

**Trent Central Student Association
Special Meeting #1 of the 2023-2024 Board of Directors
Minutes- Thursday, May 11th, 2023, at 5:00 pm- Online**

1. Call to Order

This meeting took place on Zoom

Start Time: 5:03 pm

2. Roll Call

Chair: Association Resource Manager Wendy Walker

Present

TCSA President Aimee Anctil

VP Health/Wellness Bri Policchico

VP Campaigns/Equity Alexx Bodden

VP University/Colleges Juman Zanzoul

Enviro/ Sustainability Commissioner Alyssa Scanga

On-Campus Commissioner Moez Khawar

LEC Prime Minister Noah Edwards

LEC Commissioner Logan Petersiel

OC Commissioner Jonathan Nayler

Regrets

TC President Aidan Cooke

Gender Issues Commissioner Dee Carter

Absent

TC Commissioner Taylor Labelle

OC President Ashley Merker

Queer Commissioner Elias Malcolm

Indig Students Commissioner Katie Lariviere

Association Staff

BIPOC Student Organizer Sofiat Olabimtan

3. Land and Labour Acknowledgement

Resource Manager Walker reads “The Trent Central Student Association wishes to acknowledge that we are meeting today on the traditional territories of the Mississaugueeg Anishnaabeg people of Treaty 20 and the Williams Treaty, who have been taking care of this land since creation. As visitors to these lands, we would like to acknowledge the displacement and sacrifices of all Indigenous peoples who lived, learned and gathered here, much like we are today. Peterborough, or Nogojiwanong, as it was originally called, has become home to many, and we would like to recognize the contributions made by other First nations, Metis and Inuit peoples to this community. We give further thanks to the people of Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nations for welcoming us onto this beautiful land. While settler-colonialism is still very evident within the structure of our society and institutions, the TCSA is committed to furthering the work of a de-colonial student union and campus, in partnership with Indigenous university staff, students, and community groups.

The Trent Central Student Association acknowledges that much of what we know of our society today, including its culture, economic growth, and development, has been made possible by the unpaid labour of Black, Indigenous, and Racialized peoples. While racism is prominent within the structure of our society and institutions, the TCSA is committed to furthering the work of an anti-racist student union and campus in partnership with Black, Indigenous, and Racialized university staff, students, and community groups.”

4. Chairs Remarks

Resource Manager Walker informs the board that they will be contacted next week regarding the Board Retreat, as well as outlining what the retreat entails

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Be it resolved that the agenda for the 26.3.2023 Board of Directors Meeting be approved.

MOVED: VP Alexx Bodden, seconded by LEC Prime Minister Noah Edwards

Motion is carried

6. Changes to Staffing Plan

MOTION: Be it resolved that the board approve changes to the 2023-24 staffing plan, including the addition of bereavement and compassion days.

MOVED: VP Bri Policchico, seconded by VP Alexx Bodden

Motion is carried

Resource Manager Walker outlines what is included in the TCSA annual staffing plan, which is updated annually in the winter. They explained the need for days away from work that is neither

sick days nor vacation days have arisen and proposed a policy that encompasses those needs. They also included minor changes to the current policy.

Prime Minister Edwards asks about the inclusion of pets in the bereavement policy and how that would be implemented in the future. Resource Manager Walker explains that this policy will be implemented on a case-by-case basis. Prime Minister Edwards suggests adding a statement describing the discretionary nature of this policy.

7. Executive Feedback Committee

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Executive Feedback Committee be struck.

MOVED: President Aimee Ancil, seconded by VP Alexx Bodden

Motion is carried

Three directors are needed to sit on the committee that meets with the executive team a few times a year to touch base on what they have achieved in their respective roles, as well as provide additional suggestions and support. The three directors who have volunteered for this committee are Prime Minister Edwards, LEC Commissioner Petersiel, and On-Campus Commissioner Khawar.

8. Summer Committee

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2023 Summer Committee be struck.

MOVED: VP Juman Zanzoul, seconded by Enviro/ Sustainability Commissioner Alyssa Scanga

Motion is carried

Resource Manager Walker explains that during the summer, this committee is struck as an acting board, due to the difficulty of assembling all the board members during the summer months. All of these decisions are going to be taken to the board in the summer. The three additional members of this committee are OC Commissioner Naylor, Enviro/ Sustainability Commissioner Scanga, and Prime Minister Edwards.

9. Any Other Business

Peterborough Transit

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Trent Central Student Association Board of Directors condemn the proposed cutbacks to transit service as outlined in report IPSTR23-003 and demand immediate action from Peterborough City Council. Be it further resolved that the board approve the presented letter from the Association to City Council.

MOVER: VP Bri Policchicio, seconded by Prime Minister Noah Edwards

Motion is carried

President Anctil discusses the ongoing communication with the board about the proposed changes to Peterborough Transit. The changes would include no service on holidays, no community bus, no service after 8 pm on Saturdays, and no service on Sundays with the exceptions of routes 5 and 6. President Anctil notes that this will not be a sustainable solution for Trent students. They read the letter to the Peterborough City Council that outlines the concerns of the association. Prime Minister Edwards notes that they are glad that this letter was drafted, as they acknowledge that students who work will not be able to do so which may have a wider impact on the city. Commissioner Scanga proposed an addition to the letter, and Commissioner Nayler expressed similar sentiments to those of Prime Minister Edwards regarding the lack of accessibility this will cause.

Off-setting Corporate Carbon Footprint Discussion

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors does not approve a campus event with TD Bank.

MOVER: Enviro/ Sustainability Commissioner Alyssa Scanga, seconded by VP Alexx Bodden

Motion is carried

President Anctil explains a discussion that had been had amongst the executive team regarding working with larger corporations with the proposed name of “Off-setting Corporate Carbon Footprint Policy”. This would entail charging corporations an additional 25% to their charge and allocating the additional funds towards community-based projects and NGOs.

VP Bodden clarifies that this discussion was brought to the board to ensure that an equitable discussion could be had. This first motion is just to gain an understanding of the opinion of the board, and any further context and clarification can be discussed in a future meeting.

Prime Minister Edwards asks for clarification on how much additional large corporations would be sending, and President Anctil clarifies that the fee would entail 125% of the vending fee for any other vendor.

Commissioner Scanga expresses the concern that this would set the precedent that large corporations such as TD are welcome on campus and that this feels disingenuous to support as the Sustainability Commissioner.

President Anctil clarifies that there is a separation between inviting TD onto campus and this policy which would apply broadly to large corporations.

Resource Manager Walker also outlines that there are different issues involved. One is the stance of the board on working with corporations and another is how to create the policy and what to include within it.

Prime Minister Edwards states that tabling the policy for future discussion is a good idea as further discussion is needed to include all of the relevant details to the proposed policy. They also asked for further context on the motivation for this conversation.

President Anctil explains that in light of TDs upcoming campus tour, they were simply reaching out to inquire about stopping at Trent as well.

President Anctil includes that Trent International also takes international students downtown to banks, so there are alternatives to inviting banks onto campus in the future.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 11.5.2023 Board of Directors Meeting be adjourned.

MOVER: VP Alexx Bodden, seconded by VP Juman Zanzoul

Motion is carried

End Time: 5:53 pm

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Ramsamy
Board Secretary