

TGSA Board Meeting
Friday, February 10, 2023 @ 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Via Zoom

Present: D. Kennedy, P. Molin, R. Boissonneau, M. Bell, R. Revington, L. Liu, M. Ononiwu,

Regrets: B. Hladio, D. Ziegler

Absent: T. Hubschmid

1. Prayer/ Territorial Acknowledgment. Prayer offered by David, Hannah read territorial acknowledgement.
2. Approval of Agenda and January 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes (circulated via email on February 10, 2023).

Motion to approve the agenda and meeting minutes by David, seconded by Rosemary. Passed.

Reports:

- a. President.
 - i. Graduate Student Bursary Association: I reached out to the former chair, Paul Patterson, who no longer knew the status of the group, but will inquire. Hannah will follow up with TST.
 - ii. Upcoming elections
 1. Terms ending/ remaining vacancies (please let me know if there are any missing or incorrect):
 - a. VP External (vacant)
 - b. Master of Arts rep (vacant)
 - c. Master of Theology rep (vacant)
 - d. DMin Rep (David Kennedy)
 - e. Emmanuel (Morgan Bell)
 2. Please let us know if you will be resigning or seeking another position

Motion to accept the report by David, seconded by Li-Wei. Passed.

b. Treasurer. No report.

c. VP Academic.

GSC meeting: Changes being made to the handbook which will require advisory committee to go through supervisory guidelines together at time of annual report (carrying supervisory guidelines from SGS). Goal of clarifying responsibilities, especially with external advisors, etc.

GCTS staff shifting around, but more updates to come. John Sampson is the new coordinator of graduate programs.

Motion to accept the report by David, seconded by Rosemary. Passed.

d. VP Conferences.

No report.

Motion to accept the report by Rosemary, seconded by Maureen. Passed

e. VP Communication.

Cohort cohesion was very successful; many attendees. Suggested that listserv reminders helped. Newsletter coming out soon. Noted preference for TGSA meeting same week of every month.

Rosemary suggested posters might be useful to be posted at the colleges for cohort cohesion gatherings.

Motion to accept the report by David, seconded by Li-Wei. Passed.

f. College Reps:

- i. St Mike's: Discussions regarding merging the two associations together (student life committee and student council) at Regis and St Mikes. Subcommittee being formed in these two committees for discussing student sentiments on the merging of governing bodies, etc. Pancake breakfast hosted between the schools; commissioning mass logistics being worked out with respective traditions for end of semester.
- ii. Trinity: no report
- iii. Regis: Next Friday subcommittee meets to discuss student side of the confederation. Dr. Cyril Orji spoke last night at the Scarboro Missions Lecture hosted by the Fraser Center.
- iv. Emmanuel: Some folks are teaching, others are learning. Elevators are moving; building / library should be fully accessible soon. Two faculty searches ongoing, interviews underway. Bi-weekly lunches sponsored by local churches for the school. Tom Reynolds on leave as graduate studies director and Swee Hong Lim stepped in as temporary director for the semester.
- v. Wycliffe: no report

vi. Knox: No new PhD students; very few advanced degree students past few years

g. Area Reps:

i. DMin : No movement forward on replacement of DMin; meeting with either Alan Hayes or John Sampson soon to make connection between DMin students and GCTS.

h. At-Large Reps: no report

i. Non-Voting Rep: no report

i. Library Representative: Library meeting this past Monday, debates on virtually vs in person TST library tour.

David suggested that they offer a hybrid model to make clear to all students; Rosemary suggested that they present the resources and study spaces often throughout the semesters. Reminders of the materials and resources periodically are helpful to avoid overwhelming emails and information at the beginning of the year.

Motion to accept all representative reports by David, seconded by Li-Wei. Passed.

3. Events/Workshops

a. Cohort Cohesion: Updates, movement, progress; setting budget, dates/times moving forward. Posters?

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i. Pasting report from Bohdan Hladio:

First of all, please excuse my absence, something came up that I was not able to extricate myself from.

1. Our first gathering went well, we had a good turnout, everyone seemed very pleased. These gatherings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month up to and including June. I am happy to coordinate, purchase the snacks, etc.

2. Going forward, I think it would be best to simply invite all Advanced Degree students. There was a question regarding DMin students and MA students, some of whom attended, and they appreciated the opportunity very much, so going forward it would probably be good to make it clear that the invitation is extended to all PhD, DMin, and MA students.

3. If the decision is to go forward with these gatherings we should probably make a poster or flyer which can be displayed on the College and University notice boards. Is

Maureen or someone else able to do this (I'm not good at graphic design).

4. If anyone has any suggestions or feedback regarding these gatherings please do not hesitate to contact me either by e-mail.

5. Thanks to Pedro at the TST building for his gracious help, and thanks to Hannah for circulating the announcements by e-mail in advance.

6. I wish to extend my personal gratitude to Christine Way Skinner. I had a family funeral in Pittsburgh on Friday, and Christine graciously offered to look after the clean-up so that I could get on the road a bit earlier which was greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Christine and those who helped her.

7. I look forward to seeing those who are able to attend on March 2nd.

Rosemary would like to formally thank Bohdan on behalf of TGSA for all of the hard work and energy he has put into organizing and leading these events. Thank you, Bohdan!!

4. No new business.

Motion to adjourn by David at 12:58pm.

Minutes prepared by Hannah Ferguson