

TGSA Board Meeting
Thursday April 17, 2025 @ 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Maureen O., Christian C-S., Christine W-S., Bohdan H., Matteo C., Susan M., Jasmine W., Noah M.

Regrets: Sileen P., David R., Marina G., Hye-lim Y.

1. Prayer/Territorial Acknowledgment. The meeting was opened at 12:01 PM. Christine led the prayer and Maureen read the territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda and March 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Moved by Susan and seconded by Christine to approve the agenda and the March meeting minutes. Passed.

3. Reports

A. President

- i. 2025 Elections / Nominations. Maureen reported that to date she has received no nominations for positions on the board. She encouraged all of us to find people who would be good replacements for ourselves. We have a week left for nominations.
- ii. Conference Awards. All seven spring/summer awards were offered and accepted (to and by seven different applicants), which is positive news. It is the GCTS which adjudicates the applications.

B. Treasurer / Student Financial Aid Committee. No report.

C. VP Academic. Christine reported that the faculty struggles with people to help with language exams, as the range of languages has increased greatly. Much consideration is being given to the character of the proposed professional PhD program. New processes have been instituted in regard to international students, and in general will only be admitted in the first round. TST will be following up with students who were accepted to TST but chose to go elsewhere. Dianne Dias is the new GCTS executive director, the TST is working towards revamping the language exams. Christine also reviewed the changes and improvements which have been enacted over this past year.

D. VP External. Susan reported that there was a loss of students' files at the TST building. Susan received a first notice on April 14.th The files were apparently lost on 7 April during a move by an outside company. Susan presented a timeline of the days between when the problem was detected and when the problem was disclosed to the affected students. This matter is gravely concerning, as the files include private personal

information. Susan also reported that according to the student handbook the TST has an obligation to protect students' personal information. After discussion, and given the prescriptions regarding the protection of personal information in the Conjoint Degree Handbook and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, it was agreed that our response must encompass three facets: a) the TST will offer a free subscription offering anti-fraud software or other pro-active prevention going forward (whether this is in the form of computer soft-ware, etc.); b) a commitment from TST for ongoing support and the amelioration of any harm if any of the missing information results in personal harm (financial, academic, or other); c) and that a clear explanation of the exact circumstances be given to all the individuals whose files were lost. We also request that the TST send out an e-mail to all affected students asking that if they wish to have more information about this the TST will organize a Zoom meeting for this purpose, and our affected TGSA executive members will participate and be available for follow up.

Moved by Susan, seconded by Noah, that the TGSA executive communicate the following to the TST administration:

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Passed.

E. VP Conference.

- i. Registrations. The conference will be on May 3rd. We have about 10 participants registered. Jasmine asked if anyone would be able to help either by moderating, or to help with IT support for the remote sessions. Noah and Bohdan offered to moderate.
- ii. Program. Program is set and has been circulated
- iii. Menu. Everything is in order, we are waiting for final numbers before confirming menu and cost.

F. VP Communications / Library

- i. Newsletter. No report
- ii. Library Committee. No report, Library meeting was cancelled.

Moved by Noah, seconded by Jasmine to accept the executive reports. Passed.

G. College Representatives

- i. Emmanuel. No report.
- ii. Knox. No report.
- iii. St. Mikes. Susan reported that the proposed new constitution for the joint St. Mikes/Regis student body was not passed by the Regis students' organization so work continues on preparation of a joint constitution.
- iv. Regis. Noah reported that in regard to the accessibility concerns strong commitments were made by the Regis administration, which also recognized the theological aspects of this issue, and that such accessibility concerns will be taken into account going forward. Noah also asked about the possibility of TGSA helping to support an academic/community event highlighting the issue of disability theology. Maureen suggested that this be presented at our AGM for discussion and acceptance. Noah will begin organizing the event and will keep us in the loop. TGSA is fully behind this endeavor.
- v. Trinity. No report.
- vi. Wycliffe. Christian reported that three upcoming events are now open for registration:

(1) Scripture & Theology Colloquium - The Psalms: Songs of Praise ... and Theology?

Date: Friday, May 16

Link: <https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/scriptureandtheology>

(2) Women's Breakfast - Our Feisty Forgotten Foremother who dared to speak out

Date: Saturday, May 24

Link: <https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/about/events/spring-2025-womens-breakfast>

(3) Reformed House of Studies Annual Conference - Reviving the Church: Learning from the spirituality of the Reformation

Date: Saturday, June 7

Link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/reviving-the-church-learning-from-the-spirituality-of-the-reformation-tickets-1284549284489?aff=oddtcreator>

Moved by Matteo, seconded by Jasmine to accept the College Rep reports. Passed.

H. Program Reps

- i. DMin Rep. No report.

4. Events/Workshops

- A. Resume and LinkedIn Profile Building Workshop ((U of T Career Exploration and Education Centre). This went very well, it was well attended, the presentation was excellent. The event was recorded if anyone would like to view it.
- B. AGM. Maureen is hoping that the meeting will take place by the end of April, most important is that we have nominations for the board. For this – we need nominees!
- C. Year End Event. This event will happen either at the end of April or mid-May, we will rent a private room. Maureen is following up on this.

Moved by Noah, seconded by Matteo to accept the events and workshop reports. Passed.

5. Questions/Concerns/New Business?

6. Next meeting date/time?

Maureen thanked everyone for their work and support.

Moved by Noah to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 1:22 PM.

Minutes prepared by Bohdan Hladko