

TGSA Board Meeting
Friday, December 9, 2022 @ 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Via Zoom

Present: H. Ferguson, B. Hladio, M. Bell, D. Ziegler, R. Revington, T. Hubschmid, R. Boissoneau, P. Nolin, L. Liu,

Regrets: B. D. Kennedy, M. Ononiwu,

1. Prayer/ Territorial Acknowledgment. An opening prayer was offered by Tom Hubschmid, and the Territorial Acknowledgement was read by Hannah.
2. Approval of Agenda and November 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes (circulated via email on December 8, 2022).

Motion: To approve today's agenda and the minutes of the November 10, 2022 meeting. Moved by Morgan/Seconded by Dylan. Passed.

3. Reports:

a. President.

- i. Study Social December 5 – Attendance was not overwhelming.
- ii. Upcoming conference – Regarding the conference Dr. Diaz suggested that since the Canadian Theological Society meeting will be meeting in Toronto in the Spring it might be useful to sponsor a panel or panels there. As to TST conferences he suggested that they will probably be held every second year and that GTSA could assist in the organizing of these conferences. It was felt that at the present time it would be too difficult to organize a conference for the Spring due to time constraints and piggy-backing on the CTS meeting would be reasonable and useful.

Motion: that Li-Wei be appointed Vice-President for Conferences.

Moved by Rosemary/Seconded by Tom. Passed.

Patrick offered to assist Li-Wei, and it was agreed that we would look at the 2023-2024 academic year for the GTSA conference to take place.

Hannah concluded by saying that Dr. Diaz had said he would find someone to fill the VP External role.

- iii. December 5, 2022 TST Board of Trustees Meeting. The meeting was interesting; the job description for the Graduate Director is being posted; there is concern that for the past five years this role has only been filled on an interim basis; there are more responsibilities associated with this

position than in the past. Dr. Diaz is interested in having our committee return to the TST building where there is a room dedicated for our use, and making use of the TST building in general for various graduate meetings and events. Hannah raised the possibility of organizing a prospectus or prospectus and proposal writing workshop, which was positively received.

Motion: to receive Hannah's report. Moved by Patrick, seconded by Tom.
Passed

- b. Treasurer. Tom reported that one conference award had been awarded. He is still in the process of organizing signing authority, in the meantime he is using e-transfers.

Discussion was held regarding the conference awards, Tom suggested that it would be good to advertise these awards. Patrick raised a question regarding the TST acknowledgement necessary when awards are given. Tom suggested that due to the excess we have in award money perhaps we could offer a higher amount for the awards this Spring.

Motion: To increase the amount of the Spring awards to three at \$540.
Motion made by Tom, seconded by Morgan. Passed.

Motion: to receive Thomas' report. Motion made by Dylan, seconded by Patrick.
Passed.

- c. VP Academic. Morgan reported that he had attended an academic council meeting; numbers are down in regard to theological education throughout North America so strategies are being studied in regard to address this issue; Reviews are being conducted in regard to academic outcomes for graduate programs; There are issues regarding the appeals process among the different colleges.

Motion: to receive Morgan's report. Motion made by Patrick, seconded by Rosemary. Passed.

- d. VP Conferences
- e. VP Communication. No report.
- f. College Reps:
 - i. St Mike's: A retreat, a small pub-night, Christmas market, all took place successfully.

- ii. Trinity: No major changes or updates; usual end of semester activities and food service surveys. Dr. Hewitt is still the acting dean until Dr. Brittain returns from his sabbatical.
 - iii. Regis: Due to the federation there are things that need to be worked out, but the events are done in conjunction with St. Mike's.
 - iv. Emmanuel: Regular events are going on, they are in the process of shifting from on-line to in-person events; Tom Reynolds will be stepping down as graduate studies director; hoping to partner with local churches to have community lunches more often due to price of food, collapse of community, etc.
 - v. Wycliffe: Graham Library has a new theological librarian and is doing good programming. Wycliffe is searching for a new professor for a pastoral theology role.
 - vi. Knox: Robert reported that on 22 November the sermon at the chapel service caused a stir which prompted a reponse from the college leadership. A Christmas chapel service was held.
- g. Area Reps:
- i. DMin : No report
- h. At-Large Reps: Li-Wei reported that Wycliffe is sponsoring an end of semester party this evening.
- i. Non-Voting Rep:
- i. Library Representative: Robert reported that the Library committee has met and discussed procedures for easier loaning of books from the various libraries, and that greater promotion and advertisement of the UofT library cards for alumni was also discussed.

Motion: to receive the above reports. Motion made by Patrick, seconded by Tom. Passed.

4. Events/Workshops

- a. Maintaining cohort cohesion post-coursework. The idea would be to have a steady day/time for each cohort group so they could meet and maintain contact during the academic year after their class-work is completed. The idea was in general received positively, issues were raised regarding practicalities of how to organize this. Bohdan will quarterback this with help from Hannah. Tom and Rosemary volunteered to contact their own cohort groups. The first step will be to

determine what day and time is most convenient for all, then Bohdan will contact TST to reserve space.

5. Questions/ Concerns/ New Business? None.

Motion to Adjourn by Tom.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM.

Minutes prepared by Bohdan Hladio