

Advanced Degree Students Association  
Minutes: Dec. 1, 2015

Rachel Ball	P	Gordon Brown	P	Michael Buttrey	P
Matthew Charlesworth	P	Steve Hewko	P	Matt Koovisk	P
Fiona Li	E	Jonathan Lofft	E	Beth McCutcheon	E
Alison Murray	P	Anthony Spellacy	P	Becca Spellacy	P
Bruce Worthington	E				

P-Present   E-Excused   A-Absent

Guests: Dean (from ICS), Hillary Ryall, Robyn Boere, Benjamin Lujan

1) Opening Prayer

Meeting opened at 11:03am with prayer by Matt Koovisk.

2) Welcome/Introduction/Appointments

Because of the new members to the board, introductions were made by all members. Motion to appoint Hillary Ryall as MA rep, Robyn Boere as Regis Rep, and Rachael Ball as Contextual Rep, by Michael Buttrey, seconded by Matthew Charlesworth, and passed unanimously.

3) College/UTSU Reports

a. St. Mikes

Rep not present, but Rachael noted the Deans Dinner is coming up.

b. Wycliffe

No report

c. Trinity

Hot Chocolate in the DCR with Bailys, Christmas Dinner, Lessons and Carols Sunday.

d. Emmanuel

Not much, holiday gathering next week. In January 14 at 2pm a symposium on Justice

e. Knox

Last week was a celebration for the end of the “year of celebration” for Knox

f. Regis

Still standing, and decorated for Christmas. Dec. 3 social at Boxcar Social on Queens street. Lonergan lecture this Friday. Dec 9, "Magnificat my soul shall rejoice" in St. Joseph's chapel, tickets \$35.

g. ICS

Have a student Group, two events coming up: informal reading group of hydigar, Dec 9 at 3pm, Colloquia on

h. UTSU

John not here but Matthew Charlesworth pointed that the restructure vote did pass.

#### 4) Committee Reports

a. Academic Council

No report

b. Graduate Studies Council

Fiona had to step down, please let Becca know if you would like to take her place. Their next meeting is today. Last Friday they had a joint meeting about the new PhD program bridge proposal. They met to "hashout" the issues which seem to amount to confusion on governance issues. They did ask Elizabeth Smyth if it was possible and she said No, because it appears to be a new program. AC seems to think that is not the last word so Becca is attempting to meet with Jerry and Alan.

Matthew Charlesworth wonders if we might be able to structure out responses with less emotion.

c. Library

Not much new. Working on library cards and privileges for the non-conjoint students.

Matthew proposes asking that the college libraries introduce a couple terminals with Logos or Verbum loaded.

d. Conference

Jonathan is unable to attend, but sends the Poster has been passed out. The Logo was included, so Matthew Charlesworth asks for an endorsement of the new logo.

e. Board of Trustees

i. Need to come up with report for meeting

Becca is meeting with them. Proposals for Becca to possibly bring: Unrestricted funds for students to use for conferences, new PhD and bridge programs, Our previous surveys, question of identity when coming into the U of T structure.

#### 5) Treasurer's Report

Report tabled. Steve makes motion to accept, Koovisk seconded and all approved.

#### 6) Travel Bursaries

Two people applied for our bursaries, but one was disqualified due to a lack of proof of going to the conference. The student has gone and come back from the conference. The TST bursaries received 4 applicants and they awarded two. Motion was made by Matthew to move the remaining funds to the next semester bursaries pool, seconded by Michael, and approved.

#### 7) Professional Development Seminar

Went well yesterday. Benjamin also helped with it.

Planning for next

#### 8) Student Unions

##### a. Joining GSU

We are once again looking into join GSU. Two handouts were tabled. The Health and Dental plans also includes the fees comparisons. The GSU fee is higher mainly because of the plans coverage. The fees for GSU also include about \$15 per student grant to the student group, which would almost double the boards budget. Other benefits include being grouped with the other Graduate Students.

Hillary Ryall noted that the changes seem not to favor the student. It may be that the student is not getting a number of benefits but paying more. Discussion about the Psychologist visits. It was suggested that the plans need to be presented for discussion.

If we continue to do this, it would be necessary for the Townhall to include the people who run the benefits to be in the room to explain it.

Benefits to joining GSU: It's not UTSU (we don't really matter in the grand scale of UTSU). UTSU spend a lot of time doing political advocacy, but GSU spends more time doing work for the Graduate Students. They might also be able to

Referendum: two plans exist now one fast and one slow, being different on time of implementation. To join we must have a referendum before they can vote to accept us. Board decides to take a slow path to join, and take time to look at the systems and gather information.

Also if you want to be involved in the making collegial advances to the

#### 9) Christmas Survey

Question 2: discourages is a loaded word, change it to a more neutral word.

Make clarification of the different organizations so that the students don't get confused.

And change the qualitative questions about the courses and support

Change the ThM questions to include an answer about taking more course work.

Adding questions about access to advisors, and supervision, for the MA and ThM.

Add a question about the number of people who are using UTSU insurance as their primary

Any questions or additions email to Michael.

#### 10) New PhD issues

A meeting occurred in which the U of T reps said the bridge program deal is not going to go through because it is a new program and will need to go through the approval process.

The need to decide what is going on and make up their minds. We are still unsure if they are going to continue this.

Becca is concerned because no consultation of the students occurred. Seems as though these discussions are happening and they were told after the fact.

Matthew Charlesworth proposes that we have more communication of the board members. Also after the meeting maybe having a written text for the board so that nothing gets missed.

Becca also wants everyone to inform her when things happen, so that questions don't come to her that she knows nothing about. It undercuts her discussions with Alan and Jerry, and undercuts those students. Matthew sees that it is needed for students to bring their concerns to the boards. Also less gossip is needed, the board needs to tell each other what is going on.

Part of the discussion also includes the communication of the different constituencies.

Becca proposes a motion that we as the board understand ourselves as the voice of the graduate students and the elected representatives of the students, seconded by Michael, approved unanimously

Matthew proposes a motion thanking Jerry for his help with PhD bridge program. Passed unanimously. Becca will write a letter to Jerry.

#### 11) Other Business

Michael proposed a motion to appoint Benjamin Lujan as Theology Rep. and Andrew Nussey as ThM rep. and Matthew seconded. Passed unanimously.

12) Closing/date and time for next year

Meeting closed at 12:49pm. Next meeting date will be scheduled by email.

**TORONTO SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**  
**GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (TGSA)**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016**  
**as at 14 December 2015**

EXPENSES					INCOME				
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	PREVIOUS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	PREVIOUS	
	2015-16	2015-16	2014-15 (A-B)	2014-15	2015-16	2015-16	2014-15 (F-E)	2014-15	
<b>BANK FEES</b>									
30-Apr Withdrawal Fees		2.40		0.00					
30-Sep Withdrawal Fees		0.80		0.00					
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>3.20</b>	<b>3.20</b>		<b>0.00</b>					
<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS</b>									
Sep Seminar: SSHRC/OGS Seminar (18 Sep, 1-3pm ~30)	125.00	100.00	25.00 (20%) under budget	125.00					
2-Nov Michael Buttrely (Food etc.) (CHQ#00227-1143737166)		100.00							
Oct Seminar:	75.00	0.00	75.00 (100%) under budget	75.00					
Nov Seminar: Conference Proposals & Presenting (30 Nov, 1-3pm, ~9)	75.00	79.97	4.97 (7%) over budget	75.00					
10-Dec Rachel Knight-Messenger (CHQ#00229-3141178499)		79.97							
Jan Seminar: Town Hall for UTGSU	75.00	0.00	75.00 (100%) under budget	75.00					
Feb Seminar: Teaching (Feb)	75.00	0.00	75.00 (100%) under budget	0.00					
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>425.00</b>	<b>179.97</b>	<b>245.03 (58%) under budget</b>	<b>350.00</b>					
<b>TGSA CONFERENCE AWARDS</b>									
Fall TGSA Conference Award #1	300.00	300.00		201.13					
4-Dec Chandra Wim (CHQ#00228-0148141877)		300.00							
Winter TGSA Conference Award #1	300.00	0.00	300.00 (100%) under budget	400.00					
Winter TGSA Conference Award #2	300.00	0.00	300.00 (100%) under budget	200.00					
Winter TGSA Conference Award #3	300.00	0.00	300.00 (100%) under budget	200.00					
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>900.00 (75%) under budget</b>	<b>1,001.13</b>					
<b>SOCIAL EVENTS</b>									
Sep Social: Welcome Back BBQ (18 Sep, 4-6pm, ~80)	420.00	362.42	57.58 (14%) under budget	325.00					
18-Sep Loblaw's #029 (BBQ Food)		216.70							
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9-Oct Newman Fee for Space/BBQ (CHQ#00222-0500433824)		72.50		65.00					
ADSA Open Board Meeting (06 Oct, 11h00-12h20pm, ~16)	100.00	110.16	10.16 (10%) over budget	0.00					
9-Oct Becca Spellacy (Pop Drinks) (CHQ#00224-0200535146)		24.08							
13-Oct Jonathan Loft (Pizzas) (CHQ#00223-0500601199)		86.08							
Oct Social: Oktober Fest (22 Oct, 4-6pm, ~50)	200.00	200.00		83.02					
13-Nov Stephen Hewko (WADSA) (CHQ#00226-0200433886)		200.00							
Nov Social:	100.00	0.00	100.00 (100%) under budget	12.51					
Dec Social:	100.00	0.00	100.00 (100%) under budget	97.65					
Jan Social:	100.00	0.00	100.00 (100%) under budget	78.21					
Feb Social:	100.00	0.00	100.00 (100%) under budget	0.00					
AGM Lunch	60.00	0.00	60.00 (100%) under budget	57.75					
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>1,180.00</b>	<b>672.58</b>	<b>507.42 (43%) under budget</b>	<b>654.14</b>					
<b>STUDENT SEMINAR GROUP GRANTS</b>									
1st Seminar: Liturgy	100.00	0.00	100.00 (100%) under budget	100.00					
2nd Seminar: Bible (22 Oct, 4pm @ Wycliffe, ~30)	100.00	100.00		100.00					
26-Oct WADSA/TST Biblical Seminar (CHQ#00225-0500030385)		100.00							
3rd Seminar: Patristics	100.00	0.00	100.00 (100%) under budget	0.00					
4th Seminar: History	100.00	0.00	100.00 (100%) under budget	0.00					
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>300.00 (75%) under budget</b>	<b>200.00</b>					
<b>CONFERENCES</b>									
11-Mar Spring Conference (11 Mar 2016, TST, 9-11am)	2,100.00	0.00	2,100.00 (100%) under budget	2,034.76					
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,100.00 (100%) under budget</b>	<b>2,034.76</b>					
<b>CHRISTMAS SURVEY</b>									
Cruz Gift Cards for Survey	100.00	0.00	100.00 (100%) under budget	100.00					
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00 (100%) under budget</b>	<b>100.00</b>					
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>									
Total Spent	5,408.20	1,255.75	4,152.45 (77%) under budget	3,585.89					
<b>NOTES</b>									
1	Although under-budget, this was under-catered. We should take into account larger student numbers next year.								
2	A new event.								
3	TGSA Fees for this year: \$8 for full-time and \$4 for part-time students.								
4	Possibly the Fees due from the DMin students.								
5	I am told that we can expect a further \$400, which will be kept back and we will receive the remainder in the Winter term once students who drop-out are accounted for.								
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>									
Total Income	5,818.44	5,818.44		5,839.60					
Balance c/f	410.24	4,562.69	4,152.45 (1012%) over budget	2,253.71					
(E-A)		(F-B)		(H-D)					
Bank Balance as at 14 December 2015	Certified as correct by Matthew Charlesworth: \$4,562.69								