

2016-2017 Executive Reports

President

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

The following encompasses the Presidential Report for the period of April 2016 to January 2017.

Trent Express Transit Service

As a result of successfully lobbying last year to remove the snow removal fees being paid out of the TCSA Transit budget to Trent, combined with coming repeatedly under budget each semester, we were able to add some additional transit service. In 2015-2016 we eliminated the exam schedule, allowing regular service to continue until the end of the exam period. In 2016-2017, we added Tuesday to the late night schedule, added additional service to the East Bank on weekends, and added more service to the summer schedule to eliminate big breaks between runs.

We recognize that students were having some issues with the punctuality of busses in the beginning of the fall semester. This was caused by the following things: 1) a back up of traffic trying to access West Bank Drive. Once busses were delayed waiting in this line, they could not get back on schedule. 2) Peterborough Transit had a handful of staff quit, and a lack of bus drivers slowed down all of Peterborough Transit's operations, including our Trent Express service. We have since met with Peterborough Transit to discuss these issues, and believe that they have now been taken care of. The following describes the outreach we did to gather concerns and feedback from students:

- In December we implemented a communication strategy to gather feedback about the busses. Transit posters were made and included instructions on how students can TEXT bus@trentcentral.ca with their location, time, and concern with the service.
- Peterborough Transit has expressed that they are supposed to be using the MyBeat system to communicate all bus delays, and we encourage students to subscribe to the service.
- Since the launch of the outreach initiative, we have only received 2 complaints from students.

Student Centre Update

- Construction of the Student Centre is under way! There were some delays in getting started in May, and construction was paused for a week during convocation, but the project is still projected to be finished mid-August, for opening on the first day of class Fall 2017.
- The Levy Agreement and Student Centre Lease was approved by our board at an Emergency Meeting on June 16th 2016. We also approved receiving a bank loan from TD Bank who won the RFP process. Trent has approved the Student Centre Lease (after many negotiations), and also approved backing our bank loan at their Board of Governors meeting on June 24th 2016.
- My heavy involvement with the project continues with negotiating the Starbucks budget, choosing hours of operation for the building and Starbucks, naming spaces in the centre, choosing furniture (in the next few months) and more.

Health and Dental Benefits Committee

This summer a historic agreement was made to add the TDSA and TGSA to the TCSA Health and Dental Plan to create a new Trent-wide Health and Dental insurance. This greatly assisted both the TDSA and TGSA, as they were able to benefit from increased benefits and lower costs that come with being a part of a plan with a large number of members. This merge came with resistance from the TGSA, who were concerned with losing autonomy and voting power, as the TCSA takes recommendations from the Health and Dental Benefits Committee but has ultimate say over the functioning of the plan. The operations of the plan have been successful thus far, and we hope this joint plan moves forward for the years to come.

- The first Joint Health and Dental Benefits Committee met on December 7th 2016 to discuss how the plan was working for all parties involved thus far.
- Overall, the meeting went well and parties seemed to be content with the service provided. The committee did discuss having Tracy Milne, the Benefits Administrator, share the communications she emails out to TCSA students with the other student associations, so everyone has clear and accurate information. It would still be the responsibility of each SA to pass on this message to their membership.

- I addressed concerns with unprofessional communications made without any prior consultation made to the TCSA, and requested that any issues with the benefits be communicated to Operations Manager, Tracy Milne.

TCSA App

- The Office of Student Affairs has been using the TCSA app to engage with first year students during Orientation Week for the past 2 years, which has contributed to the high number of students we now see on the app. Unfortunately, Trent may want to look at a different app for next year's Orientation Week, as they want more functions like: the app being private to first years, ways to create and monitor the squad groups etc.
- I'm working with them to try and find a way to keep our current system going, as I am wary of the impact it will have on our TCSA app if we do not advertise it as heavily to the first year cohort.
- Besides this, the app has been highly successful! Attached is a report on its usage.

I.M Well App

- We are so excited to announce that we have launched a new mental health app called "I.M. Well"
- The I.M. Well App is a program available to ALL Trent Students on all campuses. It is a way for students to access campus, community, and immediate mental health support no matter what time it is, or where they are. The success of this program hinges on awareness. This starts with the campus service stakeholders and beyond.
- Knowing this, Drew Martin from C&C did a short info session for the Trent I.M. Well App on August 17th in BH-126 at 11:00 to a large number of Trent departments and representatives. The Wellness Centre has been very supportive in suggesting the app to students.
- The app can be downloaded from the App Store by searching "I.M. Well".

Board of Governors Student Seats

- President of the Trent Durham Student Association, President of the Graduate Student Association, and myself have been talking about lobbying Trent to have three student seats on the Trent Board of Governors. One would be for an

- undergraduate Peterborough student, one for a Durham student, and one for a graduate student.
- Currently, there are two student seats that any Trent student can run for. They have two-year terms, and only one seat is elected per year to ensure there is someone in their second year to mentor the incoming governor. Additionally, all campuses vote in the same online election hosted by Trent. This causes some issues because Durham for example has a lower population and has to compete against larger populations like the undergraduates to be elected to a seat.
 - TDSA, TGSA, and myself met with Karen Spearing (University Secretariat) to begin this conversation. We plan to write this request for the Nominating and Governance committee to consider on March 24th. It will then hopefully go to the Trent Board of Governors on April 7th.

Board of Governors Caucus

I created the Board of Governors Caucus last year in an attempt to connect student needs and concerns with those holding the student seats on the Trent Board of Governors. Below I highlight some reasons why this structure is not necessary as effective as I had hoped. I do have hopes that the above amendments to the Trent Board of Governors structure to have a student seat for each large constituent at the university will aid in the increase of student voice on the board.

- Unfortunately the Board of Governors Caucus was unable to meet due to scheduling conflicts. With the agenda only being out for one week before the meeting, we are realizing it does not leave a lot of time to find a day that works for all members
- SAs were still invited and encourage to email Hilary and Rathika who hold the BoG student seats with any concerns or opinions on what the Trent BoG is discussing in open session on Friday Dec. 2nd

Tuition Increases

- At the May 13th Trent Board of Governors meeting, Trent approved a 3% tuition increase for both domestic and international students. Trent BoG mentioned that the decision to raise international tuition and domestic tuition by the same percentage was due to the lobbying TCSA did throughout the 2015-2016 year (our Fairness for International Students campaign).
- Although the 3% increase is average to what we have seen over the past few years, it is still very unfortunate that tuition rates continue to increase.

- With Trent projecting a budget deficit, it is more important than ever to continue to lobby for fair tuition prices for all students. I will be talking to President Groarke and the Trent Board of Governors about this issue again going forward this semester. We are also running a tuition campaign in March to engage students in this topic

Women's Safety Grant Update

The committee that was tasked with assigning the Women's Safety Grant agreed to the TCSA's suggested expenditures. The approved allocations are as follows:

- ❖ \$12,100 for Wellness Centre
 - Sexual violence programming materials + collaboration with KSAC \$5500
 - 200 SafeTalk kits \$1600
 - More SafeTalk kits, Assist training, or more "upstander/bystander" intervention training. More sexual violence programming. \$5000
- ❖ \$12,000 for E-Phone Repairs
- ❖ \$7500 for Durham Campus
 - Sexual Violence Materials, Wen Do etc. \$2500
 - Upgrade digital cameras \$5000
- ❖ \$3000 for training a staff in ASSIST

Subtotal = \$34,600

Security Cameras on Campus

- In the wake of the Women's Safety Grant conversations, the Sexual Violence Policy Committee is suggesting a committee be struck specifically to discuss security cameras on campus. Details of this committee have yet to be announced.
- Jason Salo from Security is still gathering the list of security cameras currently in place around campus, including ones designed into the new Student Centre. These will be shared with the Board as soon as possible.
- The TCSA played a large role in advocating the limited use of security cameras on campus (except where they are absolutely necessary), especially wanting to avoid having them in the colleges.

IT project: Public Cameras

- At an ECP meeting, there was mention of the idea of cameras being installed on campus that would live stream events to a Youtube channel, where anyone could watch what was happening on campus at anytime. I followed up with Tariq from IT who explains: “One of the projects being considered for this year is the installation of 10-12 cameras around campus for the purpose of streaming the cameras live to the world to view our beautiful campus. We are considering using the “YouTube Live” technology to do this”
- After conversations with myself and the other student associations, IT decided to put this project on hold, as there was no student support for it. It will be important for students to pay attention to this project in case it gets brought up again in the future.

Lighting on Campus Update

Vice President O’Brien and myself raised a few concerns about the lack of lighting on some parts of campus. Below is a summary from Louise Fish about what lighting updates they are doing. If you have any other areas on campus that you believe still need more lighting, please let me know so I can talk to Louise Fish.

- The MEM Manager, has investigated some of our concerns and is moving as quickly as possible to correct this unsafe situation. In addition to the non-functional street light in the Ward garden and near the stairs, there is a string of ground level lights around the performance space that no longer work. MEM will be replacing the streetlights with LED lights and adding building mounted LED lights to replace the ground lights near the performance space.
- In addition, MEM will be adding two additional floods and replacing two short floodlight towers with larger towers to improve lighting in the north lot on the west bank. They will also add two new floodlights near the lots just north of the pay and display machine, as those lots do not currently have any direct light. This should considerably improve the lighting for the walk to the green lot. Both these installations will be covered by the energy upgrade budget.

Housing Concerns

- This year the Housing office changed single rooms in the Annex to double rooms, and some double rooms into triple rooms. Housing had guaranteed residence to 91

students that they did not have beds for, even after adding those new beds into the annex.

- With Trent announcing a 17% increase in applications to the university, it is clear that this Housing situation is going to continue.
- Expanding single rooms into double occupancy, and double rooms into triple occupancy, is not an ethical or sustainable way to deal with residence application increases. Students are being forced into smaller and smaller spaces every year, and are still paying the same residence fees. While the TCSA understands that the Housing Department has done everything within their power to accommodate students as best as they can, the TCSA can no longer support the university guaranteeing residence to first year students if another residence building is not built. The TCSA is against corporate residences. We do not believe that the annexes are a proper solution for the students housing crisis.

Annex Pathway

- The TCSA executive have decided to use \$2000 from our accessibility budget to help fund the pathway between the Champlain Annex and campus. London Property Corp. is donated \$15,000, Housing \$5000, and Parking is using their surplus this year to cover the rest of the costs.
- The TCSA played a role in advocating for the construction of this pathway, and are happy to see so many students using it as a safe passage through campus.

Mental Health Subcommittee for CASSC

- As a member of CASSC I was tasked with chairing the 2016-2016 CASSC sub-committee on mental health. Our first meeting took place on Monday November 28th 2016 at 1pm in the Morton Reading Room
- Please send me an email at president@trentcentral.ca if you or anyone else would like to join this committee, it is open to absolutely everyone.

Friendship Bench

- The Friendship Bench Launch took place on Monday November 7th in Champlain Great Hall from 2-4pm. There was acoustic music by Duncan Ivany from 2-2:30 with remarks beginning at 2:30.
- There were free refreshments, desserts, swag giveaways, polaroids, distress activities and more.
- We have received the following donations to the Friendship Bench Project:

- \$1000 from the President's Office (Nind Fund)
- \$500 from the Provost Office
- \$250 from the Research and Innovation Office
- \$245 from Rads Ltd.
- \$100 anonymous donation
- \$800 from Pan Colleges Fund (for the launch event itself)
- Tshirt sponsorship from Renegade
- With these donations to the bench, in combination with \$1833.88 we raised at the TCSA Colour Run, the \$5000 we originally spent from our contingency budget line to buy the bench has been brought down to \$1071.12.
- This initiative was a great success, and the bench is now installed on upper Bata Podium.
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The following are the committee seats I head during the 2016-2017 school year:

External Committees:

- Space Committee
- Housing Advisory Committee
- Retention Committee
- Committee for Undergraduate Petitions (CUP)
- Presidents & Prime Minister Committee
- President's Advisory Committee for Honorific and Wayfinding campus names
- CASSC (Fall semester)
- Chair of CASSC Mental Health student sub-committee

Internal Committees:

- Chair of Operations and Finance
- Chair of the Joint Health and Dental Benefits Committee
- Chair of Transportation Committee
- Chair of Organizational Review and Development Committee (ORDC)
- Deputy Electoral Officer (Fall semester)

It has been an absolute honour to serve as President of the Trent Central Student Association from 2015-2017. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Trent Community.

Respectfully submitted,



Alaine Spiwak

Vice President University and College Affairs

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

It has been a great pleasure to represent students this year and I am looking forward to the new projects and events of this semester. Thank you all for your trust and support throughout my TCSA term. Please find a short outline of the main campus affairs I have dedicatedly worked on so far.

Orientation Week Organization:

This year we've organized a series of events in downtown as well on the main campus. It was a pleasure to work with our volunteers, since they had contributed lots of their time to our activities. I see a great area for improvement for our welcome bags give out, Great Race and a welcome booth.

As for the Summer Orientation, I suggest to have more interaction with the students through various activities. I hope to spend a sufficient amount of time during the shadow period to communicate these ideas.

Food Services:

Throughout this year I have been a part of all working groups of the Food Services Advisory Committee. As outlined in the executive strategic plan, our main focus was on diversifying the food options on campus considering various backgrounds and dietary restrictions of our students. Thus, we have researched and implemented halal options in collaboration with the Trent Muslim Students Association. Another area we have worked on is eliminating deep-fried foods and promoting healthy eating habits and active lifestyle.

Trent International Changes:

At the end of the fall semester we have worked on gathering students feedback regarding the potential changes in Trent International camp and communicated it to the administration. The decision to host the camp on the Symons campus is now approved

and we will be working in order to create a smoother transition into the new format of the orientation.

Students-Athletes:

The initiative I am currently working on is building a platform for addressing various issues our students-athletes are facing. It is not a secret how tough balancing an academic success and an involvement in varsity teams can get. I would like to demonstrate support for our athletes and create an opportunity for them to be heard. The long-run goal is to get more funding from the University into varsity as well as a creation of student scholarships, while the things that will be addressed first are of an academic nature.

Committees:

This year I have been representing TCSA on the following committees:

- TCSA internal: Exec, Events, ORDC;
- CASSC subcommittees: Colleges subcommittee, Food Advisory and working groups: Marketing and Operations, Sustainability and Fair Trade, Budget;
- Advisory committees: Library fines appeals;
- Senate: Academic Planning and Budgeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Leonova

Vice President Campaigns & Equity

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

The following encompasses the Vice-President Campaigns & Equity report for the period of October 18, 2016 to January 26, 2017

Summary:

- Ratification of Fall By-elections and appointment of Interim VPCE
- Events and Campaigns:
 - National Day of Action – *November 2, 2016*
 - Mental Health Campaign - #MyDefinition & M4MH [upcoming]
 - Food Accessibility/Security Campaign [upcoming]

- Tuition and Student Discount Event [upcoming]
- Safer Space Initiative Launch [upcoming]
- Tenant Rights [upcoming]
- Canadian Federation of Students Meetings
 - 35th Annual General Meeting of Canadian Federation of Students – *November 18-21 2016*
 - 3rd Meeting of the Ontario Executive – January 19, 2016
 - 2017 Semi-Annual Meeting of Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario – January 19-22, 2017
 - National Lobby Week – February 6-9, 2017 [upcoming]
 - Ontario Lobby Week [upcoming]

Ratification of Fall By-elections and appointment of Interim VPCE

Prior to the last General Meeting of the Association, the VPCE position was vacated and the executive decided to include the position in the Fall By-election. I was successfully ratified to the position following the 4th Meeting of the Board of Directors [October 16, 2016]. Following the 3rd Meeting of the Board of Directors [September 25, 2016], Anti-Racism Commissioner Shanese Steele was appointed to the position of VPCE pending election results. Because I was given the opportunity to attend the 22nd Conference of Parties [under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change] in Marrakech, Morocco, Shanese's appointment to the position was extended to November 21, 2017. For the end of the October, we shared responsibilities, until I left for Marrakech on November 2nd. Since my return, I have resumed the responsibilities of VPCE.

Events and Campaigns

National Day of Action – November 2nd, 2016

For the Fall Reading Break, I assumed responsibility of planning the National Day of Action for the Trent campus. The National Day of Action was a campaign that had come out of the Canadian Federation of Students (Federation) to pressure the federal and provincial governments to abolish tuition fees. As a member of the Federation, we received financial support for our local event.

Upon Shanese's return from Reading Break, we shared responsibilities in coordinating the TCSA's event, which included a Debt Sticker Board and other simple ways of engaging students in the campaign. We also gave away care packs that included CFS materials.

Shanese and I also supported the #AllOutStrike organized the Revolutionary Student Movement – Peterborough, with the help from the Federation for covering the costs of student musicians who performed following the event.

Mental Health Campaign - #MyDefinition & M4MH [upcoming]

The #MyDefinition campaign, which members may remember from last year, as a poster campaign of Trent students, was put on temporary pause during the transition period. The goal is to partner this campaign with Movies for Mental Health (M4MH) in March. Outreach will begin shortly, and students who struggle with Mental Health and would like to challenge the stigma are welcome to participate.

Food Accessibility/Security Campaign [upcoming]

In running in the Fall By-election, I included a part on Student Hunger in my platform. Planning is underway to bolster the work of Vice-President University and College Affairs, Anna Leonova who has been working on many food initiatives across campus. Together, we hope to deliver an event or campaign that can lobby for lower food prices and speak about injustices students face with respect to access to food on- or off-campus.

Tuition and Student Discount Event [upcoming]

Following the National Day of Action, I would like to revisit the discussion on tuition. Vice President Clubs & External Affairs Pippa O'Brien had previously planned an event that breaks down tuition and government funding allocated to post-secondary education (PSE). I intend to include the Post-Secondary Student Support Program that is created to support indigenous students who apply to university as recognized under many Treaties, and the University Health Insurance Program (UHIP) and reality of unregulated tuition fees that speaks to international students' struggles in PSE. This campaign/event welcomes the participation and planning of the International and Indigenous Students Commissioners, as well as the Trent University Native Association and Trent International Students Association.

Safer Space Initiative Launch [upcoming]

The Safer Space Initiative was the brainchild of both Asgiga Corriveau, who served as Women's Issues Commissioner for 2015-2016, and myself. In early Fall 2016, this initiative was awarded \$500 by Trent Alumni. Moving forward, I wish to meet with

the Equity Commissioners in planning a launch. The first meeting of the Equity Caucus, a non-formal group that consists of the Equity Commissioners, will be meeting before the SAGM.

Tenant Rights [upcoming]

In dealing with student off-campus concerns in December, I realized that there are not many resources for off-campus students offered by Trent Housing. I met with the Peterborough Housing Co-operative, and we will be developing a resource guide and campaign to engage students in knowing their rights as tenants. This is a particularly relevant issue to occur in Winter Semester, as many on-campus students (who are first year) will be required to find off-campus accommodations for the next school year.

Canadian Federation of Students Meetings

The Canadian Federation of Students (Federation) is an incorporated not-for-profit organization that represents over 650,000 students is comprised of over 80 students unions from across Canada. It contains several provincial components, of which CFS Ontario is one. The Association represents Peterborough-situated undergraduate Trent students as Local 71 of the Federation. The VPCE holds a voting seat on the Ontario Executive.

35th Annual General Meeting of Canadian Federation of Students – November 18-21 2016

In November, the Association sent Anti-Racism Commissioner / Interim VPCE Shanese Steele, Indigenous Students Commissioner Coty Zachariah, and International Students Commissioner Ivana Sekularac as the Local 71 delegation to the Federation's National Meeting. Here, Shanese, Coty, and Ivana represented members of the Association by voting on motions that were sent to the meeting. Coty also ran for the position of National Chairperson of the Federation and was successful in his campaign.

3rd Meeting of the Ontario Executive – January 19, 2016

Because the position of VPCE was vacated prior to the 2nd Meeting of the Ontario Executive, the Association and its members had no representation on this executive Committee prior to the 3rd meeting on January 19. Fortunately, I was successfully voted in to fulfill my responsibilities as Local 71 Representative, and will be able to bring the concerns and perspectives of our Associations members for the remainder of my term.

2017 Semi-Annual Meeting of Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario – January 19-22, 2017

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Ontario component of the Federation met from January 19-22. The Association brought forward two motions to this meeting. The first was about amending the Ontario Meeting structure to include an indigenous ceremonial space and co-ordinator. The second was to regularize an annual Ontario Aboriginal Gathering. I am happy to say that both motions were successfully, and that Local 71 can take pride in making space for indigenous students within the Ontario component and across Ontario as a whole.

National Lobby Week – February 6-9, 2017 [upcoming]

On February 6-9, Pippa and I will be attending the National Lobby Week representing all members of the Federation when meeting with members of parliament. The lobby week documents are developed by the Federation, which sources its demands from students through a lengthy consultation process. I look forward to lobbying with Pippa on behalf of the Association's members as well as all Federation members. This lobby document may shape the event that we plan together with respect to student tuition.

Ontario Lobby Week [upcoming]

For the provincial Lobby Week, it is my goal to send two new delegates on behalf of our Association to open up this opportunity to younger/newer board members and engage them in the political process. This is a discussion that will be revisited by the Board at a later time.

Respectfully submitted,
Brendan Campbell
Local 71 Representative
Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario

Vice President Clubs & External Affairs

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

Clubs and Groups

Update

As of writing this report there are 64 clubs registered with the TCSA, and groups can register until the beginning of April. Funding distributed in fall semester was \$19 680, and we are on target to distribute the second half of the funds during the winter semester. Funding applications will be accepted until the beginning of April.

Details

At Fall Clubs and Groups Day there were approximately 120 tables with different groups, which is a significant increase from last year. Set up went very well only taking about 1.5 hours and take down took less than an hour, which was also a significant improvement.

The Student Leadership Assembly was focused on club related skills and had great attendance in September. I think that there is room in expanding the club resources available online and streamlining the clubs training process to reflect the needs of certain groups of clubs (eg. Academic, athletics, etc.).

At Winter Clubs and Groups Day there were over 30 groups sharing tables in the Great Hall. We were able to accommodate all the groups in the space we were allowed, though a larger space would definitely be necessary if more groups wanted to participate.

Clubs and Groups Appreciation will be happening at Sadlier House on March 23rd in collaboration with TISA. The we are also trying to expand the number of awards the TCSA gives out to the different clubs at this celebration.

New Initiatives

Summer funding went really well this last summer. We did not distribute all the money we had set aside, but were able to help some groups continue to operate during the summer. It also relieved some of the pressure for funding early September when it can take longer to get funding.

The Clubs Funding Committee is working with the Ethical Standards Commissioner to provide a subsidy for clubs that wish to purchase more ethical goods and services for the winter semester. Hopefully this initiative can continue into future years.

The upcoming Student Centre is going to provide a lot of new opportunities for clubs in terms of space, storage lockers, and services. The first stages of planning are beginning to occur to facilitate this growth.

University Conversations

Key Topics

- Bata Library Renovation and Closure of the 2017/18 Year
- Use of Video Cameras on Campus through the Woman's Safety Grant
- Trent Flag Policy
- Trent Finance Summer 2016 Levy Fee Collection Issue

Details

The TCSA would like to reach out to all students to ensure that everyone is aware of the closure of Bata Library from May 2017 until May 2018 due to renovations. As part of these changes, 50 percent of the print collection (books, printed journals, etc.) will be discarded. The renovations will include a new HVAC system, general building updates, new study rooms and technology, and the 'Research and Innovation Cluster' on the main floor of the building. I am now on two committees concerning this process and finding adequate study space. There was also over 750 responses to our survey on the topic. All new information will be provided on the TCSA website.

Through the Woman's Safety Grant, the university began conversations about adding security cameras in the colleges. This was considered by the TCSA Board and myself as not an appropriate measure to actually improve woman's safety and infringing on the privacy of students living in residence.

The Trent Flag policy currently limits the flags that can be flown to Trent's flag, the United Way flag, and the Canadian flag. Myself, the Anti-Racism Commissioner, and the Queer Commissioner are slowly working on getting a new policy in place to allow for other flags to be flown including Indigenous flags and the Pride and Trans flags.

Last summer online and Peterborough on-campus students were mischarged the TCSA's levy fees due to confusion in the Trent Finance Office. Online fees that were intended from the Trent Durham Student Association are now being given back to them. In class Peterborough summer students will see their fees refunded onto their TrentU Cards.

Upcoming Topics

The province and Trent University is about to start their Strategic Mandate Agreement negotiations. This is going to effect the research and program focuses of the university as well as the targets for growth of the study body. This will also effect the new funding formula for the university instated by the province, and will likely effect how Trent adapts to the new tuition framework that the province is developing.

Levy Group Relations

Levy Fee Structural Changes

I have proposed a change in the levy fee structure to all levy groups (which will also be adopted by the TCSA for our levies), in order to breakdown all fees into a per-semester billing. This is necessary due to changes in the tuition and ancillary framework that is already effecting the rest of the university. The results of these changes we believe will have no net impact on the amount of fees collected from students. Through current part-time students will hopefully find the system more intuitive, and will allow them to be considered full-time for one semester and part-time for the other semester (which would have corresponding effects on fees inline with the rest of the university). Please see the proposed fee table for more details.

This process has also helped open a dialogue between the TCSA and other levy groups that we can hopefully build upon with future collaborations.

TCSA Outreach

I host the TCSA's radio show TCSA Talks on Trent Radio every week for its second year running. This has been a great opportunity to both increase our outreach to students over the air, and build our relationship with a longstanding levy groups.

TCSA was a sponsor for Dis-Orientation Week and held events during the week for the second year in a row. This week is organized by a collective of levy groups mainly based out of Sadlier House and was a great way to promote student engagement with anti-oppressive organising groups and to start building the TCSA's relationship and trust the groups involved.

Long Term Goal

I am starting to build the relationships the TCSA needs with the levy groups in order to create a system where levy groups can mutually help support each other. In particular, this is driven by the concerns of new levy groups have brought to the TCSA over the last few years, and by concern about how to advise groups when they want to become levy groups.

Peterborough City Outreach

This year the TCSA not only lent many of our tents to Peterborough Pulse, but also ran an activity station. The main activity was a number of elaborate hopscotch sources on the street using chalk, and colouring on the sidewalks using chalk. These activities were a huge success with the children who attended Pulse, and we got the opportunity to talk to a lot of community members and Trent Alumni.

I was also part of conversation in the summer about establishing a Peterborough Bike Share program in conjunction with Trent, the City of Peterborough, and Fleming College. Unfortunately, the timeline proposed was not possible, but hopefully the conversation can continue next summer.

TCSA Events

This year we have begun planning events through a weekly Events Committee, in order to keep the TCSA Vice Presidents informed and engaged with events. I think that is a very successful model for planning, especially considering that it is a new format, and I have also been dedicating a lot of my time to the committee. In particular, I took a lead on the Student Leadership Assembly and Frost Week, working closely with our wonderful Events Coordinator.

Committees List

- TCSA Clubs Funding Committee - weekly
- TCSA Events Committee - weekly
- Finance and Operations TCSA Standing Committee – bi-weekly
- TCSA Executive Meeting (in camera) – weekly
- Special Appeals Committee of Senate (in camera) – approx. monthly
- Senate (winter semester on behalf of the VPUC) – monthly
- Nature Areas University Committee – approx. monthly
- Bata Renovation Temporary Space Team (winter semester)
- Bata Library Renovations Student Advisory Committee (winter semester)

Respectfully submitted,
Pippa O'Brien

2016-2017 Equity Reports

Ethical Standards Commissioner

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

Commissioner Campaigns:

1. *Ethical Sourcing Subsidy*

The ethical standards subsidy will make funds available (up to \$300) for clubs and groups who are interested in sourcing locally, fair-trade, or Union-produced goods for their groups or events, who otherwise lack the financial means to do so. The subsidy is intended to be used to cover the difference of the cost of the upgraded goods. The subsidy is not simply additional funding for groups. It is a resource to tap when groups cannot afford the difference in price between cheap (potentially unethically produced goods) and ethically produced ones.

Could be used for:

- Purchasing of Merchandise:
- Clothing (for volunteers):
- Giveaways
- Food and Drink

Cannot be used for:

- Providing executive privilege
- Clothing for members
- Transportation costs
- Hospitality and lodging

Structure:

- As equity commissioner I will be championing this trial-run initiative.
- I have created a form that clubs and groups may access.
- Here they will explain the nature of their interest in the subsidy, and how it will be used.
- They will be expected to provide a copy of their financial budget, a price quote of the goods they were planning on purchasing, and the price of the upgraded ethically sourced goods

- I will also work in consultation with them if needed, to help determine how/where these upgraded goods can be procured from.
- I intend to prioritize locally produced goods, and when not applicable to refer to the Canadian Federation of Student's ethical purchasing network.
- From here we will determine what the final difference will be.
- The request for the subsidy, reviewed by myself, will then be submitted to the Clubs and Groups Committee who will approve the request

Financing:

- I proposed to finance the subsidy by holding \$2,000 of the cash reserve from the clubs and groups budget.
- Each group applying for the subsidy would be limited to a maximum of \$300
- All funding that is not used by the end of the semester would be returned to the TCSA reserve

Program Goals:

- I hope to work with a minimum of four clubs & groups this semester.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the subsidy
- To evaluate the receptiveness of student groups on campus
- Upon reviewing the success of the program, I believe the board can decide if this initiative is something worth pursuing in the future

(Motion to create Ethical Standards Clubs Subsidy was approved December 4th.)

2. Inclusion Week (February 6th - 8th)

Inclusion week is a three day event in collaboration with PACHREA, the First Peoples House of Learning, and myself on behalf of the TCSA. The workshops and events are designed to advocate for tolerance on campus, and was initially conceived to help appease the anxieties of students in the wake of the results of the American Election:

Committees:

Elections Committee:

The Elections Committee shall be comprised of three (3) directors in accordance with operating policy. In addition there shall be a Chief Electoral Officer who shall act as Chair of the Committee, and a Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, both appointed for a term coinciding with that of the Board in accordance with operating policy, subject to revision as required.

PACHREA:

The Presidential Advisory Council on Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility (PACHREA) is a standing advisory committee to the President and Vice-Chancellor of Trent University. Its purpose is to oversee the formulation, implementation, monitoring and review of the University's equality, diversity and disability policies and practice and to assist the Human Rights Advisor in preparing and maintaining an institutional action plan to ensure that these policies are translated into programs of action and to report annually to Board of Governors on such matters. The following are PACHREA's key areas of responsibility:

- Human Rights and Non-discrimination
- Equity
- Accessibility

PACHREA has struck a sub-committee specifically designed to help address concerns related to challenging oppression on campus. The committee has met twice, with the sub-committee meeting an additional two times. One of the initiatives coming out of the sub-committee is the inclusion week initiative.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Maufont

Gender Issues Commissioner

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

I am member of the GAP (Grocery Assistance Program) Committee as well as the CASSC Mental Health Sub-Committee. My future events planned are: a campaign centered about the importance of pronouns ending with a pronoun button making event in late February around the 27th or 28th, having a safe space lunch with a two spirit speaker later in the day around March 6th to the 10, distress movie night with snacks around March 23rd to 24th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shoshawna Hill

International Students Commissioner

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

As a part of my role of an International Students Commissioner, in the Fall semester I organized events, attended conferences, sat on various committees and worked as a liaison between TCSA, TISA (Trent International Student Association) and WUSC (World University Service of Canada).

International Café

In September, I hosted an event called 'International Café' as a part of the DisOrientation Week. I hosted the event outdoors and with some treats from the Seasoned Spoon had a productive conversation with international students. Attendance was satisfactory and input I got from attendees on concerns of international students was definitely appreciated.

Trainings and Conferences

I attended and actively participated in WUSC Training. The training was a learning experience and I shared what I have learned with the WUSC at Trent team, especially focusing on the Student Refugee Program.

Along with Shanese Steele and Coty Zachariah, I attended the 35th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students in November. Before going I had several conversations with international students to make sure their voices are heard and well represented. I was a part of the International Students Constituency where I contributed to the conversation and voted on CFS motions related to international students on behalf of Trent students. I also helped with the Fight the Fees campaign at Trent.

Committees

I sat on several committees as a voting member. One, which I would like to highlight, is the AVP International Search Committee. As a part of this Committee, I reviewed applications and interviewed candidates for the position of the new AVP International. I believe it was important and beneficial to have a student representation along with the staff and faculty members.

Upcoming Events

In the coming months of the Winter semester I am planning to host an info session on the TI(P) Camp location change. I will collaborate with VP University and College Affairs, Anna Leonova, in preparations for this event. We are planning to invite representatives from TI(P) office and administration who would give reasoning behind, in

view of many international students, controversial decision on changing the TI(P) camp location. This would also be an opportunity to gather the feedback from international students on how to make the transition from the camp to on-campus environment as smooth as possible while keeping the TIP camp spirit.

Another event I will be working on along with TISA and WUSC at Trent is the TISA-WUSC gala on which more details will follow in the upcoming weeks.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivana Sekularac

Queer Commissioner

To the attention of general membership of the TCSA,

To begin I would like to emphasize how much of privilege it has been to be the Queer Commissioner of the TCSA for the 2016-2017 year. Throughout the year I have the pleasure of meeting many amazing people across Trent's campus and be inspired by the amazing people that make this place so special. Below is a review and reflection of my year. I would also like to extend a big thank you to this year's executive and board for all of their support and encouragement.

On June 12th the queer community, along with our many allies, were devastated to hear of the tragic shooting in Orlando Florida at the Pulse night club. The shooter targeted black and brown queer bodies and although it took place over 2,000 km away, the Trent community was deeply affected by this kind of hate. In order to give people the opportunity to come together, I organized a vigil that was held in Confederation Park on June 13th. The planning was quick and there was over 200 people in attendance with strong media coverage. This was a heartening turnout with the event being held within 12 hours of the time it was first posted on Facebook. The vigil was a candlelight vigil and over 20 speakers took the megaphone to share messages of love and support. Speakers included many different members of the LGBTQ2+ community, such as Em Glasspool the founder of Courage Peterborough. Many allies were in attendance also, and The Hon. Maryam Monsef MP of Peterborough also offered words of love. The media coverage of the event was extensive and helped getting such a high attendance. I emailed every single news outlet in the Peterborough area and so many different people picked it up. This included an in studio interview from CHEX, as well as their coverage at the event itself. I was also interviewed the following day by CBC Radio news, and Wei Chen of the CBC for her program. Below I will attach links to various coverage of the event.

Along with the Executive team, I aided in organizing a bus going the Pride parade in Toronto. Although there were some communication issues throughout the planning process, the bus was almost full and I think that it was valuable experience for all those I received feedback from. I would encourage that the TCSA continue to provide students the opportunity to travel to Toronto for the parade, along with supporting Peterborough's parade, to give students the opportunity to meet and be inspired by LGBTQ2+ people from around the world.

After the election in the United States there was increase in marginalized people being discriminated against, and feeling uncomfortable in Peterborough/ Nogojiwanong and at Trent. As a result grassroots organizers on campus began a "Make Trent Safe" campaign that is demanding that the administration of Trent take allegations of discrimination seriously, and make a concerted effort to ensure that marginalized voices feel welcome and safe on campus. There was a rally that took place on Bata Podium, and a march that went across the campus on November 16th. I had the opportunity to speak and will attach what I said at the end of this report. It was also published in the Arthur on November 24th. I continue to work with the organizers of Make Trent Safe to bring forward tangible demands from the administration that will result in more inclusion throughout the campus.

After the time that this report was due, I have planned a social afternoon for members of the LGBTQ2+ community, "Queer Tea and Treats Social". It will be catered by the Seasoned Spoon, and is an opportunity for students to provide some feedback about what they would like to see as Queer students on campus. This is also an opportunity for people to come together in a non-politicized setting that is also not alcohol focused. Throughout the year I heard a consistent ask for a social non-alcohol event and am happy that it will be happening on January 27th.

Media Coverage of Orlando Shooting Vigil

CHEX TV news clip:

<http://www.chextv.com/2016/06/13/vigil-held-in-peterborough-for-victims-of-mass-shooting-in-orlando-florida/>

CBC Ontario Morning interview with Annette and Wei Chen (begins at 29:10)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/ontario-morning-podcast-monday-june-13-2016-1.3632445>

Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Pedlar

Students with Disabilities Commissioner

To the attention of the General Membership of the TCSA,

I am the current Student with Disabilities Commissioner. I sit on the Orientation committee and we are working to plan all of the Orientation events.

One plan for this year is to create a poster campaign that talks about differences between disabilities and how words that seem harmless can affect a person. There is a wide range of disabilities and some come with more struggles than others. My goal for the campaign is to give the opportunity to learn more about disabilities and to show that they are not something to be ashamed of.

The second thing I am planning is to create a place where students can send concerns of accessibility to an email so that the TCSA can then advocate to the appropriate departments and work to create solutions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Clark

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Champlain College Commissioner

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

This year has been a very successful year so far. The relationship between TCSA and Champlain has been great. With TCSA's help the Milk Run during Frost week was successful we had a great turnout. Next year we are thinking about getting other TCSA commissioners from every college more involved and making it a true pan college event.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cydney Habraken

Gzowski College Commissioner

To the attention of the General Membership of the TCSA,

I took my position as Gzowski College TCSA Commissioner at the beginning of the winter semester and from there I have been settling into this role. My main focus is to

relay any and all information from TCSA to Gzowski College and to help support Gzowski College Cabinet and other committees. Gzowski College Cabinet has several large events planned for the winter semester:

1. Enweying 2017: An Event About Extraordinary Ideas which is occurring January 28th from 9:30am-4pm.
2. Raffle Sale
 - Proceeds will go towards Autism Canada
3. Gzowski's Winter College Weekend that is occurring February 10th-12th.
 - Cheer Rally
 - Farmers market
 - Trail hikes
4. Gzowski's Formal, which is occurring March 23rd.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lea Rodgers-Balgobin

Lady Eaton College Commissioner

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

As my second term as Lady Eaton College's TCSA Commissioner, I have worked to continue LEC's strong relationship with the TCSA. I have worked to liaise between the two groups, and have found both open to the opinions and concerns of the other. I am excited to pass this position on to a new individual in the upcoming academic year and look forward to them having the same great experience in this position I have.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandon Rimmelgas

Otonabee College Commissioner

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

I took my position as Otonabee College TCSA Commissioner in fall 2016. My main role being in this position is to relay information from TCSA to cabinet and essentially be a liaison between the two.

Otonabee College has just recently hosted their formal on January 19, which went very well and was almost sold out. Throughout the year we have also had a few crafting nights. Last semester we had a nature walk that was hosted around exam time to help students de-stress. We are planning on doing another de-stress event this semester as well but the event is still in discussion. We did a social at Riley's, which was very enjoyable

and we are planning on having another because the turn out and comments on the first were great. Our athletics representatives are in the midst of planning the Trent Mudder with the date to be announced shortly.

Respectfully submitted,
Brianna Joseph

2016-2017 Senate Report

To the attention of the general membership of the Trent Central Student Association,

As Student Senators, this fall has offered the opportunity to continue to foster our relationship with staff, faculty, and our peers through avenues presented at Senate. Most notably, Senators have participated in discussions surrounding the evolution and creation of new program opportunities for students, such as the Swansea Law Program and specializations to encourage professional development. Furthermore, Senators have been active participants in conversations surrounding the direction Trent University is moving in through dialogues about the provincial funding formula and the upcoming Strategic Mandate Agreement negotiations. Additionally, this fall we have had the privilege of closely working with and supporting the students we represent by guiding students on how to reach out to faculty and/or senior administration, as well as ensuring that as elected leaders we advocate on behalf of student voices that may go unheard.

As we begin to progress through the second term, we are looking forward to continuing the precedent set by our past colleagues by working on student-led motions for Senate. We are also excited to participate in the conversations surrounding the renovations of Bata Library and the impact the transition will have on students. Through collaboration we intend to further strengthen and build our relationship as undergraduates with graduate students and our colleagues in Durham to unify the student body. As negotiations with the government surrounding the Strategic Mandate Agreement begin, we as Senators are motivated to collect feedback from the populations we represent to shape the Trent University we wish to see in the coming years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Carswell-Gate (Chair of Student Senate Caucus)