



trent central student association

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The fifth meeting of the Trent Central Student Association occurred on Sunday, 18 October 2009 at 1.11 pm in the AJM Smith Conference Room, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Present: Andrew MacLean, *ex officio* (Speaker)
Brian Kombani (President)
Rohan Rajpal (Vice President & Corporate Secretary)
Sako Khederlarian (Vice President Membership Service)
Emily Selander (Environmental & Sustainability Commissioner)
Brea Hutchison (Gender Issues Commissioner)
Dakota Brant (Indigenous Students Commissioner)
Ayad Sbeyti (International Students Commissioner)
Veronica Armstrong (Lady Eaton College Commissioner)
Adam Butz (Otonabee College Commissioner)
James Murphy (Otonabee Senator)
Cory Humphrey (First Year On-Res)
Christina Warren (Ethical Standards Commissioner)
Reuben Joesey (Champlain Representative for Lisa Marshall)
Michael Bushara, *ex officio* (Lady Eaton College Junior Senator)
Greg Mounteny, *ex officio* (Lady Eaton President)
Molly Parteno, *ex officio* (Otonabee President)
Jeremy Bankes (Gzowski College President)
Russell Ferguson (Gzowski College Commissioner)
Steven Nelson (Student Issues Commissioner)
Michelle Hisson (First Year Off-Res Commissioner)
Sheldon Willerton, *ex officio* (Guest Presenter)
Laura McKeigue, *ex officio* (Board Secretary)

Regrets: John Paul Nyereka (Vice President Student Issues)
Ayesha Ashgar (Anti-Racism)
Charlotte Doyle (Queer Students Commissioner)
Emily Blondin Doan (Women's Commissioner)
Scott Brown (Champlain College Commissioner)
Lisa Marshall (Champlain Senator)
Lia Flanders (Gzowski Senator)
Allen Priest (Lady Eaton Senator)
Tony Stirzaker (Traill College Commissioner)
Sarah Hutcheon (Traill College Senator)
Simon Wallace (Board of Governors)

Absent:

1) **Presentation by Commissioner Murphy**

Otonabee Senator Murphy advises that a group met on 16 October to discuss the review of Aramark's contract. The group reached a consensus that the objective in this review should not be to remove Aramark from campus, but to focus on revising their contract. The purpose of this group is to get opinions from different colleges, and to attain own research without having to rely on what the administration can provide. Otonabee College President Parteno states that the contract expires in 2011 which is why the group will be looking into their contract this year in preparation.

1) **Speaker's Remarks**

Speaker MacLean welcomes new board members. He reminds them not to be afraid to speak up and to ask other board members if they have any procedural questions. They will receive a copy of Roberts' rules as well as a policy book.

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

TCSA: 10.18.09-01

Motion: Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Moved by: Ayad Sbeyti; Seconded by: Sako to Khederlarian

Motion Carried.

3) **Presidents remarks**

President Kombani welcomes new members to Board and thanks everyone for their attendance.

4) **Ratification of Fall Elections**

TCSA: 10.18.09-02

Motion: Be it resolved that the Fall Election results be accepted.

Moved by: Emily Selander; Seconded by: Greg Mounteny

Environmental & Sustainability Commissioner Selander does not have the exact number of votes with her but will circulate to the Board after the meeting.

Motion Carried.

5) **PRCSA Staff Health and Dental Plan Benefits**

Vice President & Corporate Secretary Rajpal presents Benefits Officer's report (Appendix I). This request to have the staff from 2-3 student levy groups be given health and dental insurance as an act of

goodwill by the association. This would only include 5-6 people in total and has been approved by insurance provider.

TCSA: 10.18.09-03

Motion: Be it resolved that the proposal for PRCSA Staff Health and Dental Plan Benefits be approved.

Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Brian Kombani

International Students Commissioner Sbeyti worries that this will set a precedent for future levy groups to ask for the same rights. The association does not get anything in return, as these employees do not pay membership fees.

Rajpal advises that these groups serve students, and any group that the association wishes to add after proposal will still have to be brought to Board. It is a valid concern, but it is hard to imagine that the student levy groups would grow that much. Lady Eaton College Prime Minister Mounteny concerned that this is being offered to non students, but not to part time students.

Rajpal states the idea is to treat these staff like own staff since they support students.

Otonabee Senator Murphy says if this will not cost the Trent Central Student Association anything then there is nothing to lose by approving plan.

Gzowski College President Bankes says there is an issue of fairness since part-time students pay Trent Central Student Association fees and these employees do not. Sbeyti agrees that the problem is that there are students excluded from a benefit plan created to serve students.

Motion to amend: Be it resolved that a proposal for a referendum on behalf of part-time students wishing to enter into the health and dental benefits plan be included in the approval of benefits for PRCSA Staff.

Moved by: Ayad Sbeyti; Seconded by: Steven Nelson

Rajpal advises that part-time students must enter into a referendum on their own, and the Board cannot run one for them. Sbeyti did not understand how the referendum was run, but would still be open to suggestions for providing a case to case option for part-time students to opt into plan. Rajpal notes that part-time students have their own student association, and TCSA should serve its own members first.

Motion Defeated. 1 abstention.

Motion to amend: Be it resolved that the PRCSA Staff Health and Dental Benefits Plan be accepted contingent upon PRCSA staff paying Trent Central Student Association levy fee and the same offer being made to part-time students, subject to approval of insurance provider.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison

Vice President Membership Service Khederlarian is against this amendment as he does not think it is a good idea to have staff a part of the association. This means that they will have voting rights.

Gender Issues Commissioner Hutchison worried about waiting for approval of insurance provider, it is easy to approve original motion and then look at part-time students as a separate issue.

Friendly amendment to amendment: Be it further resolved that both PRCSA staff and part-time students be allowed to join the health and dental benefits plan paying only the premiums for the plan, not Trent Central Student Association membership fees.

Moved by: Ayad Sbeyti

Murphy suggests that staff and part-time students pay an administrative fee that would be equal to a levy, but would not give them membership. Rajpal advises that part-time students already pay an administrative fee, to add another is unfair.

Move to call to question

Moved by: Brea Hutchison; Seconded by: Greg Mounteny

Motion Carried. 2 abstentions

Motion Defeated. 1 abstention

Motion to hold a roll call vote

Moved by: Sako Khederlarian

Motion defeated.

Motion Defeated. 2 abstentions

Sbeyti believes that motion should not go to waste but should be tabled to next meeting.

6) Pubs Research Report

Guest Presenter Willerton presents report which has been circulated to Board (Appendix II). Willerton was hired in April 2009 to conduct research on whether college pub management should be brought under the control of the Trent Central Student Association. Willerton advises that Trent is one of two universities in Ontario in which its student union does not run and control college pubs. This is due to money issues as insurance will no longer cover association if it takes on pub management, and rates will raise by at least \$30 000 for going to a different company. Attaining a liquor license would add another \$1000 Finally, the salary of a pubs manager is between \$30 000-40 000 a year. The association would need at least \$70 000 to run the pubs.

Willerton offers his recommendations to the association including work share between colleges and Conference Services, development of a Street Team to discuss pub improvements, and employee recognition.

Hutchison asks what can be done to make the pubs more profitable. Willerton advises that catering is currently being looked into, but changes will be slow as pubs running on a tight budget. Kombani asks what aspects of the Celie operations have improved since it has been renovated. The Celie is currently running day time operations and breaking even with a small profit however, the Cat's Ass is losing

money on the Thursday pub nights. Rajpal asks how the association can have accountability in showing students what their money is going toward. Willerton says that students were sitting on committee three years ago but this stopped, and reports have not been requested since. He suggests that the association have regular interaction with the pub and can request to start seeing budgets again.

TCSA: 10.18.09-04

Motion: Be it resolved that the Pubs Research Report be accepted with recommendations.

Moved by: Brea Hutchison; Seconded by: Brian Kombani

Willerton would like to advise that recommendations be sent to the presidents group for further evaluation.

Motion Carried.

7) Anti-Racism Report

Hutchison informs that an anti-racism campus hearing was held in which students discussed experiences of racism on campus, this hearing was a success. The report has been circulated with 39 recommendations (Appendix III).

TCSA: 10.18.09-05

Motion: Be it resolved that the anti-racism report be accepted.

Moved by: Dakota Brant; Seconded by: Adam Butz

Hutchison states that the recommendations in report are not being directed just to the Trent Central Student Association, but to lobby others for change. By accepting report recommendations can be further investigated.

Motion Carried. 10 abstentions

8) Committee Reports

I. Standing committees

a. Organisational Review and Development

Kombani advises that the Board needs to set a date for the Annual General Meeting. According to the student planner the meeting is to be held on Wednesday November 4, 2009.

TCSA: 10.18.09-06

Motion: Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting will be held on November 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. and that this date will be announced in the Monday October 19, 2009 issue of the Arthur.

Moved by: Brian Kombani; Seconded by: Ayad Sbeyti

It is recommended that all members attend.

Amendment to motion: Be it further resolved that the Board will consider holding the Annual General Meeting in People's House of Learning Room 117 or Science Complex Room 137.

Moved by: Brea Hutchison; Seconded by: Adam Butz

Motion carried. 1 abstention

Motion carried.

Kombani advises that he needs more people to sit on the committee, the first meeting will be on November 4 or 5 prior to the Annual General Meeting.

b. Finance

Rajpal informs Board that only 1 committee member attended the first meeting, there are supposed to be 5 members. The only thing discussed was the budget which has been presented to the Board.

c. Membership services

Khederlarian held a meeting on September 29, 2009. The meeting minutes will be circulated (Appendix IV). Committee discussed Iron Chef ideas.

d. Executive

No report.

e. Operations

No report.

f. Student issues

No Report

ii. Executive review

No report.

iii. Elections oversight committee

No report.

10) Executive Reports

Khederlarian will send out a report. Trent administration has shown an interest in becoming involved in the Iron Chef, this will mean more funding. The next committee meeting will be held October 20,

hoping to do one of Iron Chef events at Brock Mission where students can cook for the homeless. Filmfest information will be sent out in 2 weeks, the festival will be at the start of February. A squash tournament will be held in November, no firm date yet as waiting to book court.

Rajpal has been working on clubs and groups registration and funding. The deadline was last week and they received 50 applications. A new project has been started to accept students' complaints on academic issues, and then forward these to the appropriate committees.

Kombani has been spending a lot of time in meetings, he has some concerns about commissioner office hours as some people are not attending, everyone needs to put in at least 2 hours a week. Would like everyone's reports prior to the Annual General Meeting to see what people have been working on.

TCSA: 10.18.09-07

Motion: Be it resolved that the Executive Reports be accepted.

Moved by: Greg Mounteny; Seconded by: Adam Butz

Motion Carried. 5 abstentions

11) Staff Reports

No report.

12) Commissioner Reports

Murphy advises that Allen Priest has resigned, and the student senate caucus will be meeting today prior to the senator meeting, Rohan Rajpal is invited to attend as he is on the academic planning committee. Two motions are being circulated. The first is on the removal of 3 year general degrees, Otonabee College would like to support general degrees as long as they have academic merit. The second is regarding issues with graduation requirements

Brant suggests that clubs make donations to the Trent Central Student Association of roughly \$100.00 per club. This would be to help the association to continue to offer financial assistance to the groups. She suggests that this money be raised through at least 1 fundraiser, groups would benefit from donating more money as they would ultimately get more money in funding as a result.

TCSA: 10.18.09-08

Motion: Be it resolved that upon successful application for Trent Central Student Association funding, each club be required to make a fundraising effort throughout the course of the year, submitting a report showing the money raised to prove their desire to improve the association's ability to fund clubs and groups.

Moved by: Dakota Brant; Seconded by: James Murphy

Rajpal suggests that each group should do a fundraiser for themselves instead, as this will allow them to keep their own money. Brant states that association cannot force people to make a fundraising effort,

but can take action in the following year to not guarantee funding if the group did not make an effort to donate. Rajpal argues that it is unfair to set funding based on previous year's work as groups will have different members on a year-to-year basis. Murphy suggests that groups should have to do fundraising on own before receiving funding from the Trent Central Student Association.

Kombani advises must be carefully worded since the overall aim is to infuse accountability and ensure clubs and groups take an active role in funding. Rajpal believes it is unrealistic for all groups to be able to contribute, since they are made up of volunteers who are also busy with own lives.

Motion to amend: Be it further resolved that the issue of clubs and groups donation be deferred to the Organisation Review and Development Committee.

Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Ayad Sbeyti

Motion carried.

Hutchison is working on accessibility of health care for transfer students as they currently have to go to Kingston for referrals but it would be easier to travel to Toronto.

Selander has been working on the residence challenge which is a competition between residences to reduce their carbon footprints. There is also a waste management project for the anti-water bottle campaign through sustainable Trent as well as some 4th yr environmental studies students.

First Year On-Res Commissioner Humphrey would like to find a way to become more known among the on-res students. Sebyti suggests speaking with residence dons and attending house meetings.

First Year Off-Res Commissioner Hisson has been working on an idea with Humphrey to organize a trip for students for skiing and snowboarding.

Lady Eaton College Commissioner Armstrong announces fall college weekend was successful. A lot of off-res students attended the dinner, and 30 people attended the phantom farm trip.

Otonabee College Commissioner Butz announces fall college weekend was a success as well, 50 people attended the grub crawl and today they will be showing 2 movies.

Parteno states that fall college weekend was good, 5 people submitted chili for the cook off, and she and Khederlarian are running the Canadian Conference of Student Leadership. This year is will be from November 12-15 at York University, the cost with room and board will be under \$400.

Sbeyti has been helping Rajpal fundraise with off campus organizations, trying to appoint a Canadian student representative on Trent International Student Association board. Worked with Khederlarian on bringing some events downtown to Splice, there was an issue with assault last year, decided to discuss with owner and bring forward concerns.

Bankes advises cabinet elections have been completed and ratified.

13) Notification of Semi-Annual General Meeting

Already decided.

14) Any Other Business

Murphy is concerned about the WebCT intranet, he thinks this should be restricted to voting and non-voting members only, but there is currently a staff member included. Speaker MacLean advises that this was necessary for legal purposes, but the staff member has no posting or voting rights.

TCSA: 10.18.09-09

Motion: Be it resolved that the Trent Central Student Association WebCT be removed until executives find an alternative solution for online Board communication.

Moved by: James Murphy; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison

MacLean will speak to the intranet portal organizer and investigate an alternative, but suggests that until that time WebCT stays up, remaining blank.

Motion to amend: Be it further resolved that ‘unless we can get all staff and faculty removed, unless an employee of the Trent Central Student Association’ be added to the motion.

Moved by: Andrew MacLean; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison

Motion Carried. 4 abstentions

Murphy suggests Yahoo groups as it has a distribution list service and an area to upload files. The Trent Central Student Association WebCT will not be deleted yet but will not be used until an alternative method has been set up.

Motion Carried. 2 abstentions

Rajpal is looking to form a clubs and groups subcommittee, they would meet to discuss group funding. Group will probable meet on Tuesdays from 6-10 p.m. Rajpal asks that volunteers interested email him their availability.

Hisson provides regret for meeting on November 15.

15) Adjournment**TCSA: 10.18.09-10**

Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Brian Kombani; Seconded by: Jeremy Bankes

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 3:59.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McKeigue
Board Secretary