

**TGSA Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Sept 10, 2024 @ 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Maureen O., Christian C-S., Bohdan H., Hyelim Y., Christine W. S., Marina G., Sileen P., Noah MacDonald, David R., Susan M.

**Guest:** Dr. Michael Attridge

**Regrets:** Matteo C.,

1. **Prayer/Territorial Acknowledgment.** The prayer was led by Sileen, following which Maureen read the Territorial Acknowledgement, following which she welcomed everyone.
2. **Guest:** Dr. Michael Attridge – GCTS Associate Director for Graduate Studies. Dr. Attridge greeting the members of the committee and thanked us for our activity and contribution to the life of the TST. He emphasized his conviction that student governance is important, that the administration is supportive of our work, and that the administration respects the autonomous nature of our work. He also stated that he looks forward to socializing with us at our activities as his responsibilities permit, and that his door is always open to us should we need anything.
3. **Approval of Agenda and July 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes.** Moved by Christine, seconded by Susan to approve the minutes of the 23 July TGSA meeting and the agenda for today's meeting. Passed.

**4. Reports**

**A. President**

- i. Board Membership. Several candidates have expressed interest. If anyone is aware of any candidates for any of the vacant positions please encourage them, and if any current board members are able to take on a dual role this also would be helpful.
- ii. Ratification of Noah MacDonald as Regis Rep. Moved by Christine, seconded by Marina to approve Noah as the representative from Regis college. Passed.
- iii. Vacant positions:

At present the VP Conference, St. Michael's College, Master of Theology, and Master of Arts Representative positions remain unfilled.

- iv. OWL Technology for TGSA. Maureen suggested that it might be beneficial for TGSA to purchase OWL technology for our own use. The cost would be between \$1,000 and \$1,500. This will be further discussed under the treasurer's report. Generally the response to this suggestion was positive provided we have the financial wherewithal to purchase the system.

## **B. Treasurer / Student Financial Aid Committee**

- i. 2024/2025 Budget.

David presented a conservative budget. Following David's presentation Maureen raised the question of whether we might wish to move forward with the purchase of the OWL technology. Marina asked about the possibility of renting rather than purchasing the OWL technology. Noah suggested that if we do purchase the OWL it might be helpful to permit its use by TST students' groups as necessary. This discussion will be continued once the budget is finalized and we have greater detail on the costs involved.

Moved by Noah, seconded by Susan to approve the Financial report. Passed.

## **C. VP Academic**

Christine reported that she spoke with Prof. Attridge regarding dual relationships and was told by him that the TST is currently reviewing other university policies regarding power dynamics, and that this is a very nuanced and complicated matter. When the TST has had a chance to go through this process we can then discuss their findings.

Maureen presented a motion from Matteo that going forward one motion be made for the approval of all executive and committee reports (rather than motions for each report separately). An amendment was suggested to the effect that any important financial matters should be approved by a separate motion. The amended motion was seconded by Noah. Passed.

## **D. VP External**

No report, but Susan noted that she will be revising and sharing the information she provided this past year re: student UTSU benefits for TST, AD and basic degree students.

Christian raised a question from Wycliffe AD students asking if their AD students would have access to university sports facilities for their own intramural sports, and asked if it would be possible for him to approach anyone to gain access to athletics facilities if not.

Susan will try to determine if this is possible, and at least to determine who might be able to answer this question.

#### **E. VP Communications / Library**

No report

Moved by Christine, seconded by Hye-Lim to approve the TGSA Executive reports.  
Passed.

#### **F. College Representatives**

- i. Emmanuel. Hye-Lim reported that there has been some move around in the faculty roles at Emmanuel and Prof. Tom Reynolds is our GD director now. Thursday Sep 12, from 12-2:30 PM there will be a TST Korean students' gathering at Emmanuel building with Profs HyeRan Kim-Cragg, Boram Lee, and Mi-Weon Yang. It's an across-TST event—the downside is that it overlaps with the TST welcome back lunch time.
- ii. Knox – Sileen reported that the counselling centre has on-line booking available, and the centre is available to all students, not only those of Knox college. The primary focus of this program is psychotherapy, primarily to provide mental health therapy.

Maureen suggested that this may be a good resource for TGSA in organizing a mental health seminar for our members.

Sileen was asked by new students about the existence of an annual symposium, she will gather further information and report back.

- iii. Regis – Noah reported that “the Jesuits are under control” and everything is going well.
- iv. Trinity – Marina reported that orientation went well.
- v. Wycliffe – Christian reported that the regular programming is beginning again this week; questions were raised regarding the relationship between TA’s and professors, Christian will confer with Christine about this.

Moved by Susan, seconded by Noah to approve the college rep reports. Passed.

#### **5. Program Reps**

## **G. DMin Report**

No report

## **6. Events/Workshops**

- A. TGSA welcome back social - Sept 12. Everything is organized, Maureen encouraged everyone to attend.
- B. SSHRC Grant Writing Workshop - Sept 12. Plans are in place, Christine will make the final call on location.
- C. Cohort Cohesion. Matteo will referee a process for determining a new name, he will do so at the October 10<sup>th</sup> gathering. It was agreed that the name has to reflect the fact that it is a social event with a relaxed and inclusive “vibe.”
- D. TGSA Agape Service – This would be a monthly ecumenical prayer event. Details will be worked out in conjunction with university chaplains.
- E. Mental Health for Scholars workshop. Maureen will follow up with Sileen in regard to identifying a facilitator for this workshop. David and Marina are willing to help organize as well.

Moved by Marina, seconded by Susan to approve the Events/Workshops reports.

## **7. Questions/Concerns/Other Business?**

Noah noted that there are university wide events at the U of T for Truth and Reconciliation day. He suggested that TST or TGSA might in the future participate in some way as well as to publicize the U of T events. At this time it is probably too late to organize anything for this year, but this is something to keep in mind for next year, and if any of the TST colleges are planning any events for this year we should publicize these events.

## **8. Dates of Upcoming Meetings Meeting**

Maureen asked which days/times are most convenient for meetings going forward. Having heard the responses of those present she will send a doodle poll to determine the preferences of committee members who are not present.

- 9. **Adjournment.** Moved by Susan seconded by David to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 1:41 PM.

Minutes prepared by Bohdan Hladio

