



# trent central student association

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The eighth meeting of the Trent Central Student Association occurred on Sunday, 31 January 2010 at 1.04 p.m. 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)  
Sako Khederlarian (Vice President Membership Service)  
Adam Butz (Otonabee College Commissioner)  
Corey Humphrey (First Year On-Res Commissioner)  
Russell Ferguson (Gzowski College Commissioner)  
Alex Nevin (Traill College Commissioner)  
Emily Blondin Doan (Women's Commissioner)  
Jonathan Alphonsus (Champlain College Commissioner)  
Clayton Powell (Gzowski College Senator)  
Greg Mountenay, *ex officio* (Lady Eaton College Prime Minister)  
Dakota Brant (Indigenous Students Commissioner)  
Veronica Armstrong (Lady Eaton College Commissioner)  
Brea Hutchison (Gender Issues Commissioner)  
Michael Bushara (Lady Eaton College Senator)  
Lisa Marshall (Champlain College Senator)  
Jeremy Bankes, *ex officio* (Gzowski College President)  
Hugh Goldring (Traill College Senator)  
James Smith, *ex officio* (Student Cooperative Representative)  
Laura McKeigue, *ex officio* (Board Secretary)

**Absent:** Emily Selander (Environmental & Sustainability Commissioner)  
Steven Nelson (Mature Student Commissioner)

**Regrets:** John Paul Nyereka (Vice President Student Issues)  
Christina Warren (Ethical Standards Commissioner)  
Kim Sweeney (Students Disabilities Commissioner)  
Michelle Hisson (First Year Off-Res)  
James Murphy (Otonabee Senator)  
Ayad Sbeyti (International Students Commissioner)

1) Speaker's Remarks

Speaker MacLean advises that the agenda is straightforward; the Board should be able to adjourn within two hours.

2) Adoption of Meeting Agenda

MacLean advises of a funding request by Women's Commissioner Blondin Doan, this will be added to

the agenda after the Approval of Minutes. Otonabee College Commissioner Butz requests an update on the Canadian Federation of Students Referendum, Vice President & Corporate Secretary Rajpal advises will address this in Any Other Business.

**TCSA: 01.31.10-01**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted by the Board with the addition of a funding request, and moving the World University Service of Canada Referendum ahead of the Student Cooperative Referendum.

*Moved by: Adam Butz; Seconded by: Rohan Rajpal*

**Motion Carried.**

3) President's Remarks

President Kombani does not wish to add anything.

4) Approval of Minutes (Sunday, January 17)

**TCSA: 01.31.10-02**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Minutes of Sunday January 17 be accepted by the Board

*Moved by: Adam Butz; Seconded by: Veronica Armstrong*

**Motion to Amend:** Be it further resolved that the name of Scott Brown be removed from the attendance, the additional 'Motion Carried' be removed from page 3, the name 'Mary Kim' be changed to 'Meri Kim', the name 'Allan Priest' be corrected to 'Allen Priest', the mention of 'Connect Cultures' be changed to 'Colleges Connect Cultures' and the name 'Cory Humphrey' be changed to 'Corey Humphrey'.

*Moved by: Michael Bushara; Seconded by: Brian Kombani*

**Amendment Carried.**

**Motion carried.** 1 abstention

5) Funding Request

Women's Commissioner Blondin Doan notes that Self-love week is coming up (week of February 8), and she has organized 25 workshops. She needs additional funds for food and renting space, is looking toward the Trent Central Student Association budget, as she is already using her own for supplies, advertising, and acquiring space. She needs an additional \$300 and thinks this is an excellent opportunity for the Association to become involved, as it has not participated before, and will be included on all advertising. Gender Issues Commissioner Hutchison volunteers to give \$100 from her

budget, Traill College Commissioner Nevin advises can also contribute, will discuss afterward. Lady Eaton College Prime Minister Mountenay questions how much money has been spent to date, Blondin Doan notes she has spent on materials for Big Wheel of Patriarchy, posters, the Trans conference, and the feminist pornography screening. Rajpal advises those commissioners who have yet to use budgets that this is an excellent event for contributions, First Year On-Res Commissioner Humphrey offers to give \$100.

**TCSA: 01.31.10-03**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that equity commissioners will be asked to contribute to the remaining \$100 requested; the rest will be covered by the Trent Central Student Association partnership fund.

*Moved by: Rohan Rajpal; Seconded by: Adam Butz*

**Motion carried.**

## 6) Active Minds Levy Referendum

Referendum has been signed by Vice President Student Issues Nyereka, and reviewed by Vice President Membership Services Khederlarian. Students who signed last year and no longer attend Trent have been removed from the petition, still have enough signatures.

**TCSA: 01.31.10-04**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Board accepts Active Minds' levy referendum.

*Moved by: Sako Khederlarian; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison*

Rajpal questions the legality of accepting petitions from the previous school year; Khederlarian advises that the petitions call for a referendum regardless of the technicality of when they were signed. The Board is not approving their petition, only the referendum. Rajpal would like to note that the Board is approving the referendum based on a 2/3 majority rather than the petition submitted.

**Motion carried.**

## 7) World University Service of Canada Referendum

MacLean advises that referendums are supposed to go to the Chair prior to being voted on, but it has been delivered to the Trent Central Student Association office, and been reviewed by a member of the Executive. If Board is comfortable with this, it can still be put to vote. This referendum will be based on a 2/3 majority rather than the petition.

**TCSA: 01.31.10-05**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Board accepts the World University Service of Canada's levy referendum.

*Moved by: Corey Humphrey; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison*

**Motion carried.**

## 8) Student Cooperative Referendum

Student Cooperative Representative Smith presents referendum proposal. He advises that group plans to present to Peterborough community in a town hall meeting on February 8 at the Peterborough Library, 7 p.m. He originally presented to the Board in September, and formed a task force to work on initiative to purchase the Peter Robinson building for a student cooperative. Would like to hold a referendum to put to question a \$3 levy for funding the operating costs of the pre-purchase phase of this project.

**TCSA: 01.31.10-06**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Board accepts the Student Cooperative's levy referendum.

*Moved by: Sako Khederlarian; Seconded by: Brea Hutchison*

Mountenay questions who will be paid under the staff line in the estimated budget. Smith expects a staff member will be hired to maintain paper flow from different committees, Rajpal adds there will be lawyer fees, and believes \$7500 is less than what will need to be spent. Mountenay would like to know if there has been an attempt at a petition, Smith notes this initiative was started too late in the year to conduct a petition. However, he believes student support will be seen through the levy campaign. To increase student support a town hall meeting will be held, as well as a feature in the Arthur, and a membership drive to build beyond the current 12 member task force. After this they will campaign across campus. Lady Eaton College Commissioner Armstrong asks if this will be a refundable levy, yes it will. Hutchison questions how long the levy will be in effect, Smith advises this is dependent upon how long it takes to purchase the property, as after this they will be able to establish a levy to reflect mortgage costs. Champlain College Commissioner Alphonsus asks why the business plan is projected to cost \$2500, Smith advises is the estimated funds to secure a firm to assist in purchasing property, also need a business plan developed to secure a mortgage. When building was last up for sale it was on the market for \$4 million. Mountenay asks which students are being targeted, the university has been working on a Water Street project for downtown housing. Rajpal believes that the two groups should work together and discuss. Armstrong asks if the building would be ready for September, Smith replies it cannot be purchased by then, will need almost \$500 000 from fundraising. Butz asks which property will be purchased if Peter Robinson is unavailable. Following the membership drive to build the organisation, a board of directors will be elected, as well as committees for members to sit on. The sight planning committee will discuss any issues around Peter Robinson, and would bring decisions to the board of directors. Any alternative building suggestions would go through the same process.

**Motion carried.**

## 9) Walkhome Levy Referendum

Mountenay advises that Walkhome was never told what date the petition deadline for a referendum was, the Trent Central Student Association should have made this information available. Furthermore, when the group did approach the Association they were told the wrong date, and as a result missed the

deadline. The group is requesting a \$1 levy, as currently do not have any levies.

**TCSA: 01.31.10-07**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Board accepts the Walkhome levy referendum.

*Moved by: Adam Butz; Seconded by: Veronica Armstrong*

Butz questions what the levy will be used for, it will go toward promotion and vests.

**Motion carried.**

10) Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

i. Organisational Review and Development  
Committee has not met.

ii. Finance  
Committee has not met, Hutchison believes Finance needs to be restructured, Rajpal will send an email and speak with those members who are consistently absent and unresponsive.

iii. Membership Services  
Only one member attended meeting, discussed Iron Chef and Scene Break.

iv. Executive  
Reviewed funding requests, have received applications for ten people attending conference. Will be giving \$100 to each, decided to contact applicants to see if they can petition as a group.

v. Operations  
Committee could not meet quorum, and now need a new Chair. Hutchison accepts nomination from Rajpal.

vi. Student Issues  
Butz advises committee met, will report based on own notes and the official report will be sent out at a later date. The group looked at starting a uranium project in which they plan to rally against General Electric. The anti-oppression training is being planned, will be held February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Also looked at holding a Rock the Vote campaign for the Trent Central Student Association and College elections. Will also be holding a survey questioning how students think the Trent Central Student Association functions, will be holding hot chocolate on the bridge to get students to participate.

## b. Executive Review

**TCSA: 01.31.10-08**

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Board approves the payment of \$416 to each Executive and \$736 for the President.

*Moved by: Brea Hutchison; Seconded by: Veronica Armstrong*

**Motion carried.** 3 abstentions

## 11) Executive Report

Iron Chef interviews are done, the first event will be the college buffets on Thursday. The squash tournament for Move your Body was a success, had eight participants. Tuesday night swim is getting popular, fifty people attended last week. The task force for downtown safety is ready with two police officers, they have not yet met. The transportation committee met and discussed bringing back Trent Direct after reading week. Also looking into having students pay an extra fee for the late night pub bus, the Trent Central Student Association would sell pub bus passes. Still looking for a sponsor for Scene Break, and Go Transit student card applications are now available in the office.

Rajpal has been working on structure alliances with stakeholders in the University, such as the levy council. He has had discussions with different groups for support, and is working on the inter-union council so that he can address issues of common concern. He is comparing the association's levy to other universities'. A new staffing plan is under construction, and academic transcripts including university activities will be implemented for next year.

Kombani advises that tickets for a Black History month show will be available in the office, show is on February 6 at Market Hall, tickets are \$20. He is sitting on the Head of the Trent 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning committee, encourages Board to email suggestions or come to meetings. He attended the Board of Governors meeting, concerned with vision renewal process, as there are not many undergraduates participating. Looking at using storage space in Otonabee College to serve alternative food such as Halal, been in touch with businesses downtown interested in using space, as well as Meri Kim. The major problem they are currently facing in this project is making it accessible to everyone. Moutenay asks if this will conflict with the Aramark contract, no it is outside of this contract. Hutchison asks if there has been any progress on the bookstore initiative, Kombani will report on this in next meeting.

## 12) Staff Report

There are two new staff members. Dana Fotiadis has taken on the position of office manager, thus a new front desk receptionist was hired, as well as an operations assistant manager. Hutchison questions number of staff currently employed, there are 14 staff members.

## 13) Commissioner Report

Alphonsus advises the Champlain College weekend is upcoming, have also picked Introductory Seminar Week co-chairs.

Blondin Doan has been planning Self-Love week, plans on booking library for a Trans Conference but needs to be rescheduled, as currently planned on the same day as another in Toronto.

Indigenous Students Commissioner Brant organized a First Nations Art Festival with the Native Association, it raised \$800 for the Powwow on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Has also developed a radio show along with a member of the Native Association, it airs Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Currently having a difficult time finding a venue for the Powwow, also looking for funding from the Indigenous Group for a basket workshop with a Mohawk woman, no date set yet.

Armstrong sat on the Animal Care Committee for Champlain College Commissioner Marshall, also sat on the transportation committee. The Lady Eaton College weekend is coming up with a dinner and broomball tournament.

Mountenay participated in Colleges Connect Cultures, a large number of students attended, would like to make this an annual event. The Introductory Seminar Week co-chair interviews are coming.

Butz advises the Wild Side weekend will be held at the end of February, co-chairs have been picked for Introductory Seminar Week, and a chair has been chosen. Clubs and groups funding will be discussed next Sunday, the formal will be held March 6.

Nevin announces there will be a poetry reading at Traill College next Thursday from 7-9 p.m.

#### 14) Any other business

Kombani advises that the petitions against membership in the Canadian Federation of Students have been received, a letter has been sent asking to verify names on petitions, and Meri Kim has approved them.

Hutchison questions if the Canadian Federation of Students Ontario has received petition yet. Nevin advises they were notarized by a process server but they were not sent by registered mail, as they should have been. Kombani will be responsible for contacting to ensure petitions have been received, will report back to Board. There has been a letter from National, but still need to hear from Ontario. If Ontario accepts petition, it will go to referendum. Hutchison has not seen this communication from National, Kombani advises anyone can come to the office to review letter.

Rajpal would like to discuss the issue with Trent Central Student Association staff giving misinformation on the date petitions for referendum were due, and the slandering of commissioners that Mountenay mentioned. This will be discussed with the office manager, who will be told to advise staff that they cannot slander the Board of Directors.

#### 15) Adjournment

**TCSA: 01.31.10-09**

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

*Moved by: Hugh Goldring; Seconded by: Corey Humphrey*

**Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned 2.43 p.m.