

TGSA Board Meeting  
Friday, March 10, 2023 @ 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Via Zoom

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

Regrets:

Absent:

1. Prayer/ Territorial Acknowledgment. At 10:02 AM a prayer was offered by Thomas, following which Hannah read territorial acknowledgement.
2. Approval of Agenda and February 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes (circulated via email on March 7, 2023). Moved by David, seconded Patrick, to accept the agenda. Passed.
3. Reports:
  - a. Treasurer.
    - i. Budget
    - ii. TGSA Fees 2023-24:
      1. Fees were lowered during Covid and raised back to pre-covid fees last year. Currently they are:
      2. FT: \$9.50 per semester Fall & Winter for a total of \$19.00 (DMin, PhD, MA, ThM, ThD)
      3. PT: \$4.75 per semester Fall & Winter for a total of \$9.50 (ThD & ThM only)

Thomas suggested that we do not increase our fees for the coming year, though we should bear in mind that in the future it will probably be necessary to increase fees. Hannah noted that a referendum will be needed when it will become necessary or desirable to increase the fees.

Thomas moves that the TGSA fees remain the same for the coming year (\$9.50 per semester Fall & Winter for a total of \$19.00 (DMin, PhD, MA, ThM, ThD), PT: \$4.75 per semester Fall & Winter for a total of \$9.50 ThD & ThM only). Seconded by Morgan. Passed.

Tom is having a great degree of trouble accessing the bank account due to the fact that he had not been supplied with the answers to the security questions. We will arrange to meet with a representative of the bank in person to resolve this issue. Thomas and Hannah will compose a package of documents which can be presented at

our meeting. Bohdan and Maureen volunteered to attend this meeting on behalf of the board.

David/Patrick. Passed

b. President.

i. Upcoming elections

1. My formal resignation effective May 19, 2023

Hannah will be stepping down from the presidency as of May, and volunteered to act as chief returning officer.

2. Appointing Chief Returning Officer (6 weeks before election)

Moved by David, seconded by Morgan, to appoint Hannah as chief returning officer. Passed.

3. Nomination period will begin April 17 and close May 5.

4. Ratification Meeting will occur between May 19 and 24

5. Terms ending/ remaining vacancies:

- a. President (Hannah Ferguson)
- b. Treasurer and Wycliffe Representative (Thomas Hubshmid)
- c. VP Academic (Morgan Bell)
- d. VP External (vacant)
- e. Master of Arts rep (vacant)
- f. Master of Theology rep (vacant)
- g. DMin Rep (David Kennedy)
- h. Emmanuel (Morgan Bell)
- i. Knox (Robert Revington)

6. Hannah requested that anyone planning to resign or seek another position inform her of same.

ii. TST is working with the member colleges to update and make visible Sexual Violence policies.

Hannah reported that she had attended the board of governance meeting, and noted that there is a lack of clarity in regard to the U of T Sexual Violence policies, and that the colleges need to address this issue.

Morgan reported that this issue is being discussed by the administration as clarification of the relationship between and responsibility of member colleges is necessary.

David suggested that Hannah should write down her concerns and bring them to the attention of the principals of all the colleges of the TST on behalf of our board.

After a wide-ranging discussion it was agreed that there is a great need for clarification and coordination between the U of T and the member colleges in regard to the sexual violence policy and its implementation.

Patrick suggested that we form a committee to study the policies of each college, following which concerns which have been noted be brought to the attention of the head of the TST and/or other appropriate person(s).

Morgan suggested that this should take place after the heads of colleges have had their meeting in regard to this issue.

Invitations will be extended to students who would be good for this committee.

Hannah will reach out to Darren to express our concerns.

Moved by Rosemary, seconded by Tom to accept Hannah's report.  
Passed.

### iii. Other Updates

#### c. VP Academic.

Morgan reported that at the most recent meeting the D.Min program was addressed; applications are down across North America; The M.Div hybrid program has been approved; a discussion was held regarding sexual abuse prevention; specific aspects of the PhD program were discussed, as was the issue of academic socialization of the students; a suggestion in regard to upper class orientations was made, and language requirements were discussed as well as updating the information for incoming students so they are aware of the actual practice involved. The general goal was to have greater clarity as well as greater breadth in regard to language requirements.

Morgan emphasized that when students approach us with questions our first response should be to direct them to approach their supervisor/supervisory committee.

Moved by Patrick, seconded by David to accept Morgan's report. Passed.

d. VP Conferences.

Li-Wei proposed that we hold a TGSA conference in Spring of 2024, with the title of the conference to be set in May of this year, the call for papers will be made in the autumn of this year, and proposed papers to be received by the beginning of 2024.

i. Setting a continuous theme year to year

Li-Wei suggested that "Doing Theology in the Canadian Context" might be a broad theme which would enable students from various disciplines and sub-disciplines to participate. This idea was well-received.

Moved by Patrick, seconded by Thomas, to received Li-Wei's report. Passed.

e. VP Communication.

The newsletter has gone out, and Maureen invited anyone with anything to share in the next newsletter (May) to forward it to her. The matter of how posters might be inserted into the list-serve was also discussed, and John Sampson will be assisting us in this as well as getting in obtaining a new e-mail address.

Acceptance of Maureen's report moved by David and seconded by Rosemary. Passed

f. College Reps:

i. St Mike's: Rosemary reported that the process of integration is going slowly; a St. Patrick's day celebration will be held at Regis, food, games, etc.; and a joint commissioning ceremony for the end of term is being prepared.

ii. Regis: Patrick reported that the attempt to bring cohesion to the two colleges is ongoing; it as been a successful year in regard to the joint liturgies; and there seems to be a slight delay in receiving budgets.

iii. Trinity: Dylan reported that all is as normal, nothing extraordinary.

iv. Emmanuel: Morgan reported that the faculty search is on going; the elevator is still being fixed; and Knox is hoping to unfold a new doctoral course on reform theology.

v. Wycliffe: Tom reported that Wycliffe has appointed a new professor of Pastoral Care, Boram Lee; the Cohort Cohesion gathering conflicts with a

Wycliffe weekly meeting of the graduate students; Thomas will be stepping down as the Wycliffe rep as he is no longer in regular and personal contact with the ongoing life of the college.

- vi. Knox: Robert reported that U of T officially took control of the Knox residence last week.

g. Area Reps:

- i. DMin : David reported that a letter was sent to Alen Hays in regard to the 4<sup>th</sup> year DMin cohort, problems, pedagogical issues, etc. A meeting will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, and there is a desire to have a meeting of all DMin students at some point going forward.

Moved by Patrick, seconded by David to accept the above reports. Passed.

- h. At-Large Reps: No report

- i. Non-Voting Rep: No report

- i. Library Representative: Nothing to report.

4. Events/Workshops

5. New Business:

The AGM should be held in the Spring, and is open to all students. It would ideally take place in mid-May. Rosemary suggested that an on-line meeting would be best. A date will be set at next month's meeting.

Moved by Patrick to adjourn at 11:43 AM.

Minutes prepared by Bohdan Hladio