

TGSA Board Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023 @ 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Via Zoom

Present: H. Ferguson, B. Hladio, M. Bell, D. Ziegler, R. Revington, T. Hubschmid, R. Boissoneau, P. Nolin, L. Liu, B. D. Kennedy, M. Ononiwu

Regrets:

1. Prayer/ Territorial Acknowledgment. Morgan led the opening prayer at 11:02 AM, following which Hannah read the territorial Acknowledgement.
2. Approval of Agenda and December 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes (circulated via email on January 11, 2023). Moved by David Kennedy, Seconded by Morgan Bell. Passed.

Reports:

a. President.

- i. Winter/Spring Conference Awards: Tom and I have been speaking with Diane Henson about the Winter/Spring awards to extend eligible conference dates to include January through May (the application right now notes May 1 through August 31). TST does not have time to hold a third round of applications on our behalf, so Diane suggested we hold these periods together to cover January – August. At our last meeting, we agreed to increase Spring awards to three awards at \$540 each. GCTS asked for final numbers by the end of this month.

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Morgan Bell and seconded by David Kennedy that we offer three conference awards for the Winter/Spring term, as well as three added awards which would be offered for the Summer term (1 June through 31 August). The application date for submission would be together in April.

Further, the amount of the Winter/Spring award for 2023 will be \$540, following which all awards will revert to the regular amount of \$325 per. Moved by Thomas, seconded by Rosemary. Passed.

Moved by Thomas, seconded by David to accept Hanna's report.

b. Treasurer.

Tom has signing authority, he will send money orders for the awards, and use bank transfers for internal reimbursements. No changes in the bank balance since

Moved by David, seconded by Dylan to receive Tom's report. Passed

c. VP Academic.

Morgan reported that no meetings of the academic council have take place since our last meeting; the search for a GTS director is ongoing; staffing for cohort courses is in place; Morgan was approached and asked whether the TGSA would be interested in adopting the SGS document regarding what is expected of a graduate supervisor in order to insure clarity on the expectations. Rosemary observed that a link to this document is in the handbook. Morgan will follow up to make sure that this document is readily available.

Moved by David, seconded by Thomas to receive Morgan's report. Passed

d. VP Conferences.

i. CTS Conference deadline for proposals due January 31

Li-Wei confirmed details with Patrick regarding access to the conference e-mail account. Hannah surveyed the board to see what plans were in motion as far as attendance or support by students or our board is concerned.

Li-Wei also raised a question in regard to the autumn SSHRC grant writing workshop; Patrick responded that the specific responsibilities for this have been fluid; and Li-Wei is considering ways in which TGSA might facilitate such activities in order to increase our visibility.

Moved by Patrick, seconded by Rosemary to receive Li-Wei's report. Passed

e. VP Communication.

Maureen raised a question in regard to the graduate student bursary association, with the goal of determining if this work is ongoing. Morgan believes that this association is still going, but either he or Hannah will follow up.

Moved by Morgan, seconded by Rosemary to receive Maureen's report. Passed

f. College Reps:

i. St Mike's:

Rosemary reported that talk is beginning in regard to the possible amalgamation of the student life committees of St. Mike's and Regis. The issue of the amalgamation of the two colleges is ongoing as well.

ii. Trinity:

Dylan reported that everything is going along as normal, nothing major in the works.

iii. Regis:

Further to Rosemary's report Patrick noted that there is a question regarding the future of the student bodies of St. Michael's and Regis following the completion of the merger insofar as students will still be accepted either to Regis or to St. Mike's.

iv. Emmanuel:

Morgan reported that two faculty searches are ongoing; monthly community lunches are being held; Emmanuel has received money from the United Church Foundation in support of a community garden; chapel services are being held at Victoria College.

v. Wycliffe:

Thomas reported that nothing new is happening right now, but will have more information next month.

vi. Knox:

Robert reported that Knox has received a large grant; students are now being permitted to preach at chapel services; talks are ongoing regarding the renewal of the College banquet which was held prior to COVID.

g. Area Reps:

i. DMin :

David reported that nothing new is going on, they are waiting for concrete news.

h. At-Large Reps:

No report

i. Non-Voting Rep:

i. Library Representative:.

No report

Moved by David, seconded by Patrick to receive the foregoing reports. Passed.

3. Events/Workshops

a. Cohort Cohesion: Updates, movement, progress.

Bohdan reported that the contract for the space has been signed; gatherings will be held on the first Thursday of the month beginning in February and ending in June; the gatherings will be open to all doctoral students in the second year and higher. A discussion was held in regard to the type of and budget for refreshments, with veggie and fruit trays, doughnuts, coffee, tea, and juice at a total cost of \$75 - \$100 per gathering being offered as a general guideline.

b. Proposal/ Prospectus Writing Workshop

Hannah will reach out to Alan Hayes to determine where things stand in regard to this event. Morgan observed that we do have access to the academic writing centre, and that this is an excellent resource. In addition, if we were to attempt to arrange such an endeavour by ourselves it would be necessary to find a faculty member who was willing to take this on. Patrick suggested that we might broaden the scope of such a workshop, as proposals and prospectuses are often very focused and specific.

4. Questions/ Concerns/ New Business?

5. Moved by David to adjourn at 12:13.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Bohdan Hladio