

TRENT CENTRAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Winter Semi-Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, February 6th, 2018 @12:00pm
Events Space, Trent Student Centre

Minutes

Attendance*:

Lindsay Yates (1)
Amino Yusuf (2)
Brandon Remmelgas (3)
Kali Pieters (4)
Kenneth Mills (5)
Si Hu (6)
Christina Jibb (7)
Alisher Turubayev (8)
Brendan Bell-Earle (9)
Ann-Majella McKelvie (10)
Kassandra Tancorre (11)
Jeff Perez (12)
Ryan Sova (13)
Emma Johns (14)
Olivia Wright (15)
Khushbu Patel (16)
Ankit Tripathi (17)
Yami Asefa (18)
Maya Saunders (19)
Tinashe MacHokoto (20)
Nilgun Tunali (21)
Christopher Giordano (22)

***List Verified at SAGM Entry, and when reconciling meeting minutes.**

1. Call to Order
TIME: 12:21pm

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Seaby Reads aloud *“The Trent Central Student Association wishes to acknowledge the Anishnaabe and Mississauga peoples and their traditional territory, in which this meeting is taking place”*, as an expression of gratitude.

3. Chairs Remarks

Chair Seaby explains that the SAGM requires 20 members to be present for the business of the meeting to occur. If someone needs to leave that is okay, but if the number of members in the room drops below 20 then the meeting will not be able to conduct business. Another point that everyone should be aware of is that the meeting will operate by Robert's Rules of Order. This means that all motions will be duly moved, seconded, discussed, and then voted upon. The meeting will operate by speakers list, but take account for first time speakers and operate by gender parity. New by-law amendments are out of order. Every by-law change presented today has been available online for consideration by our members for three weeks. These amendments do not necessarily need to be approved, but they were approved by ORDC and have been moved with the endorsement of the TCSA Board of Directors. Policy Resolutions are in order. Please state your assigned number when speaking.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2018.02.06 Winter Semi-Annual General Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved by: Alisher Turubayev; Seconded by: Si Hu

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the 2017.10.18 Fall Semi-Annual General Meeting be approved.

Moved by: Ann-Majella McKelvie; Seconded by: Si Hu

Chair Seaby describes the minutes to those present.

Carried

6. Director Reports

MOTION: Be it resolved that submitted Director Reports for the 2017-2018 term be approved.

Moved by: Kali Peiters; Seconded by: Brendan Bell-Earle

President Rimmelgas reviews his report, stating that the Transit service has been increased again this year. He would like to highlight that the weekend service has been doubled to occur every 20 minutes, and that the late night service runs every night of the week (except Sunday & Monday). He is happy to report that the last complaint received regarding the transit service occurred last semester.

The benefits plan switched providers this year, and after a transition period things are running smoothly. He would like to highlight the changes that we will introduce to the plan moving forward as OHIP+ is introduced. In the future the benefits plan will target additional coverage that will benefit students.

The Student Centre opened this year and has seen a lot of use by students. With the closure of Bata Library for renovations, space in the Student Centre is the next best option for students looking for a place to study.

President Rimmelgas would like to highlight that wages rose this year in response to the minimum wage increase. He is happy to report that the Association was able to absorb this increase and other increases to maintain wages at their current % above minimum wage with no cuts to our existing campaigns and advocacy budgets which are part of the total Operations budget of the Association.

He would like to note that the Indigenous Students Commissioner and International Students Commissioner positions are going to be filled on the TCSA Board by appointment moving forward. These changes are being made in consultation with TISA & TUNA as a way to ensure the advocacy work of these positions continues effectively.

One final point he would like to mention is that the new VP of Student Health & Wellness is going to be available to run for in this year's election.

Molly Hu states that some of the numbers from her report have changed since the time of submitting her report. This is due to more clubs being approved as a part of the existing clubs process. She is pleased to announce that there is more funding available this year due to the successful club's levy increase that was secured last year. The ongoing digitization of clubs records is going to mean that the Association has an easily accessible reference for clubs and groups. She is also pleased to announce that the Green Dishes program has been very successful this year. It has enabled clubs, who host events with food and drink to access plates, and another items instead of having to buy disposable things. Groups around campus are using clubs and Groups spaces in the Student Centre, for both storage & events. One final remark is that the Clubs & Groups Day for the winter semester will likely occur in the great hall next year. The Events Space in the Student Centre is too small.

Carried

7. Financial Statements

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2017 Financial Statements be approved.

Moved by: Olivia Wright; Seconded by: Ryan Sova

Brandon Rimmelgas & Ops Manager Milne explains the financial statements as the accountant presents them in the financial documents.

President Rimmelgas would like to highlight that this year an audit of our finances was not recommended by the accountant. If the membership feels it is necessary then we can proceed with it. However, the Association can save approximately \$8000.00 if we forgo the audit. To give some assurance, we have internal procedures within the Association to guarantee accountability. First, every expense is for budget line is accounted for by a Expense requisition form. Also, the accountant reconciles our monthly financial records to ensure that expenses are accurate.

Carried

8. ORDC Submitted Motion: By-Law Amendments

MOTION: Be it resolved that the proposed by-law amendments be adopted as presented & recommended by the Organizational Review & Development Committee.

Moved by: ORDC; Seconded by: Ryan Sova

Chair Seaby goes over the by-laws included in the package. The first two amendments are being made to ensure that the language for our fees section of the by-laws is clear and easy to understand.

By-Law amendment 3 is twofold. The first change reflected a referendum related amendment that changes the credit trigger for when Levies are charged to 1.5 credits per semester. There is also some clarification of language in this section of the by-law.

By-law amendment 4 is a change to the Director positions to make the Indigenous & International Students Commissioners appointed from TISA & TUNA.

By-Law amendment 5 repeals a by-law that is no longer necessary due to the change in how those Directors are put onto the board.

By-Law amendments 6 & 7 introduce language that makes it possible for those positions to be appointed.

By-Law amendment 8 & 10 makes changes to the *ex officio* terminology to make it inclusive of the International & Indigenous Commissioners.

By-Law amendment 9 is a correction.

By-law amendment 11 changes the rules for meeting of the membership. Although it preserves a majority of the rules surround SAGM or Meetings as they are already written, certain changes that should be noted is that SAGMs will be the only opportunities for by-law amendments (outside of referendum), that meetings of the membership can be called by members via a petition of 20 signatures, and that meeting of the membership can make / amend policy resolutions, challenge decisions of the board for reconsideration, add items to agendas of board meetings.

By-law amendment 12 means that standing committee minutes will be attached as appendixes to the Board's meeting minutes in the weeks they coincide with.

By-law amendment 13 is another change to expand what the term *ex officio* applies to.

By-law amendment 14 will make changes to initiation of referenda by-laws, and specify that referenda pertaining to levy group fees shall only occur in the Spring Elections of the Association. There is also a change under this by-law to clarify that referenda pertaining initiation, removal, or specific charges of levy group fees need to be initiated by petition.

By-law amendment 15 will make the Association be able to host electoral events at any location that the elections committee deems best for student accessibility and voter turnout.

By-law amendment 16 will change the number of weeks the by-law amendment package must be posted prior to SAGM from 3 weeks to 2 weeks.

By-law change 17 is a repeal of language that is redundant with the new By-laws for meetings of the membership.

Chair Seaby invites any discussion about the changes as they have been presented

Carried

9. ORDC Submitted Motion: Operating Resolutions Amendments

MOTION: Be it resolved that the presented operating resolution amendments & renewals be adopted as recommended by the Organizational Review & Development Committee.

Moved by: ORDC; Seconded by: Lindsay Yates

Chair Seaby goes over the Operating Resolution Amendment presented. He states that it follows from the by-law changes that were just presented that make the International Students Commissioner and Indigenous Students Commissioner appointed.

Carried

10. Any Other Business

None

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2018.02.06 Winter Semi-Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Alisher Turubayev; Seconded by: Olivia Wright

Carried

TIME: 1:01pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Matthew Seaby
Association Resource Manager