

**TGSA Ratification Meeting**  
**Monday, May 9, 2022 at 10:00 am**  
**Via Zoom**

In Attendance: Mia Theocharis (CRO), Hannah Ferguson, Morgan Bell, Patrick Nolin, Jizhang (Vincent) Yi, Maureen Ononiwu, Rosemary Boissonneau, and David Kennedy

1. Territorial Acknowledgment/Prayer
  - David K. offers prayer; Mia. T territorial acknowledgement.
2. Approval of CRO Report (circulated via email on May 9, 2022)
  - Mia T. presents CRO report: See Appendix 1 (pp. 2-3).
  - **Motion:** To accept Mia T.'s CRO report and the nomination of: Hannah Ferguson — President; Morgan Bell — VP Academic; Maureen Ononiwu — VP Communications; Patrick Nolin — Regis Rep; Rosemary Boissonneau — St. Michael's Rep.
    - David K. motions to accept the CRO's report and said nominations; Vincent Y. Seconds.
    - **All approve. Motion carries.**
3. Questions/Concerns
  - Hannah F.: Do I need to resign as Regis rep?
  - Mia T.: No, that's ok. It's implied that as president you can't hold both positions. I took it as your resignation when we advertised for the Regis rep position during the nominations.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:15 am

*Respectful submitted by Mia Theocharis, CRO*

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## Appendix 1

CRO Report

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### **Timeline:**

On March 11, 2022, the TGSA Board voted to accept me (Mia Theocharis) as the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for the 2022 TGSA Nominations/Elections.

On April 6, 2022, an email was sent to all TST graduate students notifying them that the nomination period would begin on April 8, 2022 and end on April 25, 2022. In this email, I also let students know of the vacant positions that would need to be filled and expressed how important it was for everyone to take part in this process.

Executives:

1. President
2. VP Academic
3. VP Conferences
4. VP External
5. VP Communications
6. Treasurer

College Representatives:

1. St. Michael's
2. Regis
3. Wycliffe
4. Knox

Program Representatives:

1. Master of Theology
2. Master of Arts

Non-Voting:

1. Secretary

On April 8, 2022, I sent a second email to TST graduate students notifying them that the nomination period had officially commenced; and on April 18, 2022, I sent the final reminder email letting students know to send in their nominations. I also contacted the first year cohort (PhD, DMin and MA) separately to let them know of the available positions and if they were interested, they could contact me personally with questions or to set up a Zoom meeting.

Information regarding the nominations was also posted on the TGSA website blog, Twitter and Facebook.

### **Nominations:**

There were only 5 nominations:

1. President — Hannah Ferguson
2. VP Academic — Morgan Bell
3. VP Communications — Maureen Ononiwu
4. Regis Rep — Patrick Nolin
5. St. Michael's Rep — Rosemary Boissonneau

As all these positions ran uncontested, there was no need for an official election. There was one other nomination for [REDACTED] did not garner a second nomination and therefore, could not be included in the official nominations. If the TGSA Board would like to reach out to [REDACTED] the board is at liberty to do so (the board would need a 2/3 majority vote to elect [REDACTED]).

### **Remarks:**

Unfortunately, there was little interest in the vacant positions this year. This may be due to the nature of the positions themselves, or because of COVID-19. However, it should also be noted that historically there has been a general apathy towards joining student councils at TST. This may be something for the future board to consider.

The priority right now would be to look to fill the VP External, VP Conference and Treasurer positions. The board may need to approach more people individually or see if TST/the colleges could help. The Graduate Studies Council (GSC) will meet in June 2022 — you could let the graduate directors know you are looking for students to get involved and they might be able to help. Also, orientation in September will be another key place for recruitment, especially for the Secretary, MA Rep and College Rep positions.

Another important point I'd like to express: It is not solely the job of the TGSA Board to fill the positions but of all TST graduate students. If you cannot find individuals to fill the positions, do not stress and work with what you have. If that means less events/workshops because the board is spread too thin than so be it. Do what you can! As your CRO, I have done everything possible (and a bit more) to find individuals willing to serve and unfortunately, the results were not very fruitful. But I am extremely thankful to the individuals who have offered their time and energy to sit on the board and I wish you all the best of luck next year.

Sincerely submitted by Mia Theocharis, CRO.