

TGSA Board Meeting
Friday, March 11, 2022 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Via Zoom

In Attendance: Mia Theocharis, Nathan Williams, Morgan Bell, Hannah Ferguson, Gustave Ineza, Vincent Jizhang Yi, Deborah Ko, David Kennedy, Maureen Ononiwu

Regrets: Patrick Nolin, Hannah Scanlon

Commence 10:02 am

1. Prayer/Territorial Acknowledgment

- Morgan B. offers prayer, Mia T. territorial acknowledgment.

2. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2022

- David K. motions to approve the agenda and meeting minutes from February 11, 2022. Deborah K. seconds.
- **All approve. Motion carries.**

3. Reports

A. President

• **Referendum (Motion #1)**

- Morgan B. presents language for the referendum ballot to TGSA board members which was already approved of by the Referendum Committee. The wording put forth is: “Should TGSA adopt the amendments to Section 4 of its Constitution as recommended by the TGSA board?” (included before this question will be a look at the constitutional changes, showing students exactly what is being proposed) .
- Voting period will be March 13-31st.
- **Motion:** To accept the final wording of the referendum ballot as presented by the Referendum Committee. That is, “Should TGSA adopt the amendments to Section 4 of its Constitution as recommended by the TGSA board?”
 - Vincent Y. motions to accept the final wording, David K. seconds.
 - **All approve. Motion carries.**

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• **Elections/Nominations (Motion #2)**

- Mia T.: Several positions to be filled for the following academic year and we need a CRO for the election/nomination period. I am volunteering myself as the CRO. Nomination period would be after the referendum voting period which would be April 1-18th. Need to be nominated by two of your peers and if you’re interested in another position on the board you need to resign from your current position.
- **Motion:** To approve Mia T. as the CRO for the 2022 election/nomination.

- Morgan B. motions to accept Mia T. as the CRO. Gustave I. seconds.
- **All approve. Motion carries.**
- Nathan W.: Term limits? Could Mia T. run for president again? Or anyone else?
- Mia T.: Will look into this. I believe the term is meant not to exceed two years. We need “new blood.”
- **TST Advisory Search Committee**
 - Mia T.: TST Executive Director search underway as you all know. Currently we are at a crossroads. Looking at external candidates but the problem with that is whether the colleges will take them on and provide them with graduate status (sometimes tenure) and it sounds like most colleges are not looking to hire. Similar concerns with internal candidates as well — most are not interested in the job and some colleges unwilling to let go of their faculty to take on the extra work associated with TST Executive Director. We are pausing and reevaluating, will have more to report in April.
- **Funding Committee (UTQAP Report)**
 - Mia T.: Haven’t heard anything about the funding committee... reached out to Pam Couture end of January and she hadn’t heard anything either. Said she would nudge Stephen Andrews about it. Will keep you all posted.
- **TST 3MT is underway!**
 - More to come on that next week.
- **Academic Appeals Training**
 - Mia T.: Nathan W. are you available to attend that next Friday?
 - Nathan W.: Yes.
- **5 Ways to Wellbeing Workshop on Friday, March 18th @ 1pm**
- **TGSA Conference Awards**
 - They have been sent out by the GCTS, alongside the GCTS Conference Awards, and they will handle everything moving forward. All advertisement and adjudication etc...
- ♣Morgan B. Motions to accept President’s report. Nathan W. seconds.
- ♣**All approve. Motion carries.**

B. VP Academic

- Nathan W.: Academic Council met on Feb. 14th; reports about studies on basic degree & hybrid vs in person classes. Letter of Concern sent to Pam Couture and the SEC chair, Bob Barringer. We haven’t heard anything back as of yet. Pam Couture said she would circulate the letter to the college heads and that she’s done everything she can.
- Mia T.: Pam really has done everything she can. It is in the hands of college heads and presidents now, they have to relieve a faculty member to each the course.
- Nathan W.: Is there a further step we can take? Something more than just a letter? Academic appeals?

- Mia T.: Question for Diane Henson.
 - ❖ David K. motions to accept VP Academic's report. Gustave I. seconds.
 - ❖ **All approve. Motion carries.**
- C. *VP External*
- Morgan B.: Referendum forthcoming, Town Hall & Coffee Hour had minimal attendance.
 - ❖ Maureen O. motions to accept VP External's report. David K. seconds.
 - ❖ **All approve. Motion carries.**
- D. *VP Conference*
- N/A
- E. *Treasurer*
- N/A
- F. *College Representatives*
- I. Wycliffe: N/A
 - II. St. Mike's: Liturgies are now back in-person, upcoming shared liturgy with Regis; prayer for Ukraine with Regis the other day. Pro-seminars are back on (still online).
 - III. Trinity: Nothing new to report.
 - IV. Regis: Presidential search continues.
 - V. Emmanuel: Principal search continues.
 - VI. Knox: Principal search continues.
- G. *Area Representatives*
- I. Doctor of Ministry: Town Hall later this morning which will focus on how the DMin program will come to an end. The Town Hall's after that will focus on what the new professional doctorate will look like. and then another town hall on a professional doctorate on spirituality, he will continue to update.
 - For the time being Pam Couture and Jesse Billett will act as directors of the DMin program.
 - DMin students can direct questions to Pam Couture or Jesse Billett. They can also send questions to gcts.office@utoronto.ca.
 - Administrative goals and procedures in the DMin are to align with the same in the PhD program.
 - A new conjoint handbook (both PhD and DMin) is in preparation and will be submitted to Academic Council.
 - Most of the meeting consisted of Pam Couture walking those present through a series of coloured charts (in draft format), that clearly designate who (students, faculty supervisors, administrators, and staff) is responsible for various items in the DMin program, and how and when those items are to be addressed. [These charts are to be made available and when they are, I will send them to you.] The response to these charts was quite positive. [I surmise that something similar will be put into place for the PhD.]
 - The admin realizes that clearer and specific direction is need for the DMin Comprehensive Exam and will work on this.

- There will be future meetings on the new professional doctorate.
- ❖ Deborah K. motions to accept College and Area Rep reports. Nathan W. seconds.

❖ **All approve. Motion carries.**

H. Non-Voting Representatives

- I. Communications: Nothing new to report.
- II. Library Committee Rep: Nothing new to report.

4. Events/Workshops

- **March:** 5 Ways to Wellbeing Workshop — Friday, March 18th, 2022
- **April:** A year end celebration, maybe in-person? After the AGM.
 - Mia T.: Do we want to try for something in-person? Possibly something online too?
 - Gustave I.: In-person event would be great, many first and second year students are dying for some in-person social interaction.

5. Questions/Concerns/New Business

Motion to Adjourn 10:40 am

*Respectfully submitted by Hannah Ferguson, Regis College Representative
March 11, 2022*