

Advanced Degree Students Association
Minutes: November 3, 2015

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

P-Present E-Excused A-Absent

Guests: Dean (from ICS) John (UTSU rep.), Benjamin.

1) Opening Prayer

Meeting opened at 11:01 with prayer by Beth McCutcheon.

2) Appointments

Anthony Spellacy appointed as Secretary (motion offered by Matthew Charlesworth, seconded by Beth McCutcheon). Motion made by Jonathan Lofft to make it unanimous, seconded by Matthew Charlesworth) Approved unanimously.

3) Oktoberfest

Went well, had about 50 people in attendance.

4) College Reps

a. Emmanuel

No report

b. Knox.

No report, it was pointed out that they are having an event for the 100th anniversary of the building.

c. Regis

Friday November 6 is “Murder in the Mansion”. The Holocaust Education Week Lecture is on Nov 4, at 4:30 and will be given by Gregory Baum. Book launch of Gill Goulding’s “A Church of Passion and Hope” on Nov 11 from 5-7. Fr. James Martin, SJ will be giving the Chancellor’s Lecture entitled “Encountering Jesus: Meeting the ‘Jesus of History’ and the ‘Christ of Faith’” on Nov 20 7:30 pm, registration required but event is free.

d. Wycliffe

Friday, Nov 6, at 7pm a public lecture on spirituality, "Linda Mercadante: Spiritual but not Religious".

e. St Mikes

Sat. Nov 7 is convocation. Faculty 60th anniversary event with John Meagher lecture (Talk by Dean Ginther entitled Rediscover St. Michael's College at 5, John Meagher lecture by Fr. William Irwin entitled "Theology Between Church and University: The Faculty of Theology at sixty" will follow at 7:00). There is also an event with the Dominicans on the Jubilee year in the works.

f. Trinity

Larkin-Stewart Lecture is Nov. 3 at 7:00 given by The Hon. Frank Iacobucci, C.C., Q.C. on "The Indian Residential School Legacy: A Tragic Past, a Hopeful Future". Divinity Forum will be on Nov 25th at 2:30, discussing "How we ought to respond to the legacy of Residential Schools, with The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, The Most Rev. Michael Peers, and Provost Mayo Moran.

g. ICS

Not much to report. Dean will keep coming to these meetings. Student association is slowly forming

5) Committees

a. Academic Council

As both are discussing the same issue see GSC report.

b. Graduate Studies Council

AC and GSC are talking about the proposal to move students from old programs to the new PhD. GSC will discuss at next meeting. Last meeting of GSC saw a proposal to get rid of the ThD. This work needs to be accomplished this month for students who are graduating at May Convocation. This will be an entirely voluntary program, and students will go through an "admissions program". The proposed policy was read to and discussed by the board.

GSC is also looking at a policy about recording of lectures.

The MA program appears not to be ready for next September's admissions and therefore will be same MA and ThM.

c. Library

Working on non-conjoint student's library access. They have rejected the idea of archive space on T-Space. St Mikes seems open, maybe, to archive space.

d. Conference

Booking is confirmed for March 11, 2016, 9-7. An unofficial invitation has been issued to Dean Ginther, with no response coming, will re-approach. Jonathan would like to send out the call for papers by Advent (end of term at the latest). Looking at plan B's, maybe someone from ICS.

e. UTSU

All TST students are eligible to vote at the UTSU meetings. Last meeting was about board restructure. The vote did not reach 2/3. A meeting has been called for Wed. Nov 18 5:30-10:30 at OSIE with an agenda that is basically ratifying the board restructure. They are searching for members to be proxy holders and give their proxies. Proxies are available Nov 10.

f. Alan/Jerry

Becca Spellacy met with them (Matthew Charlesworth joined for part). From there Becca was invited to CORM meeting to discuss TA/RA-ships. Alan likes the pan-TST program for distribution of these opportunities. They are discussing.

Jerry would like TGSA to run a new referendum on student fees, because the last one was invalid. This would involve a lot of work, (redoing everything we did last year). Jerry was told it won't happen this year, to which he said he would send an official request to the Board (which has not been received), or that he could do it.

Becca also raised issues about the classes of the new program. Some students have come to her with issues, because it is covering stuff that has nothing to do with their own work. Matthew pointed out an Issue that has also been raised about the PASS/FAIL component, from the some Regis students. Benjamin raised the idea that some of the students are not up to the level of doctoral work, and that his course is emphasizing this. Becca wonders if this might be because of the subject matter is not what they do, and are not up to certain topics. Class size is also an issue. Jerry pointed out that their end of course surveys have shown that people are satisfied by these courses.

g. Other?

None

6) Treasure's Report

Tabled that latest balance sheet. Motion to receive the report by Beth McCutcheon, seconded by Jonathan Lofft, approved unanimously. Matthew NOTED that our budget was managed prudently and that although he hoped fund-raising for the conference would be successful, the conference could proceed – within its approved budget – and be funded from within the resources of the TGSA's current year's operating expenses but that to do so would leave only \$70 to carry into the following year's budget. Given the need for money to run events before the money from the student fees would be disbursed to TGSA in the 2016/2017 financial year, if the board is forced to do a conference without outside funding it would leave us \$70 at the end of the year, so strongly suggests finding some funding.

7) Travel Bursaries

TST has suggested changing the name to award so that it may be put on a CV. We are doing one for those students that are not eligible for the TST award as a preference (international preferred with domestic second). Still requires a financial need. Beth McCutcheon suggests stating that it will only be preferenced as long as the TST award is preferenced. Michael Buttrey suggests adding a sentence noting this. Letter is changed to read "This conference award is envisioned to be offered in tandem with the GCTS Conference Award- which currently is restricted owing to its funding source. In the event that the source of funds or eligibility requirements for the GCTS Conference award changes, the TGSA Board will reconsider this award."

Discussion of amount. Michael has proposed (and the board agrees) 4 awards of \$300, 2 per semester.

8) November Professional Development Seminar

Pretty much organized. Matt Eaton and Professor Colleen Shantz. The event is Nov 30, 1-3 at TST. Seminar is on Submitting and presenting at Academic Conferences. Some changes were proposed to the flier and will be made before being disseminated.

9) Christmas Survey

Discussion of questions. (suggested themes for programs and conference, sources for funding, satisfaction about cohort courses, cohort identity for those outside of the new PhD., satisfaction with orientation and other events) . Also looking at different methods for survey.

10) Referendum

Referendum did Pass. Matthew Charlesworth moves that the result be received, seconded by Jonathan Lofft, and unanimously approved. This has changed the board structure requiring

It was moved by Beth McCutcheon that Rachel Ball and Bruce Worthington be appointed to the board, seconded by Jonathan Lofft, and approved unanimously.

Names of other people to be put on the board to fill vacant positions are to be sent to Becca Spellacy and Michael Buttrey, and they will organize the return of names to present to the board at December meeting.

11) Other Business

Calendar will be looked at by Becca Spellacy now that name change is official. She thinks that she has figured it out and will finalize it for next meeting.

12) Closing

Next meeting December 1 at 11:00.

Motion by Jonathan to adjourn at 12:57pm

TORONTO SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (TGSA)
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016
as at 2 November 2015

EXPENSES

INCOME

	A	B	C	D
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	PREVIOUS
	2015-16	2015-16	2014-15 (A-B)	2014-15
BANK FEES				
30-Apr Withdrawal Fees	2.40	2.40		0.00
30-Sep Withdrawal Fees	0.80	0.80		0.00
SUB-TOTAL	3.20	3.20		0.00
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS				
Sep Seminar: SSHRC/OGS Seminar (18 Sep, 1-3pm ~30)	125.00	100.00	25.00 (20%) under budget	125.00
Michael Buttrely (Food etc.) (CHQ#00227-1143737166)		100.00		
Oct Seminar: Thesis Seminar (Oct)	75.00	0.00	75.00 (100%) under budget	75.00
Nov Seminar: Conferences: Writing and Hosting (30 Nov)	75.00	0.00	75.00 (100%) under budget	75.00
Jan Seminar: Publishing and Conferences (Jan)	75.00	0.00	75.00 (100%) under budget	75.00
Feb Seminar: Jobs Seminar (Feb)	75.00	0.00	75.00 (100%) under budget	0.00
SUB-TOTAL	425.00	100.00	325.00 (76%) under budget	350.00
TGSA CONFERENCE AWARDS				
Fall TGSA Conference Award #1	300.00	0.00	300.00 (100%) under budget	201.13
Fall TGSA Conference Award #2	300.00	0.00	300.00 (100%) under budget	400.00
Winter TGSA Conference Award #1	300.00	0.00	300.00 (100%) under budget	200.00
Winter TGSA Conference Award #2	300.00	0.00	300.00 (100%) under budget	200.00
SUB-TOTAL	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00 (100%) under budget	1,001.13
SOCIAL EVENTS				
Sep Social: Welcome Back BBQ (18 Sep, 4-6pm, ~80)	420.00	362.42	57.58 (14%) under budget	325.00 ¹
18-Sep Loblaws #029 (BBQ Food)		216.70		
18-Sep Loblaws #029 (BBQ Food)		73.22		
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 ²
9-Oct Becca Spellacy (Pap 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	0.00	200.00 (100%) under budget	83.02
2-Nov WADSA - waiting for cheque to clear.		0.00		
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
SUB-TOTAL	1,180.00	472.58	707.42 (60%) under budget	719.14
STUDENT SEMINAR GROUP GRANTS				
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
SUB-TOTAL	400.00	100.00	300.00 (75%) under budget	200.00
CONFERENCES				
11-Mar Spring Conference (11 Mar 2016, TST, 9-11am)	2,100.00	0.00	2,100.00 (100%) under budget	2,034.76
SUB-TOTAL	2,100.00	0.00	2,100.00 (100%) under budget	2,034.76
CHRISTMAS SURVEY				
Crux Gift Cards for Survey	100.00	0.00	100.00 (100%) under budget	100.00
SUB-TOTAL	100.00	0.00	100.00 (100%) under budget	100.00

	E	F	G	H
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	PREVIOUS
	2015-16	2015-16	2014-15 (F-E)	2014-15
Balance b/f				
1-May	1034.57	1034.57		1,248.10
BANK FEES				
30-Apr Interest Credit	2.40	2.40		5.00
15-Sep Reversal of W/D Fees	2.40	2.40		
15-Oct Reversal of W/D Fees	1	1		
30-Oct Interest Credit	0.19	0.19		
SUB-TOTAL	5.99	5.99		5.00
GTSA FEES				
TGSA Fees Income	4,438.22	4,438.22		2,934.61
24-Sep TST Cheque 14648	3,542.22	3,542.22		2,526.71 ³
30-Apr ChgBk Uncollect Fee	15.00	15.00		
30-Nov Dues Nov 2014	35.00	35.00		
30-Nov Photocopy Fees	8.10	8.10		
1-Dec Dues Dec 2014	45.00	45.00		
31-Jan Dues Jan 2015	27.50	27.50		
10-Feb Photocopy Fees	5.40	5.40		
26-Feb Photocopy Fees	10.00	10.00		
28-Feb Dues Feb 2015	7.50	7.50		
31-Mar Dues Mar 2015	2.50	2.50		
31-Mar Photocopy Fees	6.78	6.78		
30-Apr TSF Fees Collect 14/1	15.00	15.00		
31-May Dues May 2015	363.00	363.00		
30-Jun Dues Jun 2015	8.00	8.00		
31-Jul Dues Jul 2015	3,155.00	3,155.00		
22-Sep Photocopy Refund	5.00	5.00		
22-Sep Reverse 1112-1	10.00	10.00		
13-Oct TST Cheque 14663	896.00	896.00		407.90 ⁵
31-Aug Dues Aug 2015	896.00	896.00		
SUB-TOTAL	4,438.22	4,438.22		2,934.61
SPONSORSHIP				
Conference Grant	0.00	0.00		1,651.89
SUB-TOTAL	0.00	0.00		1,651.89

NOTES

- Although under-budget, this was under-catered. We should take into account larger student numbers next year.
- A new event.
- TGSA Fees for this year: \$8 for full-time and \$4 for part-time students.
- Possibly the Fees due from the DMIn students.
- 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.

	A	B	C	D
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	PREVIOUS
	2015-16	2015-16	2014-15 (A-B)	2014-15
GRAND TOTAL				
Total Spent	5,408.20	675.78	4,732.42 (88%) under budget	4,405.03

	E	F	G	H
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	PREVIOUS
	2015-16	2015-16	2014-15 (F-E)	2014-15
GRAND TOTAL				
Total Income	5,478.78	5,478.78		5,839.60
Balance c/f	70.58	4,803.00	4,732.42 (6705%) over budget	1,434.57
	(E-A)	(F-B)		(H-D)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
68	Bank Balance as at 2 November 2015				Certified as correct by Matthew Charlesworth:			
						\$4,803.00		