

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

Minutes

Present: H. Ferguson, B. Hladio, D. Kennedy, M. Ononiwu, R. Boissonneau, M. Bell, Susan McElcheran, T. Hubschmid, L. Liu, Christine Way Skinner

Regrets: D. Ziegler

Absent: R. Revington, P. Nolin, P. Nolin

1. The opening prayer was offered by Morgan, and the territorial acknowledgement was then read by Hannah.
2. Approval of April 10, 2023 Minutes and Agenda circulated via email May 22, 2023.
Moved by David, Seconded by Morgan, to approve the minutes and agenda. Passed.

3. Reports:

a. CRO:

- i. Ratification of Christine Way Skinner as VP Academic
Moved by David, seconded by Li-Wei. Passed
- ii. Ratification of Susan McElcheran as VP External
Moved by David, seconded by Thomas. Passed
- iii. Resignation of VP Communications role by Maureen Ononiwu.
Maureen offered a verbal resignation.
- iv. Appointment of Maureen Ononiwu as President
Acceptance moved by David, Seconded by Thomas, Passed.

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

b. Treasurer:

Current balance is \$10,576. Installments are received in the fall, at this point it appears that this fall's installment will be approximately \$4,000. The bank

account security matter has been dealt with, and all security questions/answers have been changed. Tom will be attempting to identify students from Wycliffe who might be willing to serve as Treasurer and Wycliffe Representative.

Acceptance of report Moved by David, Seconded by Rosemary, Passed.

c. VP Academic:

Program evaluation of all graduate programs is ongoing, the process is in the diagnostic stage. Maureen raised a question about the criteria for the program evaluation, and David raised questions regarding the inclusion of rubrics, clear expectations and exemplars. Morgan responded that these issues are being addressed, but on a macro rather than a micro level. A question was also raised in regard to the means for students to engage with such issues, and Morgan responded that the VP Academic is the person through whom such issues should be raised. Hannah raised a question regarding the SGS guidelines about the requirements and norms re: supervisory relationships. This is moving forward to achieve greater clarity.

He also reported that Michael Attridge has been appointed to the position of Associate Director of Graduate Programmes. He will be replacing Allen Hayes, who was filling the role in an interim capacity.

Acceptance of report Moved by David, Seconded by Rosemary, Passed.

d. VP Conferences:

Li-Wei reported that he would like to form a conference committee and invited everyone to inform him if they would like to be on this committee. He has spoken with various students regarding a potential conference, and regarding a theme one possibility is “Doing Theology in a Canadian Context,” another is “Trauma” or “Suffering” which would include students from different sub-disciplines (doctrinal, biblical, contextual, etc.).

Tom suggested that “Theology in the Canadian Context” is a good general “niche” which can then every year be paired with a specific issue (e.g., “Theology in the Canadian Conference: Trauma”).

Acceptance of report moved by Tom, Seconded by Susan, Passed.

e. VP Communications:

Maureen reported that she/we will be looking for someone to fulfill this position going forward.

f. College Reps:

- i. St Michaels – Rosemary reported that that she was able to present the report at a St. Michael's faculty Council meeting and that she received many questions and much support from the from the faculty of St. Michael's College regarding the St. Mike's students experience with the consolidation of Regis and St. Mike's.
 - ii. Regis - no report
 - iii. Trinity - no report
 - iv. Emmanuel – Conjoint with Knox College Emmanuel College has appointed a new professor of Psychotherapy and is still searching for a new chair for United Church theology.
 - v. Wycliffe. Tom reported that the new academic dean at Wycliffe seems to be very forward thinking in regard to evaluating Christian education, which will potentially have positive effects on the formation of courses and programs going forward.
 - vi. Knox - no report
- g. Area Reps
- i. DMin

David reported that he has not had any success in trying to find someone to replace him as the DMin representative; his cohort had an excellent meeting with John Sampson and Allan Hayes, and is hopeful that Michael Attridge will act upon their recommendations.

Acceptance of reports moved by Li-Wei, Seconded by David. Passed.

4. Adjournment.

Before adjournment Hannah asked that anyone with a transition report to pass it on to the person replacing them.

David thanked Hannah for her work, a sentiment which was reflected by all present.

Moved by David to adjourn.

Meeting. Adjourned at 11:49 AM.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Bohdan Hladio