

TGSA Meeting — Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 3:00pm — 4:30pm via Zoom

In Attendance: Michael Rogers, Hannah Scanlon, Sam Needham, Nathan Williams, Mia Theocharis, Deborah Lee, Maureen Ononiwu, Jordyn Tower, James DeGurse, Josefina Leventhal-Noble, Andrew Youssef, Gustave Ineza

Regrets: Jordan Balint

1. Prayer and Territorial Acknowledgment

- Sam N. offers prayer and Mia T. offers territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2020

- Mike R. motions to approve the agenda and meeting minutes, Hannah S. seconds.
- **Motion carries. All approve.**

3. Nomination of New Board Members

- Gustave Ineza — **ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE**
- Josefina Leventhal-Noble — **MASTER OF THEOLOGY REPRESENTATIVE**
- Andrew Youssef — **TRINITY COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE**
- James DeGurse — **REGIS COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE**
- Jordyn Tower — **MASTER OF ARTS REPRESENTATIVE**
 - Mike R. motions to accept of all new board members listed above, Sam N. seconds.
 - **Motion carries. All approve.**
 - A huge welcome to our new board members! We are so excited to have you join us.

4. Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.

5. Reports

A. PRESIDENT

- Open TGSA positions — we still need to fill...Secretary (ASAP!) and Doctor of Ministry.
- UTQAP: attached pdf circulated for the boards review, it is our TGSA co-curricular report.
- Update re: Library Committee — not much to report, libraries are still working diligently through the pandemic, attached in the agenda is the curb-side pickup document to be circulated to students.
- **Website** has been updated — let me know if there is anything you'd like me to change and/or add.
- Nathan W. motions to accept the President's report, seconded by Sam N.
- **Motions carries. All approve.**

B. VP ACADEMIC:

- Update re: Grant Writing Workshop; international OGS is possible, this workshop is good for writing grant applications.
- It will be on Friday, September 25th at either 10 am or 2 pm with Dr. Jane Freeman.
- Motion for Mike to ask Colleen Shantz if we can do this at 2:00 pm on Friday, September 25th? Hannah S. seconds this motion.
- **Motion carries. All approve.**
- GSC — Student Survey response from TSGA; will go over these response at a special GSC meeting on Thursday, September 17.
- Update re: Area rep positions; let new board members know about the referendum.
- Sam N. Motions to accept VP Academic's report. Deborah L seconds.
- **Motion carries. All approve.**

C. VP EXTERNAL:

- Update re: Leaving UTSU for GST — possibility of leaving UTSU for GSU instead...because we are research graduates not professional graduates like the UTSU students are. Sam N. Provided our new members with an overview of why we are thinking of switching and the referendum that would need to follow; we would combine our other constitutional work re: area reps in one referendum.
- Ulife Recognition — Renewing TGSA as a Student Group (updated policy); university of Toronto governing council — send them a copy of our constitution and let them know we are not in violation of any of their policies. This is due at the end of September.
- Nathan W. motions to accept VP External's report. Hannah S. seconds. Hannah.
- **Motion carries. All approve.**

D. VP CONFERENCE:

- Update re: Conference
- Conference committee includes Hannah S., Nathan W. and Patrick Nolin
- Still figuring out what platform will be best for the conference — Zoom, Microsoft Teams etc...
- Nathan W. asks the board to advertise and share the poster with students, friends and colleagues at TST
- Will need some people to chair a paper session and introduce the speakers.
- Mia T.: Will there be a Q&A session?
- Nathan W.: Yes, there will be a Q&A period — most likely at the beginning of the conference with the keynote speaker and after every paper presentation.
- Gustave I.: Will there be panels like there was going to be in May?
- According to Nathan W., there was only one panel that he was aware of and he contacted the author of the paper to ask if they would like to present in the October conference and they declined.
- People can RSVP through the Facebook event or by sending an email which is listed on the poster for the conference.

- Nathan W. asks all reps to send out the poster to students at your colleges, in your research areas and programs.
- Hannah S. motions to accept VP Conference's report, Sam N. seconds.
- **Motion carries. All approve.**

E. TREASURER:

- Update re: Conversations regarding tuition/funding — Statement of Support.
- Who exactly should we be contacting at the colleges? Are the student gov's different at each TST college?
- What is Hannah S. looking to get? An affirmation from each of the college's student governments to agree to the Statement of Support. We are looking that students are unanimous on this point.
- Working specifically with the college reps on this issue — they are either sitting in on or part of the student governments at their colleges.
- Deborah L. motions to accept the Treasurer's report. Sam N. seconds.
- **Motion carries. All approve.**

F. COLLEGE REP'S:

- Knox College Representative: Orientation held last week, first chapel yesterday, and new student council was announced.
- Mike R. Motions to accept the College Rep Reports. Sam N. seconds.
- **Motion carries. All approve.**

6. Event Planning

- September — Grant Writing Workshop; Friday, September 25th at 2:00 pm
- October — Conference; Friday, October 30th at 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- November — Mental Health (Would anyone like to be in charge of planning this event?)
- **SOCIALS!** Is there anything fun we can plan in between these events? Maybe something in early October?
 - Sam N. as Social Chair will look into some fun, covid-friendly ideas.

7. Questions/Concerns/New Business?

- Next meeting will be on **Wednesday October 14th @ 3:00 pm.**

Motion to Adjourn at 4:15 pm

*Respectfully submitted by Mia Theocharis
September 19, 2020*