



trent central student association

your student union

The fourth meeting of the Trent Central Student Association occurred on Sunday, 4 October 2009 at 1.16 pm in the AJM Smith Conference Room, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Present: Andrew MacLean, *ex officio* (Chair)
Brian Kombani (President)
Rohan Rajpal (Vice President & Corporate Secretary)
John Paul Nyereka (Vice President Student Issues)
Sako Khederlarian (Vice President Membership Service)
Emily Selander (Environmental & Sustainability Commissioner)
Brea Hutchison (Gender Issues Commissioner)
Scott Brown (Champlain College Commissioner)
Lisa Marshall (Champlain Senator)
Veronica Armstrong (Lady Eaton College Commissioner)
Allen Priest (Lady Eaton Senator)
Adam Butz (Otonabee College Commissioner)
James Murphy (Otonabee Senator)
Dwayne Collins, *ex officio* (Steward of Sadleir House)
Greg Mounteny, *ex officio* (Lady Eaton College Prime Minister)
Jeremy Banks (Gzowski President)
Molly Parteno, *ex officio* (Otonabee President)
Laura McKeigue, *ex officio* (Board Secretary)

Regrets: Ayesha Ashgar (Anti-Racism)
Dakota Brant (Indigenous Students Commissioner)
Ayad Sbeyti (International Students Commissioner)
Charlotte Doyle (Queer Students Commissioner)
Emily Blondin Doan (Women's Commissioner)
Lia Flanders (Gzowski Senator)
Tony Stirzaker (Traill College Commissioner)
Sarah Hutcheon (Traill College Senator)
Simon Wallace (Board of Governors)

Absent:

1) Speaker's Remarks

Speaker MacLean reminds board members that Commissioners and Executives need to attend all Board meetings. MacLean asks that in the future all regrets and additions to the agenda be emailed to chair@trentcsa.ca.

2) President's Remarks

President Kombani notes that in light of his 25th birthday he has realized how valuable time is, and that not many people have been considerate of one another's time for TCSA business. Kombani reminds Board Members that it is their duty to attend Board meetings, as they ran for office and are letting down students who voted for them, as well as wasting other Board Members' time. Kombani thanks all Board Members who are in attendance.

3) Adoption of Agenda

TCSA: 10.04.09-01

Motion: Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Moved by: Adam Butz; Seconded by: Scott Brown

Lady Eaton College Commissioner Armstrong would like to have the date listed on the agenda corrected from 2 October to 4 October. Vice President & Corporate Secretary Rajpal asks that Sadleir House Funding be made the fifth item on the agenda, after the minutes have been approved, and Benefits moved to the sixth item.

Motion to amend: Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Moved by: Adam Butz; Seconded by: Rohan Rajpal

Motion Carried.

Motion Carried.

4) Approval of minutes from summer committee Aug. 11 and Sept. 6

TCSA: 10.04.09-02

Motion: Be it resolved that the minutes of Aug. 11 and Sept. 2 be approved.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Allen Priest

Motion Carried. 3 abstentions

5) Sadleir House Funding

Guest Dwayne Collins presents report on planned funding for Sadleir House (Appendix I). Collins notes that earlier this year Sadleir House was given a \$5000 promissory note by the Trent Central Student Association for funding. Budget shows the \$5000 promissory note from the Trent Central Student Association, along with an extra \$2500 being contributed by Sadleir House. Main items in the budget include \$2500 for new carpeting, \$2500 for lighting, \$1400 for bookcases and \$100 for recognition to the Trent Central Student Association.

President Kombani questions what form of recognition will be going to the Trent Central Student Association. Collins plans to have a plaque/frame placed in a prominent location, stating that the refurbishment of the space was provided generously by the Trent Central Student Association.

Kombani asks how soon renovations will be started. Collins notes that if the budget is approved today

he will start calling contractors tomorrow.

TCSA: 10.04.09-03

Motion: Be it resolved that the Sadleir House renovations budget be approved.

Moved by: Sako Khederlarian; Seconded by: Lisa Marshall

Otonabee Senator Murphy questions whether the Sadleir House has investigated increasing their levy. Collins explains that the levy is already indexed, and the budget is not tight enough to warrant a levy increase. Murphy feels uncomfortable providing further funding, as Sadleir House is already receiving a levy which should be used to cover all expenses.

Motion Carried. 1 abstention

6) Benefits Investment

TCSA: 10.04.09-04

Motion: Be it resolved that the Benefit Investment plan be adopted.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison

Move to call to question

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison

Motion Carried. 1 abstention

Motion Carried. 2 abstentions

7) Summer executive and benefits report

Vice President Membership Service Khederlarian discusses the new Trent Central Student Association image in report (Appendix II). Advises that while this does not change the official name of the association, it is a different way of viewing and representing what the Trent Central Student Association could be, has received a lot of positive feedback from students about change to The Central. Has met with membership committee to discuss the Iron Chef event, already has a lot of sponsors, it will be one month long in November, more details will be available in the next board meeting. Introductory Seminar Week report will be available in the next meeting.

Vice President & Corporate Secretary Rajpal presents his report (Appendix III), he saw no financial system in place upon starting his position. For the first month of the summer he focused on completing the backlog, he has now caught up to the present date. In addition, he began creating a Food Aid Program in which students unable to afford food can pick up a week supply of donated food from the Trent Central Student Association. Rajpal tried to reformat the way that clubs and groups apply and receive funding, in order to make a process which remains consistent year to year.

Vice President Student Issues Nyereka spent the summer looking at having water fountains installed across campus (Appendix IV). Started on the Drop Fees campaign, worked with Khederlarian at

Introductory Seminar Week and will be working together on Cover Me campaign.

Otonabee Senator Murphy questions what has come from the trip to Guelph University to see the private residences, as well as what it cost the association. Nyereka advises that the group has not yet come together to make an official report of the trip. Rajpal notes that there was no cost to the association, and Nyereka says that administration wanted the group to attend. Speaker MacLean reminds Board that this can be readdressed in the Other Business portion of meeting.

TCSA: 10.04.09-05

Motion: Be it resolved that the summer executive and benefits reports be approved.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Adam Butz

Motion Carried.

8) Benefits Report

Speaker MacLean advises that because the benefits report was not circulated prior to the meeting it will be up to the Board's discretion to put up a motion.

Vice President & Corporate Secretary Rajpal present report on plan to include levied student group Trent staff on benefits plan, such as Trent radio and Sadleir House. This will not cost the Trent Central Student Association anything, but will be a token of good will.

Gzowski Representative Jeremy Bankes asks if it will be like part-time students, where they have the option to opt in, or will the association be paying?

Rajpal advises that employees will pay a health and benefits fee, but will not have to be members of the association. Lady Eaton College Prime Minister Mounteny asks if this will create a policy change for the association. Speaker MacLean advises that it will be investigated whether this will create a policy change.

Champlain College Commissioner Brown would like to know how many levied student groups have full time employees that are non-students, Rajpal does not have exact numbers, but not very many.

Murphy suggests moving issue to next meeting, as need time to consider and read over report.

Speaker MacLean notes this will be added to agenda for the meeting following Thanksgiving once Rajpal emails report as an item.

9) Budget

Vice President & Corporate Secretary Rajpal advises that he will be presenting the first draft of the Trent Central Student Association budget (Appendix V). However, it is not the final copy which will be presented at the AGM.

Vice President Membership Service Khederlarian asks how the revenue and expense items are shown on the report, Rajpal explains if an item has a net worth it is only recorded as a revenue item, and not an expense. The Association has \$20 000 dollars less to work with from levies this year. However, office revenue is expected to increase because of Go tickets, as well as consignment books.

The Association has increased ATM charges, expect some more money from that, the revenue from merchandise is also expected to rise with the rebranding. Mounteny would like to know if association can look at ATM fee increase, since there was a vote to decrease it last year. Rajpal would like to remind Board that the Trent Central Student Association is in a poor financial state and will need some revenue if there is not a levy increase. Advises that the ATM charges were increased to \$1.50, which is standard for an ATM machine. Champlain College Commissioner Brown questions if the \$500 promised by the ATM Company for staying with them has been included in the report, Rajpal advises it was put under revenue from advertising.

Mounteny addresses why an extra \$1000 was spent on Sex with Sue when only \$2500 was approved by the Board. Khederlarian will break down the budget during the Sex with Sue discussion listed on the agenda. Mounteny asks about the IBI program, \$13 000 was spent last year to develop a business plan, to see if Trent Central Student Association should go into developing a student centre. The employee hired to investigate this idea concluded that the association could not afford this venture, and decided not to use IBI services until needed.

Vice President Student Issues Nyereka says that the \$2000 spent on water fountains was forgotten in draft budget.

Rajpal advises that the association receives a levy of \$120 000, but needs \$150 000 for wages, including honorarium. In order to run association it needs to make revenue, the other option is to increase the student levy. Advises that the Consumer Price Index increases do not match minimum wage increases, attorney fees increase etc. Trent has the lowest levy for their student association in all of Ontario, next to York and University of Toronto, who have enough students to make up for it, the operating costs have risen yet the levy has not been changed in fifteen years.

Murphy would like to know how much money was spent on the student centre project. Rajpal advises that the student finished her report on the student centre, and the office manager has assigned her tasks to assist with for duration of her contract. Staff cost was the only money spent on project.

TCSA: 10.04.09-06

Motion: Be it resolved that the draft budget agenda be approved pending noted changes.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Jeremy Bankes

Recommendations for water fountains costs will be added, as well as Sex with Sue additional expenses, and the IBI project will be looked into further.

Motion Carried.

10) University Committee Memberships

Vice President & Corporate Secretary Rajpal sent reminders to Board to look through committee positions available. As members of the Board, each person must sit on a committee. Members are advised to choose now or they will be assigned a position. Champlain College Commissioner Brown wishes to sit on Pub Advisory. Rajpal advises if committees have positions left over it can be opened to part time or full time students who have shown interest. Rajpal can approve members on committees now so that they can begin attending meetings right away, and future additions can be approved at a later date.

TCSA: 10.04.09-07

Motion: Be it resolved that the board members who have volunteered for University Committee Memberships to date be approved.

Moved by: Sako Khederlarian; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison

Motion Carried.

Members will now need to start attending committee meetings, and report on what happens to board of directors.

11) Election updates

Environmental & Sustainability Commissioner Selander requests that anyone who has time this week volunteer to sit at the polling stations. Voting will be held in Otonabee College from Monday to Friday 10am-4pm, there are 6 candidates running for 4 positions. Otonabee College Commissioner Butz suggests that next year the elections and Anti-Poverty be scheduled at different times.

Otonabee Senator Murphy notes that Active Minds collected a petition with over 10% students agreeing with a \$1.00 levy six months ago. Bylaw 14, section 4 states that public notice must be made one week prior to a referendum, however this was started six months ago.

TCSA: 10.04.09-08

Motion: Be it resolved that Active Minds have the option to run a Referendum in upcoming election.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Sako Khederlarian

Motion out of order.

Selander requests that the chief electoral officer position receive a final decision from the Board, as needs official permission to get access to keys, equipment etc.

TCSA: 10.04.09-09

Motion: Be it resolved that Emily Selander become the new Chief Electoral Officer.

Moved by: Sako Khederlarian; Seconded by: Adam Butz

Motion Carried. 2 abstentions**12) Sue Johanson event updates**

Vice President Membership Service Khederlarian summarizes that the event was a success and most students were happy, outside of a small group who were not. Gender Issues Commissioner Hutchison would like to note that the unhappy people in the Arthur were not just a small group; a lot of people are against Sue Johansson's politics.

TCSA: 10.04.09-10

Motion: Be it resolved that all additional expenses incurred up to \$1000 be approved.

Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Veronica Armstrong

Khederlarian breaks down the additional expenses. The change in venue location to Showcase was necessary due to the amount of student interest shown. Did not account for taxes and extra expense of Sue Johansson's ride here and back to Toronto. However, received \$800 in sponsorship, and once this is accounted for the event only cost \$3500 in total. Otonabee College Commissioner Butz would like to know how many Trent students attended, Khederlarian notes capacity was 650 people, and Trent had a little more than half the seats. Butz would like to know how much association went over planned budget in total, Khederlarian advises an estimated \$100.

Move to call to question

Moved by: Scott Brown; Seconded by: Rohan Rajpal

Motion Carried.

Motion Carried. 1 abstention

13) Any other business

Mounteny would like to inform the Board that he has been working with Walk Home who wants to petition for a levy.

President Kombani announces that he needs one representative from each college to join the Organization Review and Development Committee, and he will be sending out an email later this week.

Gender Issues Commissioner Hutchison reports that she has a petition for the Trent Central Student Association to stay in the Canadian Federation of Students with 1436 signatures.

TCSA: 10.04.09-11

Motion: Whereas; The Trent Central Student Association should follow up on what their campaign ideas and objectives,

And whereas; the issue surrounding defederation is a divisive and toxic to the student environment here at Trent,

And whereas; The Central should be committing our time and resources to issues to more productive issues

Be it resolved: The Trent Central Student Association and member of the Board of Directors refuse to endorse, support or campaign, for against the cause of defederation.

Moved by: Brea Hutchinson; Seconded by: Sako Khederlarian

Champlain College Commissioner Brown asks for clarification, Hutchison states she is motioning for the Trent Central Student Association to remain neutral in response to the referendum to leave the Canadian Federation of Students, until a referendum has been scheduled. Otonabee Senator Murphy believes that the pre-amble to motion is unclear. Vice President Membership Service Khederlarian

notes that if the student body wants a referendum the Trent Central Student Association will support them, no need to discuss a stance. Hutchison argues that since neither of the petitions have been validated by the Canadian Federation of Students or the Trent Central Student Association, there should be a motion stating that the association will remain neutral until the referendum.

Move to call to question.

Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Veronica Armstrong

Motion Carried.

Motion Defeated.

TCSA: 10.04.09-12

Motion: Be it resolved that the above motion (TCSA: 10.04.09-11) be deferred indefinitely.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Jeremy Bankes

While members agree with the substance of Hutchison's motion, the language in the preamble is contradictory and incorrect with the use of the word 'defederation'.

Move to call to question.

Moved by: Sako Khederlarian; Seconded by: Scott Brown

Motion Carried. 1 abstention

Motion Carried. 5 abstentions

TCSA: 10.04.09-13

Motion: Be it resolved that the Trent Central Student Association remain unpartisan, and not show any favouritism. If students want a referendum then the Trent Central Student Association will remain neutral on all subject matter regarding the referendum, until it is put forth by the students.

Moved by: Scott Brown; Seconded by: Lisa Marshall

Champlain Senator Marshall states that as the organization represents the whole university, the association needs to be neutral to referendum. However, members can maintain personal opinions when not representing the association. Vice President Student Issues Nyereka believes that the association should be officially neutral, and announce this position when approached for interviews.

Move to call to question.

Moved by: Lisa Marshall; Seconded by: Brian Kombani

Motion Defeated.

Motion to amend: Be it resolved that the line "until it is put forth by the students" be taken from the motion so that it now reads, "Be it resolved

that the Trent Central Student Association remain unpartisan and not show any favouritism; if students want a referendum then the Trent Central Student Association will remain neutral on all subject matter regarding the referendum.”

Moved by: John Paul Nyereka; Seconded by: James Murphy

Motion Carried. 1 abstention

Motion Carried. 2 abstentions

TCSA: 10.04.09-15

Motion: Be it resolved that the Board asks that all directors consider their time impediments to their participation in light of quorum requirements.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Brian Kombani

Murphy states that if members do not attend meetings they should be removed from office. Gender Issues Commissioner Hutchison argues that some directors cannot attend due to religious conflicts and Board should find better meeting time.

Champlain Senator Marshall agrees that there could be valid reasons as to why directors are missing meetings, there should be an investigation into this, but office removals should ultimately be an executive decision. Motion on table is not to remove people from office, but that executives must send letter for directors to look at time commitments. Vice President Membership Service Khederlarian thinks motion should be deferred, but executives will make note of complaint and send a message to directors.

Vice President & Corporate Secretary Rajpal says that the meeting times should not be changed since they have been put into the student agenda so that students can attend, and it would be too complicated to find a time which would suit everyone. Hutchison argues that the Sunday meetings forces students to sacrifice part of their identity, such as religion, to represent students. Marshall suggests that time change should be investigated for next year.

Speaker moves to vote.

Motion Carried. 3 abstentions

Marshall would like to advise that the implementation of hand sanitation for bus stops was suggested at the Champlain College Cabinet meeting. Khederlarian notes that Peterborough transit has stated this is not feasible, but they will put out literature on sanitation. Issue must first go through the Transportation Committee.

Nyereka advises that Anti-Poverty week starts Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. in Otonabee College room 203. Would also like to announce that Gzowski College now has a new water fountain, and there are three more fountains to come.

Mounteny states that when looking at the academic calendar it is written that students graduate on the academic calendar for the year they started, would like to have calendar revised to clarify.

Otonabee President Parteno notes that this must be brought up with the Policy Committee.

Rajpal announces that a separate Trent Central Student Association email has been developed to take student complaints regarding academic policies. He will look through the complaints and forward to the appropriate committees. Otonabee Senator Murphy requests that these complaints also be forwarded to Senate offices.

Rajpal reminds everyone to attend their committee meetings, will be sent times and dates of meetings by email.

13) Adjournment

TCSA: 10.04.09-16

Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Lisa Marshall; Seconded by: Adam Butz

Motion Carried.

3:54 meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McKeigue
Board Secretary