

TGSA Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Via Zoom

Present: Maureen O., Rosemary B., Christine S., Bohdan H., Li-Wei L. Christian C-S., Sam A., Susan M., Matthew F.

1. Prayer/Territorial Acknowledgment: Prayer was offered by Christine; Land acknowledgement was read by Maureen.

2. Approval of Agenda and July 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Moved by Christine/Seconded by Li-Wei. Passed

3. Reports

A. President

i. Board Membership

a. Ratification of Mathew Feeley as Knox College Rep

b. Ratification of Samuel Adisa as Master of Arts Rep

c. Ratification of Christian Clement–Schlimm as Wycliffe College Rep

Moved by Christine/Seconded by Susan to ratify the board membership of Matthew.
Passed

Moved by Susan/Seconded by Christine to ratify the board membership of Samuel.
Passed

Moved by Rosemary/Seconded by Susan to ratify the board membership of Christian.
Passed

ii. Vacant positions:

a. Treasurer (Priority)

b. VP Communications

c. Emmanuel Rep

d. Regis Rep

e. Trinity Rep

f. Master of Theology Rep

g. Library Rep

Maureen asked that all board members strive to encourage individuals who might be interested to accept one of these positions, and that it is important to have direct representation with all the colleges.

iii. Conference Awards

Consensus was that the TGSA will continue to offer three conference awards per term of \$325 each.

Motion: That the minimum 250 km. distance requirement to receive an award be expunged and replaced with “preference will be given to those who incur the greatest travel expenses.” Moved by Rosemary/Seconded by Christine to make this change to the conference award policy. Passed

Moved by Christine/Seconded by Rosemary to ratify the president’s report. Passed

B. VP Academic: Christine reported that the SSHRC workshop on Thursday will take place and will be more informal in character than the ones offered by the University of Toronto.

Moved by Li-Wei/Seconded by Rosemary to ratify Christine’s report. Passed

C. VP External: Susan reported that she has not been able to be very active due to her recent illness. She has received very little communication from students, and will be in communication with the relevant U of T student organizations in the near future.

Moved by Christine/Seconded by Li-Wei to ratify Susan’s report. Passed

D. VP Conference: Li-Wei is preparing a call for papers for the conference which is planned for May of 2024.

Moved by Susan/Seconded by Christine to ratify Li-Wei’s report. Passed

E. College Representatives

i. Knox – no report as yet.

ii. St. Mike’s – Rosemary reported that the federation of Regis and St. Michael’s is going well. More attention is being paid to the successful integration of the student bodies, and student input is being actively sought. Susan suggested that it might be beneficial to publicize the Michealmas celebration through TGSA.

iii. Wycliffe – no report as yet.

Moved by Christine/Seconded by Li-Wei to ratify the college reports. Passed

F. Program Reps

- i. DMin Rep
- ii. MA Rep - Sam will have more information after meeting with the program students

Moved by Christian/Seconded by Susan to ratify Sam's report. Passed

4. Events/Workshops

- A. Orientation – Maureen reported that the orientation went well. It was also decided that the pizza lunch on Thursday will begin at 1 PM and continue till 4 PM in order to accommodate first and second year students who might have classes beginning at 2 PM.
- B. SSHRC Grant Writing Workshop – Christine referenced this in her report.
- C. Cohort Cohesion – The next gathering will be held on October 5. Bohdan will be coordinating with the TST administration in regard to using the space.
- D. Ideas for professional development workshops. Christine would like to work towards hosting a proposal/prospectus writing workshop in the new year. It was also suggested that students be canvassed prior to the first cohort cohesion gathering in order to determine if they have any particular felt needs which might be met via professional development workshops.

Moved by Christine/seconded by Li-Wei to confirm the events/workshops. Passed.

5. Questions/Concerns/New Business: Maureen asked whether we would prefer to have meetings in person or via zoom. Consensus was to continue on Zoom. As to date, the Doodle poll is no longer effective as the platform has been monetized and now requires a subscription fee. Maureen will endeavour to determine a consistent day/time/week when meetings might be held on a more regular basis, which can be re-visited on a semester to semester basis.
6. Date of next meeting: TBD
7. Adjournment. Moved to adjourn by Li-Wei, seconded by Mathew. Meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM.

Minutes prepared by Bohdan Hladio