



# trent central student association

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The seventh meeting of the Trent Central Student Association occurred on Sunday, 17 January 2010 at 1.04 pm in the AJM Smith Conference Room, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

**Present:**

Andrew MacLean, *ex officio* (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)  
Adam Butz (Otonabee College Commissioner)  
James Murphy (Otonabee Senator)  
Corey Humphrey (First Year On-Res)  
Christina Warren (Ethical Standards Commissioner)  
Alex Nevin (Traill College Commissioner)  
Emily Blondin Doan (Women's Commissioner)  
Michelle Hisson (First Year Off-Res)  
Jonathan Alphonsus (Champlain College Commissioner)  
Clayton Powell (Gzowski College Senator)  
Greg Mountenay (Lady Eaton College Prime Minister)  
Brea Hutchison (Gender Issues Commissioner)  
Michael Bushara (Lady Eaton College Senator)  
Lisa Marshall (Champlain College Senator)  
Jeremy Bankes, *ex officio* (Gzowski College President)  
Molly Parteno, *ex officio* (Otonabee College President)  
Jessica Grover, *ex officio* (Vision Review and Renewal Committee Representative)  
Kristy Kerford, *ex officio* (Vision Review and Renewal Committee Representative)  
Tariro Mudehwe, *ex officio* (Trent International Charity Club Representative)  
Michael Mataanda, *ex officio* (Trent International Charity Club Representative)  
Laura McKeigue, *ex officio* (Board Secretary)

**Absent:**

Steven Nelson (Mature Student Commissioner)  
Hugh Goldring (Traill College Senator)  
Russell Ferguson (Gzowski College Commissioner)

**Regrets:**

Dakota Brant (Indigenous Students Commissioner)  
Ayesha Asghar (Anti Racism Commissioner)  
Veronica Armstrong (Lady Eaton College Commissioner)  
Ayad Sbeyti (International Students Commissioner)  
Kim Sweeney (Students Disabilities Commissioner)

## 1) Speaker's Remarks

**TCSA: 01.17.10-01**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the resignation of Ayesha Asghar from her post as Anti Racism Commissioner be accepted by the Board.

*Moved by: Christina Warren; Seconded by: Sako Khederlarian*

**Motion carried.**

Speaker MacLean advises that Student Disabilities Commissioner Sweeney cannot attend Sunday meetings until further notice.

## 2) Adoption of Meeting Agenda

**TCSA: 01.17.10-02**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted by the Board.

*Moved by Greg Mountenay; Seconded by: Adam Butz*

Vice President & Corporate Secretary Rajpal wishes to add two funding applications and a presentation from the guests of DRRC.

**Motion to amend:** Be it further resolved that the above changes be adopted to the agenda.

*Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison*

**Amendment carried.**

**Motion Carried.**

## 3) President's Remarks

President Kombani welcomes Board back from the break; he hopes that everyone can work closer together in the new semester.

## 4) Approval of Minutes (Sunday, November 29)

Gender Issues Commissioner Hutchison would like for her absence to be recorded as a regret.

**TCSA: 01.17.10-03**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Minutes of Sunday November 29 be accepted by the Board with the change of Gender Issues Commissioner Hutchison's absence to a regret.

*Moved by: Alex Nevin; Seconded by: Adam Butz*

**Motion Carried.**

5) President's office

Vision Review and Renewal Committee Representative Grover advises that the group is in their second phase of consultation, having had three hundred people take a survey and workshop, they will now be presenting the results. Hands out results and notes will be available to discuss until mid February, can attend cabinet or club meetings if requested. Furthermore, a university wide survey will be available online as of January 22. There will be meetings in the Lady Eaton College Pit on Wednesday January 20 from 9-11 a.m. and another January 26 from 10:30-12:30, all students are encouraged to attend.

6) Funding Request

Mudehwe and Mataanda are representatives from the Trent International Charity Club. Their group is currently looking to offer support to Haiti. So far they have collected \$303 in two days of fundraising, as well as clothes and food. All expenses will be covered by their operations budget. They would like to reach \$2000. Group is requesting money from the Central, looking for a \$1200 donation to help reach the goal of \$2000. Murphy asks if group has chosen which organization to use for their donations. They are currently looking at Doctors without Borders, Red Cross and World Vision. They are also debating whether to use a student who has contacted them advising that they will be going to Haiti and can personally deliver the donations. Rajpal notes the Board does not have enough funds to support every charity group as must first focus on Trent students, but can give a smaller donation and have an additional collection in the office. The group will also be requesting that the government match what they raise. Murphy suggests the group be provided with a way to contact the entire student body using office resources.

**TCSA: 01.17.10-04**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Trent Central Student Association will donate \$350.00 to the Trent International Charity Club, and will provide office space as well as donation boxes throughout campus for further fundraising.

*Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Sako Khederlarian*

**Friendly Amendment.** Murphy wishes to add that the money donated will not be going toward operating costs of the group.

**Friendly Amendment.** Vice President Student Issues Nyereka wishes to add that the Board will receive feedback on how the donation is made.

Mountenay asks where donation boxes will be placed, Rajpal advises will be further investigated. For further inquiries or donations the group can be contacted at [t.i.c.c.@hotmail.com](mailto:t.i.c.c.@hotmail.com). Donation forms will also be available in the Trent Central Student Association office.

**Motion carried.**

Rajpal advises that Sara Swerdlyk from the Trent International Student Association is requesting money for a conference in New Orleans regarding international development and global politics. Her letter advises of the expenses, she is looking for \$2000 for 5 students planning to attend. Rajpal has received another funding application for \$600 from another group of students for the same conference. Murphy suggests combining the two applications, and Gzowski College President Bankes advises that this request was also sent to the college cabinets.

**TCSA: 01.17.10-05**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Trent Central Student Association will sponsor the New Orleans conference for a maximum of 10 students at a maximum of \$1000.

*Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Greg Moutenay*

**Friendly Amendment.** Moutenay suggests the motion stipulate that it will cover the entrance fee, which is \$100, for up to 10 people.

Moutenay suggests students be required to give a presentation to the Board on what they learned at the conference once they have returned. This money will be coming from the personal development funds, which will only have \$1000 left afterwards. Hutchison suggests not having a cap of 10 people, should just offer to cover the conference entrance fees.

**Friendly Amendment.** Moutenay adds that the motion should state that it will sponsor conference fees for up to 10 students, and in the event that more than 10 students apply the money will be divided evenly among the group. The final date for applications will be Sunday January 31.

Nyereka disagrees with their being a deadline. Murphy notes that this is necessary in order to determine how the money will be divided. Bankes reminds Board that group has been going to different resources for donations; this will not be the only money they receive.

**Motion carried.**

## 7) Levy Referendum

Rajpal advises that the Trent Central Student Association is seeking to increase their clubs and groups levy as well as a service levy. This money is necessary to cover increasing costs, and to make more funds available to students. Would like to have a separate account to cover student initiatives, this has been written into a new policy being worked on by the Organisational Review and Development Committee. Will ensure this can happen before holding a levy referendum. Hutchison asks how prepared Rajpal is for a referendum, his preparations are dependent on Board support. The last levy increase was fifteen years ago. Will only be asking students if they want a levy increase, Moutenay asks how many other groups plan to be on this ballot. Rajpal has been approached by 5-6 groups but the deadline is coming up and he has not seen any progress from them. Rajpal notes this will be good

for reliability with the students later, can show had their support for an increase.

**TCSA: 01.17.10-06**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that a referendum will be held to put to question a \$3.00 levy increase for clubs and groups and a new supplemental \$3.00 levy called student services.

*Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Alex Nevin*

**Motion carried.** 1 abstention

8) Committee reports

**TCSA: 01.17.10-07**

**Motion:** Be it resolved the Board will prorogue for five minutes, returning at 2.15 p.m.

*Moved by: Brea Hutchison; Seconded by: James Murphy*

**Motion Carried.**

i)

a. Organisational Review and Development Committee

Group met yesterday, have 42 recommendations they will be forwarding to the Annual General Meeting, will be available by tonight.

b. Finance

Have had issues filling committee membership, last met prior to break discussing fundraising initiatives and the second draft of the budget, this will be available by the next meeting. Gzowski Senator Powell and Traill College Commissioner Nevin volunteer to join committee. A weekly meeting time will be established.

c. Membership

The Dream Team failed to meet quorum before break, was a report sent out for the meeting prior.

d. Executive

Nothing to report.

e. Operations

Rajpal advises the last meeting did not meet quorum. The chair has asked for a restructuring due to the Anti Racism Commissioner's resignation. Murphy suggests that the Organisational Review and Development Committee join Operations as their work is complete, group agrees.

f. Student issues

The Student Issues Committee (SIC) did not meet, they will meet Monday from 1-3 in the Trent Central Student Association office. Plan to discuss effort going to Haiti, as well as a water bottle free day March 11.

g. Executive review

Hutchison advises committee has met three times since last board meeting.

**TCSA: 01.17.10-08**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Executive be approved for the full amount of retroactive payments.

*Moved by: Brea Hutchison; Seconded by: Clayton Powell*

Hutchison reports the following retroactive payments:

President Kombani- \$11 268

Vice President Membership Services Khederlarian- \$8956

Vice President Student Issues Nyereka- \$8338

Vice President Finance & Corporate Secretary Rajpal- \$8546

Difference in pay as Rajpal took a ten day vacation, Nyereka took a three week vacation, and some executives have refused full pay if did not feel they had put in their twenty hours of work.

Not all log sheets or reports have been received. However, committee only began to demand this be done mid-way through October. Moutenay notes that the policy states log sheets must be submitted and questions how payments can be approved without seeing the justification for hours worked. Rajpal agrees this is against policy however he reminds Board that they do have information on what the Executive have been doing through their reports. Kombani notes there are also issues with the committee, as there have been times when the depu-chair or chair have been unable to attend meetings. Hutchison reminds Board that the president is violating policy as he is taking more than 3.5 credits, and this has not yet been addressed.

**Friendly Amendment.** Murphy wishes to add that the Board has noted irregularities in terms of following operations resolutions, also noted irregularities in terms of hours put in and billed for, and tangible results coming from this.

**Motion carried.** 6 abstentions

**TCSA: 01.17.10-09**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the payments for the past week will be approved for Kombani, Khederlarian and Nyereka.

*Moved by: Brea Hutchison; Seconded by: Emily Selander*

**Friendly Amendment.** Moutenay moves that there be a separate motion for each executive so that Board can base it on their individual reports.

Moutenay concerned that Kombani's report did not address things he had done, just announced upcoming events and initiatives. Kombani advises that his role is to oversee everything and attends to different issues than those of the executives. Hutchison disagrees, as his report does not answer to

thirty-five hours of work.

Kombani reports he spent time reviewing the forty-two recommendations from the Organisational Review and Development Committee. He also had a human rights meeting for the response to Haiti, met with Meri Kim for a briefing on President's meeting, replied to emails, returned calls etc. Powell questions whether every day can be considered a work day, as Kombani always has work going on and is constantly being a representative of the association. Hutchison feels the president acts as a chief executive, managing others when this is meant to be a working board.

Vote for Kombani

**Motion carried.** 2 opposed, 4 abstentions

Hutchison advises Khederlarian's reports have always been up to standard.

Vote for Khederlarian

**Motion carried.** 1 abstention

Hutchison notes Nyereka's report was originally very weak, but after being informed of this he submitted another within six hours of notice.

Vote for Nyereka

**Motion carried.** 1 abstention

#### 9) Executive reports

Khederlarian presents report. He notes that Iron Chef has had roughly fifty applications which will be narrowed down to twelve participants. The first competition will split the group in half, and then each team will create a theme for a dinner at Lady Eaton College and Gzowski. The winning team goes on to the Ceilie where they will have to make a brand new appetizer using Mill Street beer. The winner will have their meal and name on menu. The final event will be at Splice where four finalists will make a meal using a \$50 gift card for No Frills. These events will be recorded and turned into a short video. The Scene Break Film Fest will hopefully be at Galaxy Theatres, looking for a sponsor. Khederlarian wishes to start a task force for downtown safety. This would include members of Trent, Flemming and city councillors brainstorming ways to make downtown safer. Main suggestion at this time is for more conversation between bars regarding people who have been banned, scanners are not expensive.

#### **TCSA: 01.17.10-10**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that a task force for downtown safety be started with Khederlarian as head.

*Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Break Hutchison*

Murphy clarifies that all decisions will come to the Board before being implemented.

**Motion carried.**

Kombani has been working on bookstore policy, can now do buyback for shrink wrapped books, making sure textbooks available for students. Believes a policy needs to be established so that professors are required to send their book lists to the campus bookstore instead of downtown. Announcing the Annual General Meeting for February 7<sup>th</sup>, recommendations from Organisational Review and Development Committee will be there. Kombani notes that Allen Priest has expressed an interest in taking up his post again, but becoming a non-voting member. Nyereka suggests that an email be sent to students informing of open positions, those who wish to apply can attend next meeting and present. Kombani will issue this notice in a mass email.

Question of what association will do for Haiti relief, should it start own initiative or support another group's. Rajpal thinks should work in partnership with clubs and groups. Butz thinks there should be more generalized leadership among groups as right now there is no functionality. Rajpal suggests that the Student Issues Committee meet and plan a course of action for the best possible contribution.

Environmental & Sustainability Commissioner Selander is concerned with Kombani's initiative to give all business to campus bookstore. Kombani notes many students complain about having to go downtown to find books unavailable on campus. However, Titles offers a discount to students and reduced costs, cannot assume everyone wants bookstore to stock everything.

Hutchison feels this issue should be discussed with Board, thinks it is wrong to be putting money back into hands of big corporations and taking away from small business. She suggests Board encourage getting books anywhere, not forcing one place. No action has been taken yet, Kombani will discuss with Board before making any decisions.

Nyereka is looking to organize training for anti-oppression trainers to increase number of capable trainers for years to come in cooperation with Ontario Public Interest Group. Hopes that this will be a small fee, paid by the colleges. Plans on getting feedback from students on how they view the Trent Central Student Association, will include hot chocolate. The Canadian Federation of Students conference is coming up next week, First Year On-Res Commissioner Humphrey, Hutchison, and Nyereka will be attending. Nyereka would like to hold an event to challenge the university to do better with accessible water. Association will be hosting a tenants rights workshop, will be getting proper legal council to attend. Will also be having a Buy Local campaign, needs push to support community. Murphy thinks the Board should discuss their stance on this before action taken.

Rajpal is working on the second draft of the budget, and reconciling bank statements. By the end of his term all reconciling will be done and documents will be submitted to accountant by June.

#### 10) Commissioner reports

Ethical Standards Commissioner Warren would like to start Fair Trade again, as it disbanded last year.

Women's Commissioner Blondin Doan made announcement to Women Studies 100, introduced self, and encouraged people to volunteer. She plans on screening free feminist pornography in art space. She has also been working with Trent Queer Collective, making plans for crafting a big wheel of patriarchy and self-love week.

First Year Off-Res Commissioner Hisson had made plans for a ski trip to Devil's Elbow on February 5, will now be revising as Gzowski is planning for same day.

**TCSA: 01.17.10-11**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the meeting will be extended by thirty minutes.

*Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Adam Butz*

**Motion carried.**

Selander announces that Aramark will be introducing reusable take out containers, to be returned to cafeteria after use. She advises that the print shop is now using 100% recyclable paper and that a survey will be distributed to see if student body agrees with ban on water bottle sales on campus.

Otonabee College Commissioner Butz advises currently hiring for people to organize college weekend, also planning recycled art challenge and Otonabee College formal.

Lady Eaton College Prime Minister Mountenay currently running Colleges Connect Cultures, formal is coming up soon.

11) Any other business

**TCSA: 01.17.10-12**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Trent Central Student Association Board of Directors for 2009-2010 will undergo anti-oppression training set up by Hutchison and Blondin Doan.

*Moved by: Brea Hutchison; Seconded by: Emily Blondin Doan*

The cost will be absorbed by the association; the funding request will be approved at a later date, will be approximately \$250.00 Three different dates will be scheduled so that everyone can attend.

**Motion carried.**

Rajpal asks who has not yet joined a university committee, will be a list sent out for those who still need to join, reminds those already on a committee to attend meetings, as there have been complaints.

12) Adjournment

**TCSA: 01.17.10-13**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

*Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Adam Butz*

**Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned 4.09 pm

