is suppose to help with professors who are supervising too many students/sitting on too many committees. M.J. P: What do you do if something happens to your committee? Mike R.: Your home college deals with that, specifically the Dean. M.J. P says there needs to be an extension given to those students because not all Deans do so.
 - **Motion carries. All in favour.**
- Conference Committee:
 - See Google Doc for full report.
 - Leanne K. motions to accept Conference's report, Mike R. seconds.
 - Fiona L. asks: How many submissions do we have so far? Hannah F.: we have 1 1/2 submissions as of now.
 - The topic is on value — consider disciplines and frames of thinking that are distinct from Christianity and then apply it to Christian theology. For example, what does Christian theology say when engaging with Hindu though or economic theory. It is a theological analysis outside of theology.
 - When is the deadline to submit papers? March 13th.
 - Sam N. offers to help Hannah F. with creating a list of some examples that may help people narrow down a topic, Sam N. is going to send the syllabus from the class cohort on value.
 - **Motion carries. All in favour.**
- Vice-President External:
 - See Google Doc for full report.
 - Mike R. motions to accept VP External's report, seconded by Meghan B.
 - **Motion carries. All in favour.**
- Area Rep Reports:
 - Meghan B. motions to accept Area Rep Reports, Mike R. seconds.
 - **Motion carries. All in favour.**
- **President's Report:**
 - **See Google Doc for full report.**
 - **Hannah F. motions to accept President's report, Mike R. seconds;**
 - **Motion carries. All in favour.**
- College Rep Reports:
 - See Google Doc for full reports.

- Hannah F. Motions to accept College Rep reports, Mike R. seconds.
- **Motion carries. All in favour.**

4. Planning Ahead — 4:15 pm

- **Feb 12th, 2020** — Mental Health for Scholars (Beth Anne F. is in charge of that); Regis has an event on the same day so Beth Anne F. will be given 2 full hours for her event. What can be done with the extra hour? May possibly add some structure tools/resources; Meghan B. suggests not using the full two hours.
- Feb 26th, 2020 — Post-Doc event; Mike A. asks: what happens to the money if people don't come to the event? Even when we plan in advance we get low numbers, are we doing this because we feel obligated or because they're actually great for students? TGSA proposes certain events and they are deemed as mandatory (students automatically pay for them). But what happens if those events fall through? Can we cancel it? Fiona L. is going to ask about that. Mike R.: having something every month may be a bit much, it's something to think about for next year.
- March 11th, 2020 — Article Publishing and Book Review event. Mike A. and Mike R.: Possibly a panel discussion, and maybe we can drop the book publishing aspect because that could be an event on its own. It might be better to make the event concerned with journal publishing.
- Elections:
 - Beth Anne F. will be giving up her position when the academic year comes to a close.

5. New Business? — 4:25 pm

- M.J. P: When we change a meeting we have to be attentive to the calendars of each member so to not disenfranchise a board member not present; and it was not considerate to invited guests. Mike R.: We did move everything around on Wednesday, January 15th so that you would be able to make it for the important items.
- Next meeting dates are: March 4th and April 1st, 2020.

Motion to Adjourn at 4:30 pm

Approved by Consensus.

*Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mia Theocharis
March 2nd, 2020*