

Advanced Degree Students Association
Minutes: January 14, 2015

Rachel Knight-Messenger	P	Robyn Boere	E	Gordon Brown	P
Michael Buttrey	P	Matthew Charlesworth	P	Steve Hewko	E
Matt Koovisk	P	Jonathan Lofft	P	Benjamin Lujan	E
Beth McCutcheon	P	Alison Murray	P	Andrew Nussey	P
Hilary Ryall	P	Anthony Spellacy	P	Becca Spellacy	P
Bruce Worthington	P				

P-Present E-Excused A-Absent

Guests: John Sundara (from UTSU),

1) Welcome/Opening Prayer

Meeting opened with prayer by Andrew Nussey at 12:01. Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting by Jonathan, and agreed to unanimously.

2) Introductions (as needed)

Introductions were made of members present. Becca noted the meeting time for this semester will be strange because no time during the week was available for everybody to attend. Instead this time slot should allow the most people to attend at least half the meeting.

3) Treasurer's Report

Report was tabled. The treasurer answered questions of clarification. Jonathan moved to accept the report, which was seconded by Matt Koovisk, and approved unanimously.

4) College Reps

a. Saint Mikes

No report

b. Wycliffe

The board offered congratulations on Wycliffe's new website.

TST is putting on a panel discussion on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission during week of Christian Unity, on Jan 27, at Wycliffe. Panelists include Bishop Mark MacDonald, Mayo Moran, and Bob Rae.

c. Regis

Book launch of Professor Mongeau's Book "Embracing Wisdom: Summa Theologiae as Spiritual Pedagogy" on Jan 28 with refreshments to follow. Jan 22 will see "culture fest".

d. Trinity

Orthodox will be doing an Orthodox/Eastern Christian prayer service for the Week of Christian Unity on Jan 29 at 7:00pm in Trin's Chapel. Trinity is also hosting the Trinity Institute once again on Jan 22 and 23 on the topic of Racial Justice.

e. Emmanuel

TFM Symposium on Social justice will occur today (Jan 14) at 2:00. A Social happen next week.

f. Knox

Currently have visiting scholars from Cuba.

g. ICS

Dean was unable to attend but sent his report to Michael. ICS Senior member Bob Sweeten will respond to Mongeau's book at it Book launch on Jan 28. Dr. Sweeten will also be publishing a book on Christian Scholarship, bringing together common problems among evangelical, reformed, and Catholic approaches and experiences. The ICS blog (groundmotive.net) will be hosting a blog symposium of a forthcoming book by Lambert Zuidervaart titled *Religion, Truth, and Social Transformation: Essays in Reformational Philosophy*, and the symposium will include a number of respondents posting on the blog.

5) Program Reps

a. Bible (Bruce)

Biblical Seminar is going on. Looking for another presenter

b. Theology (Benjamin)

No report

c. Contextual (Rachel)

No report

d. MA (Hilary)

Hilary may be taking a Leave of Absence and will try to find another rep. for her position.

e. ThM (Andrew)

No report

f. Pastoral

Clarification on what constitutes the Pastoral “Department”.

g. History

No report

6) Committees

a. Academic Council

AC appointed a committee of people to discuss the bridge program with the university. They presented a proposal for a program which was agreed to. Concerns were raised by the board over the scope of this proposal because it did not represent all students’ interests.

b. Graduate Studies Council

GSC is looking forward to the New MA program, planned for admission in 2017.

Conversation on PhD comps looking for clarification on them, which will be continued at the next GSC meeting. GSC considered the PhD bridge is a done issue.

c. Board of Trustees

Becca discussed the treatment of Students at the at Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees has been tasked with a Risk assessment, which will include student satisfaction (something that we having been talking about with them).

d. Alan/Jerry

i. Fees Town hall/status of students

A meeting with Alan, Jerry, Becca and Anthony. It discussed some of the survey results (including the large cohort class and the nature of the courses for the cohort). Jerry sees the new program as an interdisciplinary. Jerry and Alan thought about having a discussion with the cohort course might help (members proposed an idea that the town hall

system might be problematic and that outside facilitation would be a good idea).

Student fees were also discussed. Last year the board did a survey and students decided against paying these fees. Jerry informed Becca that students would need to pay or lose services. Jerry is scheduling a town hall to discuss this with Lucy. Becca's concern is that we have not gotten an answer as before when asking what will be lost if we don't pay fees. Becca wants to make sure students get a real answer. Date for town hall will be coming in the future.

Discussion of the MA also occurred.

e. UTSU

John reiterates the report, given by Matthew Charlesworth at the last meeting, on the restructuring meeting.

Wycliffe part-time students were looking at going outside of UTSU for health and dental and might look for help.

f. Library

Library survey will occur at some point, possible in winter or fall. Not many of the non-conjoint MA library cards have been given out.

7) Conference

One paper proposal has been received thus far, deadline in Jan 31. Jonathan would like to create a committee for reviewing the submissions. TST will not be providing any funding, (our budget allows up to \$2,100). We will make sure that ICS knows about the conference and reiterate their invitation to participate.

8) Travel Bursaries

Reminder that Travel Bursaries were distributed in the fall and ours were not completely given out.

9) Survey Results

65 students responded to the survey. We received good data.

Survey gift card drawing occurred. Two students email were chosen.

10) Election

It is time to start organizing elections for next year. Elections Code needs revision, so the policy revision committee will start working on that. An overview of the election process was given.

Becca asks that members start considering their participation for coming years and if they know any others that would be good for the board.

11) Professional Development Seminar

Becca proposed a seminar given by a Trin student (Carol King) on course preparation. Discussion occurred about this. Becca will discuss with her about the logistics.

12) Insurance

Becca and Michael are still working on the discussion about insurance with GSU and UTSU, etc.

13) Other business

GSU: Michael attended a meeting with GSU. They talked about online systems for the opting out of the Optional levies, talked about funding and travel grants, started a mental health discussion, and about fees during post-residencies.

Michael is looking for people to join him at the next meeting on Jan 22.

14) Closing

Meeting closed at 1:34 pm, by motion of Johnathan. Next meeting will be Feb 4th 2016.

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
BANK FEES					BANK FEES				
30-Apr Withdrawal Fees		2.40	2.40	0.00	30-Apr Interest Credit	2.40	2.40		5.00
30-Sep Withdrawal Fees		0.80	0.80	0.00	15-Sep Reversal of W/D Fees	2.40	2.40		
SUB-TOTAL	3.20	3.20		0.00	15-Oct Reversal of W/D Fees	1	1		
					30-Oct Interest Credit	0.19	0.19		
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS					SUB-TOTAL	5.99	5.99		5.00
Sep Seminar: SSHRC/OGS Seminar (18 Sep, 1-3pm ~30)	125.00	100.00	25.00 (20%) under budget	125.00	TGSA Fees				
2-Nov Michael Buttrey (Food etc.) (CHQ#00227-1143737166)		100.00			TGSA Fees Income	4,777.88	4,777.88		2,934.61
Oct Seminar:	75.00	0.00	75.00 (100%) under budget	75.00	24-Sep TST Cheque 14648	3,542.22	3,542.22		2,526.71
Nov Seminar: Conference Proposals & Presenting (30 Nov, 1-3pm, ~9)	75.00	79.97	4.97 (7%) over budget	75.00	30-Apr ChgBk Uncollect Fee	15.00	15.00		
10-Dec Rachel Knight-Messenger (CHQ#00229-3141178499)		79.97			30-Nov Dues Nov 2014	35.00	35.00		
Jan Seminar: Town Hall for UTGSU	75.00	0.00	75.00 (100%) under budget	75.00	30-Nov Photocopy Fees	8.10	8.10		
Feb Seminar: Teaching (Feb)	75.00	0.00	75.00 (100%) under budget	0.00	1-Dec Dues Dec 2014	45.00	45.00		
SUB-TOTAL	425.00	179.97	245.03 (58%) under budget	350.00	31-Jan Dues Jan 2015	27.50	27.50		
					10-Feb Photocopy Fees	5.40	5.40		
TGSA CONFERENCE AWARDS					26-Feb Photocopy Fees	10.00	10.00		
Fall TGSA Conference Award #1	300.00	300.00		201.13	28-Feb Dues Feb 2015	7.50	7.50		
4-Dec Chandra Wim (CHQ#00228-0148141877)		300.00			31-Mar Dues Mar 2015	2.50	2.50		
Winter TGSA Conference Award #1	300.00	0.00	300.00 (100%) under budget	400.00	31-Mar Photocopy Fees	6.78	6.78		
Winter TGSA Conference Award #2	300.00	0.00	300.00 (100%) under budget	200.00	30-Apr TSF Fees Collect 14/1	15.00	15.00		
Winter TGSA Conference Award #3	300.00	0.00	300.00 (100%) under budget	200.00	31-May Dues May 2015	363.00	363.00		
SUB-TOTAL	1,200.00	300.00	900.00 (75%) under budget	1,001.13	30-Jun Dues Jun 2015	8.00	8.00		
					31-Jul Dues Jul 2015	3,155.00	3,155.00		
SOCIAL EVENTS					22-Sep Photocopy Refund	5.00	5.00		
Sep Social: Welcome Back BBQ (18 Sep, 4-6pm, ~80)	420.00	362.42	57.58 (14%) under budget	325.00	22-Sep Reverse 1112-1	10.00	10.00		
18-Sep Loblaws #Q29 (BBQ Food)		216.70			13-Oct TST Cheque 14663	896.00	896.00		407.90
18-Sep Loblaws #Q29 (BBQ Food)		73.22			31-Aug Dues Aug 2015	896.00	896.00		
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	14-Dec TST Cheque 8496	339.66	339.66		0.00
9-Oct Becca Spellacy (Pop Drinks) (CHQ#00224-0200535146)		24.08			30-Sep Dues Sep-Dec 2015	339.66	339.66		
13-Oct Jonathan Loft (Pizzas) (CHQ#00223-0500601199)		86.08			SUB-TOTAL	4,777.88	4,777.88		2,934.61
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			SPONSORSHIP				
Nov Social:	100.00	0.00	100.00 (100%) under budget	12.51	Conference Grant	0.00	0.00		1,651.89
Dec Social:	100.00	0.00	100.00 (100%) under budget	97.65	SUB-TOTAL	0.00	0.00		1,651.89
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	672.58	507.42 (43%) under budget	654.14					
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					
GRAND TOTAL	5,408.20	1,255.75	4,152.45 (77%) under budget	3,585.89	GRAND TOTAL	5,818.44	5,818.44		5,839.60
Total Spent					Total Income				
					Balance c/f	410.24	4,562.69	4,152.45 (1012%) over budget	2,253.71
						(E-A)	(F-B)		(H-D)

NOTES

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.

Bank Balance as at 14 December 2015

Certified as correct by Matthew Charlesworth:

\$4,562.69