

TGSA Board Meeting
Thursday June 5th, 2025 @ 1:00pm
Via Zoom
Minutes

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

Regrets: Matteo C., Susan M., Jasmine W., Hye-lim Y.

- 1. Prayer/Territorial Acknowledgment.** The meeting was opened at 1:05 PM. Maureen led the prayer and read the territorial acknowledgement.
- 2. Reports.** Maureen's CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER (CRO) REPORT FOR THE TGSA 2025 ELECTION had been circulated in advance (attached).

Maureen reiterated that the situation TGSA finds itself in is unprecedented, it seems that there is much less personal engagement in TST activities across the board which she attributes to the post-pandemic reality and the attendant increase in out-of-town students.

Much good groundwork has been laid for the coming year.

It was agreed that the current members would stay on in an interim capacity until fall and we will endeavour to identify new board members by September.

Moved by Noah, seconded by Christine, that the current board continue on an interim basis and that we will endeavour to identify new board members by the end of September. Passed.

- 3.** Noah mentioned that the public theology event which had been discussed will be going forward and asked that TGSA offer some financial support. In principle all the board members are in favour of this, and as the event is organized Noah will present more detailed information.

Maureen adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Minutes prepared by Bohdan Hladio

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER (CRO) REPORT FOR THE TGSA 2025 ELECTION

Submitted by: Maureen Ononiwu

Date: June 5, 2025

Timeline:

As Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for the TGSA 2025 Elections, I oversaw the nomination process for all vacant TGSA Board positions. The nomination period was originally scheduled to run from Monday, April 7, 2025, to Friday, April 25, 2025, and was subsequently extended to Friday, May 2, 2025, to encourage broader participation.

Calls for nominations were shared via multiple channels:

- TGSA email communications (to all registered TST graduate students)
- TGSA website
- TGSA social media platforms
- An in-person announcement during the May 3, 2025 TGSA Conference
- Outgoing board members were also encouraged to identify and nominate potential replacements for their roles.

In each call, the list of vacant positions was provided, along with the nomination criteria (i.e., that each candidate must be nominated by two peers and meet the eligibility requirements for their respective position). A link to Section D of the TGSA Policies and Procedures was also included to clarify responsibilities and expectations.

Vacant Positions Announced:

Executive Roles:

- President
- Treasurer
- VP Academic
- VP External
- VP Conferences
- VP Communications

College Representatives:

- Emmanuel College
- Knox College
- Trinity College

- Wycliffe College
- Program Representatives:
- DMin
 - Master of Arts (1-year term)
 - Master of Theology

Non-Voting Officer:

- Secretary

Results:

Despite multiple announcements and outreach efforts, no nominations were received for any of the available positions by the end of the extended deadline on May 2, 2025.

Remarks and Recommendation:

Given the lack of nominations and the simultaneous conclusion of most board members' terms, TGSA faced the risk of entering the 2025–2026 academic year without a functioning Board. To ensure continuity of student support and TGSA operations, I recommended that the current board continue in an interim capacity. This interim period would allow TGSA to maintain core functions while re-engaging the student body for a second nomination process, ideally when new and returning students are more present and available.

This proposal is currently being brought to the board for ratification at a special meeting on June 5, 2025.

I thank all TGSA board members for their service and for their ongoing willingness to support this transitional period.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Ononiwu
Chief Returning Officer
TGSA 2025 Nominations/Elections