



trent central student association

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The sixth meeting of the Trent Central Student Association occurred on Sunday, 15 November 2009 at 3.09 pm in the AJM Smith Conference Room, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Present:

- Andrew MacLean (Board Speaker)
- 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)
- Dakota Brant (Indigenous Students Commissioner)
- Lisa Marshall (Champlain Senator)
- Adam Butz (Otonabee College Commissioner)
- Veronica Armstrong (Lady Eaton College Commissioner)
- James Murphy (Otonabee Senator)
- Cory Humphrey (First Year On-Res)
- Christina Warren (Ethical Standards Commissioner)
- Greg Mounteny (Lady Eaton President) filling in for LEC Senior Senator
- Molly Parteno, *ex officio* (Otonabee President)
- Jeremy Bankes (Gzowski College Representative)
- Russell Ferguson (Gzowski College Commissioner)
- Steven Nelson (Mature Student Commissioner)
- Sheldon Willerton, *ex officio* (Guest Presenter)
- Will Dowkes, *ex officio* (Guest)
- Kim Sweeney (Students Disabilities Commissioner)
- Clay Powell, *ex officio* (Guest)
- Hugh Goldring (Trail College Sr. Senator)
- Alex Nevin (Traill College Commissioner)
- Maryam Monsef, *ex officio*
- Ayad Sbeyti (International Students Commissioner)
- Laura McKeigue (Board Secretary)

Absent:

- Ayesha Asghar (Anti Racism Commissioner)
- Scott Brown (Champlain Commissioner)
- Simon Wallace (Board of Governors)
- Emily Blondin Doan (Women's Commissioner)
- Charlotte Doyle (Queer Students Commissioner)
- Lia Flanders (Gzowski College Senator)
- Michael Bushara (Lady Eaton College Senator)
- Michelle Hisson (First Year Off-Res)

1) Speaker's Remarks

Speaker MacLean provides an update on the matter of WebCT communication between Board members, access has been removed for directors until an alternative method of communication has been found. He notes that the head of colleges has shown an interest in sitting as the staff member on WebCT, if people agree with this it can be taken care of in the any other business item in the agenda or by email.

A problem has arisen regarding with Catherine Parr Traill College representation, on page 9 of the policy book, bylaw 5 2.1, it states that the college cabinet senator must be elected by the students. There is no proof that there has been an election for this year's trail college cabinet commissioners, thus the only representative who holds a vote at this time is the Traill College Commissioner. MacLean notes that he is open to recognize the Senator at a later time, but not until he sees proof of an election.

TCSA: 11.15.09-01

Motion: Be it resolved that the Chair's decision to deny recognition of the Traill College Senator is challenged by the Board.

Moved by: Sako Khederlarian; Seconded by: Veronica Armstrong

Vice President Membership Service Khederlarian argues that the University administration has recognized the Traill College Senator; the Board should do the same. Traill students have been notified of this appointment by email, there are currently four members sitting on cabinet. Vice President Student Issues Nyereka does not agree that the University acknowledging the Traill Senator should be enough for the Board to do the same, he suggests an emergency election. Vice President & Corporate Secretary Rajpal claims that the policy is not clear enough, the motion can stand for this meeting but not become a permanent ruling.

Motion Carried. 2 abstentions

President Kombani asks how this will be figured out for the future, question will be addressed in any other business.

MacLean wishes to address the issue some directors brought forward regarding the cancelled meeting of November 8. According to page 342 of the policy book he was supposed to call the meeting to order before cancelling due to lack of quorum. MacLean apologizes to the Board for failing to follow this procedure.

2) Adoption of Meeting Agenda

TCSA: 11.15.09-02

Motion: Be it resolved that item 9) Campaigns and Communications Strategy Draft be removed from the agenda. Be it further resolved that items 13) Funding Request and 14) Levy Strategy be changed to items 9 and 10 respectively, and that the Removal from Office item on the agenda be in closed session. The acceptance of Charlotte Doyle's resignation will be address in any other

business.

Moved by: Greg Mountenay; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison

Motion carried.

3) President's Remarks

Kombani thanks Board for attendance, but notes his concern regarding member attendance in committee meetings. People also need to attend these meetings as it reflects poorly on the Board, and they need to be providing feedback to the Board.

4) Approval of Minutes (Sunday, October 4 & 18, 2009)

TCSA: 11.15.09-03

Motion: Be it resolved that the Minutes of Sunday October 4 & 18 be accepted by the Board.

Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Ayad Sbeyti

Motion carried. 1 abstention

5) TCSA AGM Update

Speaker MacLean announces on behalf of Benefits Manager Feilchenfeld that the Semi-Annual General Meeting held on November 4, 2009 cannot be accepted, as it had just members to meet quorum, but some of the students included in the count were part-time. Thus, another meeting must be held in this term, as this is a corporation and it must have two semi-annual general meetings per year. Students need to be provided with three weeks of notice prior to the meeting. The next possible date is Monday December 7.

TCSA: 11.15.09-04

Motion: Be it resolved that the Semi-Annual General Meeting will be rescheduled for Monday December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by: Ayad Sbeyti; Seconded by: Veronica Armstrong

Gender Issues Commissioner Hutchison wishes to amend motion to include that the Executives will be responsible for campus outreach and advertising for this event. This will need to be done by Monday November 16. **Friendly Amendment.**

Motion to call to question

Moved by: Ayad Sbeyti; Seconded by: Greg Mountenay

Motion Carried.

Motion carried. 1 abstention

Kombani will be altering the time to 6:00 p.m.

6) New Director Orientation Update

Rajpal announces that the orientation has been completed by the Benefits Manager Feilchenfeld, two directors were missing and they will be offered an alternative time to meet. International Students Commissioner Sbeyti recommends that directors report how useful they found the orientation to be to the Executives.

7) PRCSA Staff Health and Dental Plan Benefits

Guest speaker from Sadleir House Collins requests that the Board allow Trent Radio and Sadleir House to offer their employees health and dental premiums. Murphy reviews that the Board's concern regarding this approval is that part-time students have not been offered the same plan; the Board wishes to keep them in mind when discussing insurance for student levy group employees. This is a question of fairness. MacLean notes that Board cannot reconsider motion until someone moves to reconsider it.

TCSA: 11.15.09-05

Motion: Be it resolved that the motion denying health and dental insurance to student levy group employees be reconsidered by the Board.

Moved by: Ayad Sbeyti; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison

Murphy asks if there is new information regarding the potential coverage of part-time students. Collins argues that these issues are not connected and do not need to be dealt with simultaneously. Rajpal reminds Board that the part-time students have not approached the Board asking for coverage however, the student levy groups have. Hutchison agrees that it is not the Board's responsibility to fight on behalf of people who have not asked them to. Guest Dowkes notes that this matter has been discussed with part-time students before and it did not pass a referendum. Gzowski President Bankes advises that since part-time students must pay a Trent Central Student Association fee to opt into the health and dental insurance, the staff should have to do the same. Maclean moves to vote to reconsider the motion that failed in the last meeting.

Motion carried.

TCSA: 11.15.09-06

Motion: Be it resolved that the proposal be approved under the condition that the student levy group staff pay TCSA fees comparable to part-time students, without becoming official members of the TCSA.

Moved by: Greg Mountenay; Seconded by: Sako Khederlarian

Murphy moves to amend this motion, removing the term 'official' from describing TCSA membership.
Friendly Amendment.

Khederlarian advises that part-time students are currently unable to opt into the health and dental plan. Guest Monset has been told that the part-time students would not accept an offer to have this option, because they would be required to be an additional fee. Nyereka believes that this matter should be transferred to a task force committee so that the Board does not rush a decision without the facts and research required. Rajpal notes that adding this group is not against policy, as TCSA staff has been included without paying these fees. Lady Eaton College Prime Minister Mountenay informs Board that this motion can no longer be applied, seeing as part-time students cannot opt into the health and dental plan.

Motion Defeated.

TCSA: 11.15.09-07

Motion: Be it resolved that **TCSA: 11.15.09-06** be deferred indefinitely.

Moved by: John Paul Nyereka; Seconded by: Greg Mountenay

Motion carried. 1 abstention

TCSA: 11.15.09-08

Motion: Be it resolved that this proposal be accepted conditional on the staff paying the same fees as TCSA employees.

Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Emily Selander

Motion to amend: Be it further resolved that the TCSA will consider a similar arrangement for part-time students where it is consistent with the terms of the insurance provider.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Alex Nevin

Rajpal advises that the insurance provider will not allow part-time students to opt in without additional fees. Murphy just wants to ensure that the part-time students issue will be dealt with in the future. Environmental & Sustainability Commissioner Selander advises that as a corporation, it is not the association's job to off benefits to others, should be deferred to a committee.

Call to question.

Moved by: Veronica Armstrong; Seconded by: Greg Mountenay

Motion carried.

Motion Defeated. 2 abstentions

Call to question.

Moved by: Veronica Armstrong; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison

Motion carried. 1 abstention

Motion Carried. 2 abstentions

8) Funding Request

Guest speaker Maryam Monset is requesting for a donation of \$1000 for the Afghanistan challenge. The World University Service of Canada is fundraising for the vocational training of widows in Afghanistan. The group has fundraised in the Trent community, and plans on going into the Peterborough community. Their goal is to raise \$5000, as it will be matched by the government. There are ten Trent student groups involved in this project, so the Board should encourage this spirit within the student body. Rajpal advises that the association had \$12 000 in the Partnership and Community Fund, but only has \$6000-\$7000 remaining. Monset notes that the money raised so far has been put toward the costs of their fundraising, and they have yet to receive any of their clubs and groups budget from the association.

TCSA: 11.15.09-09

Motion: Be it resolved that the Trent Central Student Association will make a \$1000 donation, drawn out of the Partnership and Community Fund, to the World University Service of Canada for their Afghanistan challenge.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Kim Sweeney

TCSA: 11.15.09-10

Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting enter closed session.

Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: James Murphy

Monset notes that 1750 widows will be helped, 1036 graduated as of September 30 in various trades. Sbeyti asks how much money has been raised to date, roughly \$2550.

Motion carried.

TCSA: 11.15.09-11

Motion: Be it resolved that the Board move into a 5 minute recess, returning at 5:30 p.m.

Motion carried.

TCSA: 11.15.09-12

Motion: Be it resolved that the Trent Central Student Association will make a \$500 donation, drawn out of the Partnership and Community Fund, to the World University Service of Canada for their Afghanistan challenge.

Motion to amend: Be it resolved that the Trent Central Student Association will make a \$750 donation, drawn out of the Partnership and Community Fund, to the World

University Service of Canada for their Afghanistan challenge.

Motion Carried.

Motion Carried.

Open session.

9) Levy strategy

Trent Central Student Association staff member Willerton presents a strategy for the spring levy question. The Association has not raised their levy since 1994, as before they could not account for why an increase was needed. Most of the current levy money goes toward the fixed cost of running the association. Willerton suggests splitting the operating budgets into two; this would make it easier for people to understand. One budget would be for fixed costs, and a smaller budget would be for campaigns, events etc.

TCSA: 11.15.09-13

Motion: Be it resolved that Willerton's suggested levy strategy be sent to committees for further review.

Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: James Murphy

Willerton suggests that the Organizational Review and Development Committee and Operations Committee meet on this matter.

Motion carried.

The structure of these budgets will be discussed further in the coming weeks.

10) Operational Policy Issues

Trent Central Student Association staff member Dowkes notes that there are sunset clauses in the Trent Central Student Association Policy which must be reviewed after three years. The Board must first send these to the Operations Committee, numerous policies sunset in the next six months. Other policies would need to be changed, such as the policy removal process. The Operations Committee needs the approval of the Board to start reviewing policy.

Reads clauses affected:

Insurance Benefits Contracts
Election Oversight Committee
Special Needs Accessibility Fund
Solidarity in Meetings
Mileage Claims

Presentation of Written Material
Representation of the Corporation
Student Award of Excellence
Appointment to University Committees
Standing Committee on Membership Services
Standing Committee on Organization Review and Development
Conflict of Interest
Contractual Agreements
Election Procedures
Environmental Performance
External Delegation Expense Claims
Hiring and Selection
Operating Budget
Staff Relations Officer
Standing Committee on Finance
Standing Committee on Student Issues
Policy Approval Process
Executive Payment and Review
Meetings of the Board of Directors

TCSA: 11.15.09-14

Motion: Be it resolved that the operating resolutions for clauses set to expire, as well as additional policies recommended for review, be referred to the Operations Committee.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Ayad Sbeyti

Motion carried.

11) Committee Review and Appointments

The Financial Review Committee is having a hard time meeting, and the ORDC has a lot of things being referred to it, but needs more members to join. Board is asked to give names to Executive and will be appointed accordingly.

TCSA: 11.15.09-15

Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting be extended to 6:45 p.m.

Moved by: Ayad Sbeyti; Seconded by: Rohan Rajpal

Motion Carried.

Committee appointments will be dealt with when discussing standing committees.

12) Task force on water bottles elimination

Rajpal informs Board that there will be a campaign to remove water bottles from campus with a

special focus on Aramark. Selander notes that some fourth year environmental studies students have expressed interest in becoming involved as well.

The three main parts of this campaign are:

1. Administration
2. Awareness
3. Replacement (reusable water bottle sales)

TCSA: 11.15.09-16

Motion: Be it resolved that a task force for water bottle elimination be started to speak on behalf of the association.

Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison

Motion carried.

13) Extended library hours

Kombani advises that last year the association donated money for extended library hours, this year it is falling short for target and needs Board approval for additional costs. Khederlarian notes that the additional security required costs \$7000, the library can only spend \$1500. Would like to start the service November 23, but are currently behind by \$5000. Other resources are being investigated, but this needs to be resolved prior to the next meeting on November 29. Murphy suggests empowering the finance committee to set an amount.

TCSA: 11.15.09-17

Motion: Be it resolved that the executives be approved a budget up to \$3000 for the extended library hours service, additional costs will be fundraised.

Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Adam Butz

Motion carried.

14) Committee Reports

i) Standing Committees:

a) Organisational Review and Development

While this committee was made in April, members are not attending meetings or responding to contact efforts being made. Kombani asks the Board to take committee positions seriously; currently comprised of Emily Selander, Brea Hutchison, Rohan Rajpal and Sammy Feilchenfeld. James Murphy has taken interest, other Board volunteers welcome.

b) Finance

Rajpal advises committee had a meeting, minutes not yet circulated but were presented to Board,

haven't met since first report. Trying to fill numbers, Adam Butz and Ayad Sbeyti were the only members to attend first meeting. Asking if people still committed to being on committee, will be sending an email asking for additional members, and to confirm if people still interested. Ayad asks if there is a rule about missing committee meetings. If member is not attending they can be reviewed by Board, and if they do not have a reasonable excuse for three missed meetings they can be reviewed. Christina Warren and Jeremy Bankes express interest in being on committee.

c) Student issues

Nyereka advises committee has been active, while still welcoming new members. Currently planning winter events had a water bottle campaign, but will be working with task force for efficiency. James Murphy, Christina Warren, and Kim Sweeney wish to join.

d) Membership Services

Khederlarian notes committee doing well, meeting minimal standards of membership. Have met twice this semester, sent out one report, next report will be available at next meeting.

e) Operations committee

Kombani notes committee has not yet met, Will Dowkes needs to be appointed as chair. Murphy suggests that since the ORDC and Operations Committee have a lot of the same issues they should be combined. There are enough people sitting on both, so they will be run at the same time, chaired by Brian Kombani.

f) Executive Review

Hutchison reports that committee has been productive, cleared backlog, set meeting date, Board must approve all payments. Hutchison wishes to approve retroactive payments from summer executive review separately, Sbeyti notes the Board needs numbers to approve this. The committee should circulate the report with numbers for the next board meeting. This committee can present without having to submit their report a week in advance, this allows them to be up to date.

g) Clubs and groups sub committee

Rajpal has finished the funding applications for clubs and groups, final decisions will be circulated so Board sees what money is going to each group. This does not need to be approved.

ii) Executive Reports

Khederlarian advises that the staff holiday party tickets are \$10. On Tuesday November 17 there will be a diving competition at 9:30 as a part of the Move Your Body campaign, and there will be a squash clinic on Tuesday November 24 from 7-10 p.m.

Nyereka advises that his report is not ready, but he is currently reviewing the history of the association to see the media presence and what past executives did. He has motions for the Canadian Federation of Students meeting on November 29. Will be in the office this and next week, he and James Murphy will be attending, encourages Board to read the motions and vote. They will be assembling votes, publishing them, and then taking to meeting. It is important to get Board involved in broader issues, is

more than just own concerns.

Rajpal reports that the finances backlog is completed; he will be going to the accountant tomorrow, also finished clubs and groups funding.

Executives reminded to submit their reports by the Friday before each Board meeting.

Kombani is working to see a change in the bookstore policy on returning books with shrink wrap and extending return dates. He would like the return date to be moved to the drop courses date. He is also looking to repeal the shrink wrap policy.

Murphy is uncomfortable with the lateness or absence of reports, the Board needs to be informed of what is being done by the Executives.

Hutchison moves to allow the executive review committee chair and depu-chair the authority to demand draft reports with the ability to refuse pay if reports not received. As this issue has not been made an agenda item, it will not be dealt with at this time.

15) Removal from office

TCSA: 11.15.09-18

Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting enter closed session.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Veronica Armstrong

Motion carried.

TCSA: 11.15.09-19

Motion: Be it resolved that the Board will begin the process of office removals through sending out emails requesting that Directors who have missed two or more meetings provide reasons for their absences.

Motion carried.

Open session.

16) Staff Report

No report.

17) Commissioner Reports

Gzowski College Commissioner Ferguson has been discussing the Gzowski College weekend, planning bus routes to Scarborough town center for mall trips.

Trail College Sr. Senator Goldring has been organizing an opportunity for Trill students to bring up

any issues with the college. Discussion has been scheduled for Friday November 20 from 5-7 p.m. at Scott house.

Lady Eaton College Commissioner Armstrong reports that the Feel Your Boobies campaign was successful, raised over \$170 from the boobie bakesale. The college's festive college weekend and pub night are now being organised.

Otonabee College Commissioner Butz announces the coffee house at Spill was successful. On November 22 will be showing Earth in Wenjack, also giving out environmental products. On November 25 there will be 80's bowling and on November 21 a game of capture the flag has been organised.

Murphy reports that the Senate meeting took place and Steven Franklin will be going through the integration process, he will be looking at student concerns. Murphy reports a survey has been conducted on Aramark, however the results were not printed in time for the meeting.

Selander notes that the water bottle task force will now be starting on their campaign.

Sbeyti has expressed interest in assisting with the water bottle elimination campaign, he also met with the human rights committee about the anti-racism report.

18) Any Other Business

Hutchison would like the Executive Review committee chair and depu-chair to be given the right to withhold the salary of Executives if they do not submit a draft of their reports on time. Murphy questions whether they can have this authority since the Board has the final decision. A recommendation can be made to Board if there is an issue.

TCSA: 11.15.09-20

Motion: Be it resolved that Executives must submit a draft of their reports prior to Board meetings, and the Board reminds the Executive that it has the authority to suspend Executive honoraria, as per the Executive Review committee

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison

Khederlarian would like to note that he has completed his report in advance for each Board meeting.

Nyereka would like to amend that the Executives must provide a draft report by the time of the Executive Review committee meeting. **Friendly amendment**

Hutchison would like to have clear guidelines for withholding pay.

Call to question.

Moved by: Ayad Sbeyti; Seconded by: Rohan Rajpal

Motion carried.**Motion carried.** 4 abstentions

Hutchison informs Board that the Executive Review committee has found that the association president cannot be taking a full course load, which is what President Kombani is currently doing. Kombani says that his school work has not prevented him from completing his duties as president, he has one class a day for two hours. Sbeyti believes Kombani has been doing his job successfully without schedule conflicts. Hutchison argues that Kombani hasn't been submitting his reports, but this is the only thing he has neglected. Sbeyti argues this should not be brought up unless Kombani cannot handle his responsibilities due to his classes.

Ayad is currently involved in Movember, a movement to grow moustaches for donations for prostate cancer. Many other Trent students are involved, he is approaching the association as his goal is \$5000, and he has currently raised \$25. He is requesting \$1000 as he would like same treatment as the Afghan Challenge. Rajpal notes this would be coming out of the association's personal development fund, which only has \$4000. This must be taken from the personal development fund unless Sbeyti can show proof that he is part of an organization. Sbeyti argues that he has a website which is linked to the organization's website, he feels he is being punished for not having as many resources as the Afghan Challenge. However, this is unfair because he is representing males worldwide, thus it could affect Trent students more personally.

TCSA: 11.15.09-21**Motion:** Be it resolved that Ayad Sbeyti will receive a \$350 donation to his Movember campaign.*Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison*

Rajpal is uncomfortable with this decision as Board has not seen proper documentation, he recommends that the Board allow Executives to make decision once documentation has been provided. Sbeyti argues that the Afghan Challenge did not have to show documentation so he should not either.

Motion carried. 4 abstentions

19) Adjournment

TCSA: 11.15.09-22**Motion:** Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.*Moved by: Adam Butz; Seconded by: Veronica Armstrong***Motion Carried.****Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**