



trent central student association

your student union

Executive Meeting
June 9, 2009
TCSA Office

Attendees: Brian Kombani – President and Chair
Sako Khederlarian – VP Membership Services
John Paul Nyereka – VP Student Issues
Rohan Rajpal – VP Finance
Tracy Milne – Operations Manager and Interim Secretary
Sammy Feilchenfeld – Summer Operations Assistant

Agenda:

1. Vision 2009/2010.
2. Agenda for the summer committee
3. Request from Tracy
4. TCSA and Business Cards
5. Trent Annuals Publication
6. AOB

The Chair welcomes everyone and addresses agenda item Vision 2009/2010 as an opportunity to reflect on campaign promises; what can the members of the Executive deliver, what needs amendment and what would you like to see happen in 2009/2010. This outline of vision will lay the platform for the coming year.

Vision 2009/2010

Kombani:

- Would like to focus more on service delivery for students and less on politics
 - TCSA College Games Weekend:
 - Scheduled for the first weekend in November – not much choice on these dates as the AC is already booked with varsity playoffs etc.
 - Will be creating a College Olympics Committee (name may change) that will identify the sports and places to play on campus. Saturday may see the indoor games and Sunday the finals and outdoor games.
 - Believes this will provide students an alternative to the bar/rock concert scene and will help capture student spirit.
 - Rajpal and Khederlarian voice concerns over the weather and suggest alternative indoor venues; it might not snow but it has a good chance of being quite cold.
- Kombani reiterates that this is the only weekend possible to hold this event, and that a little snow shouldn't stop anything from moving forward.

- Will be advertising this to the community.
- Khederlarian suggests having judges from the community.
- T-shirts and Gift Bags
 - These do not generally generate revenue – they need to look better with new logo etc.
 - We should entice our traditional sponsors to donate gift cards or something tangible that can go inside a gift bag
 - The bag would be worth \$50 and the TCSA would sell them to students for \$25 – would include the t-shirt etc. and students can bundle other items to a total cap value of \$50 i.e. hat/scarf
 - Can be sold to parents who come to ISW/NSA etc. or in office during the year
 - Need to find those sponsors/advertisers
 - Feilchenfeld suggests finding out what is already going in the ISW kits from OSA; we should complement their bags and not double up on what is already being done.
 - Rajpal inquires about exam care packages and if the TCSA will be doing these; Kombani believes both can happen and be complimentary – we need to find as many ways as possible to generate revenue.
- Water Fountains
 - Have already started work on getting the water fountains installed at Trent
 - PRD has been very busy with Convocation and should be getting back to us soon and have promised to have the fountains installed by the end of summer
 - Need to discuss sustainable water bottles with Diane Lister to help with the expense of providing them to all students
 - Nyereka would like to run an anti-plastic water bottle campaign once school starts, so the fountains should be ready and installed by September
 - Rajpal believes the administration should be helping with the cost as much as possible; Nyereka agrees that the rental/maintenance cost will be high and therefore admin should assist
 - Kombani indicates that the cost per fountain will only be \$25/month – the most costly expense will be the plumbing
 - Khederlarian inquires if it would be more cost efficient in the long run to buy these fountains outright as opposed to renting the units; the deal we have with admin could include them being responsible for the maintenance costs. We should speak with Don Cummings or O’Leary about this possibility.
 - All that needs doing now is to find the spots around campus to install them, which will largely be dictated by pre-existing systems/plumbing so we will probably be told where they can be installed.

- Executive Meetings
 - The Executive need to meet on a regular basis- properly scheduled and attended meetings need to occur every week
 - The Executive chose Thursday afternoons at 1pm for future meetings occurring over the summer.
- Services vs. Politics
 - Everyone has their strengths and weaknesses – Rajpal with finances, Khederlarian with services and Nyereka with politics. Kombani not as comfortable with the politics and believes that if we concentrate too much on the politics the Association won't get anywhere because the politics will take away from the time we have to work on the services we can offer to students
 - Nyereka believes that he is in charge of the political campaigns not politics.

Khederlarian:

- Trent's Iron Chef
 - Very much like the TV – will announce the secret ingredient and students will return the next day with their creations. Judges (led by Sako) will taste the food (location i.e. Bata film library) and declare a winner.
 - The event will be recorded for the website
 - Encouraged to participation by promises of a prize
 - Will attempt in October and see how it goes – maybe one per semester
 - Would like to have a shirt for this event
 - Kombani would like to purchase the shirts locally to promote relations with Peterborough businesses
- Study Bus
 - Not a well used service – cost the Association money last year
 - Will cancel busses this year if we do not get a minimum number of participants – might have to consider scrapping it altogether
 - Price of everything has increased (gas/busses) and therefore ticket prices may have to increase as well
- Cover Me Campaign
 - Well underway – once we get the logo we can produce the pamphlets

- Squash Tourneys
 - These went very well last year; would definitely like to see them happen this year.
 - Will schedule in the fall unless we have squash in the Olympics
 - Rajpal inquires if more sports can be involved in these tournaments i.e. tennis (that could be held off campus)
 - Khederlarian will try to keep the expense of these tournaments low this year

- Women's Only Swim
 - Repeating this year
 - May incur a cost to cover the windows with something more permanent than newspaper
 - Will look at combining with other events i.e. women's only gym time
 - Restructuring should not affect plans with AC until next summer

- ISW
 - Event went well last year – will repeat for this year
 - Nyereka wants to hit the ground running this year – first year students are not used to the boredom and are looking for things to do

- Introfest
 - Hugely successful last year; food (snow cones, cotton candy, popcorn) gave it a festival feeling and was well received
 - Will again bring in a band as a headliner and then have a DJ play out the rest of the night
 - Will look into fireworks – might be a liability issue
 - No band booked yet

- Hot Chocolate on the Bridge
 - Will repeat this year again
 - Rajpal also suggests ice cream/lemonade on the podium for the warmer days
 - Nyereka would like to utilize these give-aways with his campaigning i.e. hand out the anti-poverty fliers
 - Kombani suggests a DJ could play

- Pick-up Sports
 - Interested in having weekly pick-up sports in the gym
 - Could be joined with a swim time right afterwards
 - Perhaps schedule for Sundays so the Board can join

- Booking the pool may cost \$20
- Dionysus
 - The location change to the parking lot by Bata was great – if it weren't for the rain
 - Discussion about tying this in with Rail Jam – not a good idea – Gzowski cabinet already firmly against the idea of sharing the event. Nyereka believes it is not wise to put these two events together – doubling the event will not necessary mean doubling the attendance – could actually just split the numbers between the two locations because Dionysus and Rail Jam attract the same people
 - Khederlarian believes that low capacity is what makes Dionysus lose money – if we hadn't been rained out we would have made a profit, but the rain location of the Great Hall drastically reduced our profit potential
- Scene Break Film Festival
 - Two day event
 - Opportunity to hold the screenings at the Galaxy – will see if Galaxy wishes to be a sponsor
 - Wants a lot more hype – will utilize the new website

Nyereka:

- Anti-Poverty Campaign
 - Hoping to create a new name for the campaign
 - Held in October
 - Will be involving high schools – wants to take it downtown
 - Should only really cost us the manpower
 - Would like to see volunteers extend their time to shelters etc. to keep poverty in the spotlight
 - Interested in taking pictures of the poverty downtown
- Drop Fees Campaign
 - November 5th
 - Need to focus on our own issues in Peterborough – promote our local as opposed to being lost in the U of T crowd in Toronto
 - Lobby the senate to have Academic Amnesty
- Anti Water-Bottle Campaign
 - Cannot just ban plastic water bottles without an alternative i.e. fountains

- Need to make sustainable water bottles accessible
- Sensitization Campaign
 - We need to make students more aware of who we are – don't allow external forces to define us i.e. Arthur
- Elections
 - Goal to increase participation in elections – minimum of 20% voter turnout
 - Goal to make election fair by giving more power to the CEO
- Forums
 - Interested in holding forums throughout the year on hot topics
 - Will let the students dictate what those hot topics are
- Safe Sex Campaign
 - Taking it to the high schools as well as on campus
- Alternative Food
 - Having trouble figuring out when Aramark contract will be signed
 - Would like to see a card system that students can use at the Seasoned Spoon
 - Ideally money on the Aramark card could be spent at the Seasoned Spoon but Aramark will have an issue with this and will most likely prevent this from happening

Rajpal:

- Finances
 - Goal is to make the budget as accurate as possible and to know exactly what is being spent
 - Will be able to produce very detailed reports the way CFS does
 - Interested in passing a policy this year that requires the VP Finance to have at least Accounting 100
 - Wants to see more money go to Clubs and Groups and less to individuals i.e. lawyers
 - Will hold workshops with members to discuss the budget

Agenda for the Summer Committee:

- Milne only needs her renewal report accepted and the budget for promotional pens approved.

- Briefly discusses the renewal plan with request from Athletics to add Athletic therapy for students as a benefit under the Physiotherapy umbrella
- Rajpal will bring both requests to the Summer Committee

Request from Milne:

- Originally was going to present her Maternity Plan to the Summer Committee but needs only to have it go to the Board (via email) with recommendation from the Executive. Will approach Executive with this shortly and will email Board.

Logo and Business Cards:

- Kombani suggests that we were backwards re: pay for Tabea to produce the logos and that 75% of the total honorarium should be given upon acceptance of a logo, not for doing the work
- Nyereka – this is unfortunate but we must stick to our word on this now – mistakes were made but we can't change that now by renegeing on our commitments

Trent Annuals:

- We have been contacted by Communications and Administration about issues with this years' Trent Annual. TCSA has an issue with lack of representation in this publication, and the University has an issue with the general student population not being represented. Unfortunately not much we can do about this levy group with the exception of sending them a letter stating our concerns. Kombani will look into this further.

Adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tracy Milne
Interim Board Secretary**