

## TGSA Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 via Zoom

In Attendance: Michael Rogers, Samuel Needham, Jordan Balint, Mia Theocharis, Hannah Scanlon, Nathan Williams, Maureen Ononiwu

### Call to Order

#### 1. Prayer; Territorial Acknowledgment

- Michael R.. offers prayer; Mia T. offers territorial acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2020

- Mike R. Motions to approve minutes, Hannah S. Seconds.
- **Motion carries. Approved by consensus.**

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

- Maureen O. motions to accept meeting agenda, Mike R. seconds.
- **Motion carries. Approved by consensus.**

#### 4. Reports

- President's Report:
  - Discussion of Colleen's Memo — Do we need to send out another memo from TGSA in addition to Colleen's memo? Mike R. and Nathan W.: There should be a memo that comes from TGSA, reaffirming the information in Colleen's email. Do we need to add anything in the TGSA email that Colleen might have missed? Also, issue of tuition – is this going to be addressed?
  - Libraries — what kind of workshops do graduate students need from the libraries? Mia T. is going to send out a survey monkey to find out from students what they need from the libraries.
  - Mike R. Motions to accept Mia T.'s report, Jordan B. seconds.
  - **Motion carries. Approved by consensus.**
- Vice-President Academic:
  - Mike R. (re: Area Reps): historically aligned with historical divisions from ThD program encourage inter-disciplinary projects. These divisions aren't relevant anymore and they make TGSA too large.
  - Idea: We should give up the area reps and replace them with 4 "at large" reps. This requires a referendum to the TGSA constitution (outlines rules). We should draft a referendum (Mike R. volunteers to draft the language around this).
  - What would be the role of the "at large reps"? They would allow us to represent other groups represented at TST (Korean, International, individual colleges, other specialty areas).
  - Mia T. calls for a motion for Mike R. to draft the referendum. Nathan W. motions to accept this, Hannah S. seconds.
  - **Motion to have Mike R. draft the referendum carries. Approved by consensus.**
  - Jordan B. motions to accept Mike R.'s report, Sam N. seconds.
  - **Motion carries. Approved by consensus.**
- Vice-President External:

- Leaving UTSU for GST: Sam N. Says we currently belong to UTSU which includes all undergraduates and professional schools and GST includes all the rest of the graduate schools (academic and research graduate orientation).
- UTSU? Cheaper and possibility that UTSU medical better? Anecdotal evidence that UTSU doesn't deliver on many of the promised benefits
- GSU? Slightly higher cost, delivers a larger range of benefits; allows for benefits for writing and research resources; accessibility to athletic centers; includes bursaries and grants for students (\$14,000 for conferences)
- Action Item: Return in the Fall to call the referendum and to acquire a breakdown of updated fees from UTSU and GSU about benefits and prices.
- Mike R. motions to accept Sam N.'s report, Jordan B. seconds.
- **Motion carries. Approved by consensus.**
- Vice-President Conference:
  - Creativity in conference deliver: WebX is a better platform for interaction – sharing slides; BigMarker.com – mix of live and prerecorded
  - We have the benefit of our funds rolling over.
  - Mike R. motions to accept Nathan W.'s report, Jordan B. seconds.
  - **Motion carries. Approved by consensus.**

## 5. Business Arising

- Next meeting: July 8 @ 1 pm.

## Motion to Adjourn

**Approved by Consensus.**

*Respectfully submitted by Hannah Scanlon  
June 5th, 2020*