

TGSA Board Meeting
Friday, October 14, 2022 @ 9:00AM – 10:00 AM
Via Zoom

Present: H. Ferguson, B. Hladio, T. Hubschmid, D. Ziegler, Li-Wei Liu
R. Boissoneau, M. Ononiwu, B. D. Kennedy, M. Bell.

Regrets: P. Nolin, Robert Revington

1. Prayer/ Territorial Acknowledgment. Opening prayer was offered by Morgan, Territorial Acknowledgement was read by Hannah.
2. Approval of Agenda and September 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes (circulated via email on October 11, 2022).

Motion: To approve today's agenda and the minutes of the September 23rd meeting.
Moved by David, seconded by Thomas. Passed

3. Reports:

a. President

- i. Appointment of Li-Wei Liu to an at-large position.

Motion: to appoint Li-Wei to an at-large position on the GTSA Board.
Moved by Morgan /Seconded by David. Passed

- ii. Hannah reported that the TST is moving forward with their search for the Associate Director for Graduate Studies

Motion: to receive Hannah's report.
Moved by David /Seconded by Thomas. Passed

b. VP Academic

Morgan reported that a review of programs is being considered in order to consolidate, for example, MTS/MA/MDIV programs; regarding the closing of the DMin program, noting that DMin applications will probably continue to be accepted until the new Professional Degree program is in place; and that a review is taking place at the Provincial level regarding outcomes specifically related to theology programs.

David made certain points regarding teaching to outcomes following which Morgan offered his thoughts as to how this might play out.

Motion: to receive Morgan's report.
Moved by David /Seconded by Thomas. Passed

c. VP Communication

Maureen asked that those who have information to be included in the newsletter please forward the same to her. She also asked whether the newsletter should go out monthly or quarterly.

In regard to advertising for VP external Morgan suggested that the best way to advertise would be through a direct e-mail (as well as in the newsletter).

Motion: to receive Maureen's report.
Moved by Morgan /Seconded by David. Passed

d. Treasurer report

Thomas has the log-in info for the bank, he still needs to come to Toronto in order to arrange signatures for writing cheques. He will begin work on preparing a budget, and so will need to consult with the executive in regard to priorities. "What is our culture in regard to spending money?" Financially we are on solid ground.

Hannah suggested that the main budget items in the short term are social events; conference (in person or remote?); conference awards. Once it is clear exactly how much we have in the account we can move forward on decision making.

Motion: to receive Thomas' report.
Moved by Morgan /Seconded by David. Passed

e. VP External

Morgan spoke about the the referendum re: insurance. He emphasized that the question of whether or not we do have a referendum is open. Hannah noted that we will need to fill the position of VP External to actually do this. Morgan is of the opinion that we should not switch. Thomas raised certain concerns which had been communicated to him. Rosemary noted that there is no essential difference between what university programs or activities we might have access to no matter which insurance program we belong to.

f. College Reps:

i. St Mike's

Rosemary reported that the chair of the students' committee has resigned and she has taken over. They had a successful pub event last night, joint events with Regis students are happening and a reconstituted AD circle is becoming active. Dean Skira has arranged to have a town hall gathering so that questions regarding the federation can be addressed. St. Mike's will be looking into "making a big deal" of dissertation defenses again.

ii. Trinity

Dylan reported that things are opening up little by little, “nothing seismic” is happening.

iii. Regis

iv. Emmanuel

Morgan reported that there is a search on for two professors.

v. Wycliffe

Thomas reported that a scripture and theology colloquium will be happening next Friday and has had some inquiries in regard to moving to GTSU from UTSU as mentioned earlier.

vi. Knox

Report is attached. There is a new Principal and new Dean.

g. Area Reps:

i. DMin

David reported that because of the proposed new program and phasing out of the DMin degree students currently enrolled in the DMin program feel lost.

h. Non-Voting Reps:

i. Communications

ii. Library Representative

Robert will be serving as the Library representative.

Motion: to receive the above reports.

Moved by: David /Seconded by Dylan. Passed

4. Events/Workshops

a. End of semester social?

Morgan suggested that a “study hall” event might be successful with pizza, hot chocolate, etc. Hannah will inquire regarding a venue. It would be best to hold this event sometime

around the first week of December. Rosemary will check the liturgy schedule at Regis and get back to Hannah regarding which day might be best.

5. Questions/ Concerns/ New Business?

None

6. Moved by Morgan to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Minutes prepared by Bohdan Hladio