

**Trent Central Student Association  
Second Meeting of the 2023-2024 Board of Directors  
Agenda - Sunday, September 17th, 2023, at 1:00 pm- Online**

**1. Call to Order**

**START TIME: 1:01 pm**

This meeting took place virtually.

**2. Roll Call**

**Chair:** Rob Monico (he/him)

**Present**

TCSA President Aimee Anctil (she/her)

VP Health/Wellness Bri Polichiccio (she/her)

VP Campaigns/Equity Alexx Bodden (she/they)

VP University/Colleges Juman Zanzoul (she/her)

Indigenous Students Commissioner Katie Lariviere (she/her)

On-Campus Commissioner Moez Khawar (he/him)

Queer Students Commissioner Elias Malcolm (he/him)

Gender Issues Commissioner Dee Carter (she/him/they)

GC President Emily Johnston (she/they)

GC Commissioner Meet Rajgor (he/him)

OC President Ashley West (they/them)

OC Commissioner Jonathan Naylor (he/him)

LEC Prime Minister Noah Edwards (he/him)

Traill President Aidan Cooke (he/him)

**Absent**

Traill Commissioner Taylor Labelle (she/her)

**Regrets**

Enviro/ Sustainability Commissioner Alyssa Scanga (she/her)

**Association Staff**

General Manager Tracy Milne (she/her)

Resource Manager Wendy Walker (she/her) - Present

### **Members of the Public**

Evan Robins (she/her) - Trent Arthur Newspaper

Abbigale Kernya (she/her) - Trent Arthur Newspaper

Andrew Rose (he/him)

### **3. Land and Labour Acknowledgement**

Chair Monico reads, *“The Trent Central Student Association wishes to acknowledge that we are meeting today on the traditional territories of the Mississaugaeg 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**

Chair Monico introduces himself as chair of the Board of Directors. He includes his favourite quote by Aldo Leopold, *“Think like a mountain”*, who was an ecologist in the 1970s, to highlight the importance of unity within the Association. He also speaks of the importance of seeing the university as a whole instead of parts and the portfolios of individual student leaders.

### **5. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the agenda for the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting be approved.

**MOVED:** Vice President Bodden moves, Vice President Pollicchio seconds  
Motion carries with one abstention

### **6. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the minutes from the March 11th, 2023 Special Board of Directors Meeting, the June 19th 2023 Summer Committee, and the August 13th 2023 Summer Committee meeting be approved with the necessary corrections.

**MOVED:** Vice President Zanzoul moves, President Johnston seconds  
Motion carries with one abstention

## 7. Executive Reports

Vice President Zanzoul presents their executive report for the period of June to September. They highlighted the events that were held during the September Orientation week. These events included; the 'Welcome Bag' event, Sexual Health Trivia, Get the Tea on your Union and the 'Great Race' event. They outlined what the goal of each event was with regard to welcoming new students to the campus and introducing them to the Association. They also included the events that they assisted in planning and hosting the Tree Top Trekking event and are currently planning the Leadership Assembly and the Pumpkin Patch event in partnership with Macleans Berry Farms. Vice President Zanzoul outlined what training and committees they have been partaking in, as well as discussing the key meetings they have attended, including the CFS Annual General meeting, a PVP meeting and a Student Senate Caucus meeting.

Vice President Bodden presents their executive report and begins by announcing that they have been ratified into the Canadian Federation of Students with voting power between their last report and this one and attended the Ontario General meeting. They discussed the direction of CFS for the new year and what is planned for the upcoming National Day of Action on November 8th. This will be a day when students are taken to downtown Toronto to lobby the government with regard to tertiary education. They also attended various committee meetings. They informed the Board that they have secured a donation from Trent International to support the One Stop Chop Shop. Their up-coming events are the Pride Picnic on Wednesday, September 20th, 2023, and the Pride Parade on Saturday, September 23rd 2023. Vice President Bodden speaks further on PVP, and on the Hiring Committee they were appointed to for the hiring of a new Community Coordinator, which included doing interviews. They assisted in Orientation Week and touched on the training they attended.

Vice President Polichicchio, spoke on their two areas of focus that they brought to PVP; harm reduction and food insecurity. They discussed the Food Services Advisory Committee, and their role liaising with Mark Murdoch. They also highlighted the CFS Annual General meeting they attended, as well as other weekly meetings. Vice President Polichicchio speaks to the Tree Top Trekking event, which they organized for students to Treetop Trekking Ganaraska. They also presented the Board with their upcoming event, the Harm Reduction Fair, on September 26th, which will include the launch of the Party Safer kits. These kits will include items such as drink night caps, breathalyzer kits and informatio cards. These will be launched before the Head of the Trent event to reduce risk during that weekend. They are organising the Head of the Trent

Community cleanup to minimize the impact of that weekend on the community. They highlighted their upcoming collaboration with Trent Health and Motion in bringing a nutritionist to campus for workshops on healthy meal planning. They concluded their report by highlighting the supporting role they played during Orientation Week.

Commissioner Nayler informs the Board that they will inform the OC college office of the Community clean up and also volunteers to be part of the event.

President Anctil begins by speaking about the creation of the Student Summer Transit Experience Survey in support of the work being done by the General Manager in the Transit Liaison committee. They plan on launching another survey to examine how service has continued into the fall. They spoke on the Demand Omnibus initiative and their meeting with President Leo Groarke, where they presented the results of the Excalibur Out survey. This campaign will also include a letter to the provincial government regarding; OSAP and the privatization of post-secondary education, amongst other issues. They discussed the training session they ran on recruitment and the HR work that will come out of concerns and issues that have come out of the student housing department. They include the work that they are doing with security at Traill College to enhance their overnight security. They are also working on a set of policies for an upcoming Student Staff Union. They spoke on the committees that they sit on, including the Student Issues Caucus and the Student Centre Committee. President Anctil spoke about the lockers that are going to be installed outside of the TCSA office. Commissioner Nayler stated that they would prefer the expansion of the Student Centre in favour of the creation of a new building.

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the Executive Reports.

MOVED: Prime Minister Edwards moves, President West seconds  
Motion carries with one abstention

## **8. Elections**

Resource Manager Walker informs the Board that elections are underway. They have been doing outreach events as the nomination period opened on September 5th. They have received a lot of interest in the open positions. Nominations are open until September 29th. Campaigning will happen for two weeks. The voting period will be from October 9th to 13th, 2023. The 'Meet the Candidates' event will tentatively be held on October 5th. The ratification will be on October 15th. Resource Manager Walker also added that they are willing to assist cabinets in their elections, in the form of a resource, in response to a statement from Prime Minister Edwards, who informed the Board that the LEC Commissioner position on the Board is still vacant. The Brand Ambassador team is currently promoting the elections at the Promotions desk to facilitate outreach.

## **9. Committees**

Resource Manager Walker requests that directors sign up for the remaining committees with unfilled seats. President West requested that all the committees be named before any of the

directors are assigned their seats, and began by naming the committees that are within Trent. Prime Minister Edwards recommends that the Vice President of Campaigns and Equity or another equity commissioner sit on the Student Charter of Rights and Responsibilities committee as the Charter is being reviewed this year. Vice President Bodden clarifies to the Board that the Executives have already signed up for committees that are within their schedules, and hence, if they did not sign up for a committee that may fall within their portfolio, they have class at that time.

The Trent committee assignments are as follows;

The Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee filled by President Johnston,

Cyclical Program Review Committee filled by President Johnston,

The Research Policy Committee filled by GC Commissioner Rajgor,

The Operations and Marketing committee under Food Services filled by Vice President Polichicchio,

The Food Services Budget working group filled by Vice President Policicchio,

Catering for Food Services filled by President West,

The Campus Card committee filled by Commissioner Carter,

The International Scholarship Fund committee filled by Commissioner Khawar,

The Student Charter of Rights and Responsibilities committee filled by Commissioner Lariviere,

The Co-curricular Record Committee filled by President West, and

The Campus Fair Trade Steering Committee filled by President Johnston.

Resource Manager Walker also outlines the need for directors to sign up for internal TCSA committees, the assignments are as follows;

Three directors for the Finance committee filled by Vice President Policicchio, Commissioner Khawar and Commissioner Carter,

A representative of Traill College to sit on the Transportation committee filled by President Cooke, and

Three directors for the Benefits Committee filled by Commissioner Khawar, Commissioner Carter and Commissioner Rajgor

Resource Manager Walker also emphasized that once new directors are elected, they will also be assigned committees, and hence, these are not permanent assignments yet.

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the Board approve all 2023/2024 term committee appointments.

MOVED: Vice President Polichicchio moves, Commissioner Khawar seconds  
Motion carries with one abstention

### **10. Transit**

Prime Minister Edwards speaks to the transit report that was recently released, stating that Peterborough Transit will be keeping the current route network currently being used. They are not going to be returning to the hub-and-spokes network and are ending the contract with the On-Demand service provider in October. They will be returning to regular evening routes as of then. They are also going to be restoring funding to their reserves, as well as using money towards more buses, a new garage and multiple other short-term goals, including paper maps being available. Furthermore, it was also outlined that Peterborough Transit are hiring to allow for half-hourly service between 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

Prime Minister Edward went on to speak about the high demand for transit during the week, and the lack of understanding of bus etiquette by the general public, which has caused issues in people receiving service, and how that can be addressed through social media advocacy.

General Manager Milne informs the board that they are still sitting on the Peterborough Transit committee. The committee met five times over the summer to create recommendations for City Council on how to improve the ridership, as that was the primary concern of the Council. The recommendations were approved by a subcommittee and are going to the City Council for approval on the 25th. General Manager Milne outlined that the Transit Committee concluded that the only way to increase the ridership was to invest more into the current system to ensure its stability. Beyond the 25th, the committee will continue to meet to continue making recommendations to solidify and improve the grid system as it is. The Association is going to prepare a letter for the 25th in support of the recommendations. It was also noted that the ridership of Peterborough Transit is up by 53% in comparison to the last year, which is a positive sign.

General Manager Milne also spoke about the application submitted for federal and provincial capital funding by the city in order to fund the building of a proper bus terminal or turnaround at Trent, and further updates will be provided. This initiative is to allow for a safer and more cohesive way to navigate the Bata Loop and to allow the drivers a space where they can comfortably take their breaks. Furthermore, the union for the drivers are negotiating with the city for a contract for drivers who are filing for conciliation. General Manager Milne summarizes that a strike is very unlikely to occur and that many of the concerns of the drivers' union have been met. However, they included that should a strike happen, there would be little that Trent and the TCSA could do. There would be a way to provide some support, but it would not deliver the same amount of service, and it would also jeopardize the position of Trent and the TCSA with the drivers union.

Prime Minister Edwards wants to include that the Board of Directors also wants to include a gesture of support to the letter being sent to City Council. General Manager Milne also notes that Peterborough Transit lost eight drivers who are not being replaced until September, but they also note that Transit is planning on having a complete staff of drivers by October.

In closing, Prime Minister Edwards adds that whilst supporting the drivers union through the Thank You campaign in the previous year was positive, an even more positive way to show our support to them would be by supporting their labour negotiations with the City and Peterborough Transit.

General Manager Milne adds that the Transit committee is going to be using the survey constructed in part by President Anctil to inform future recommendations. They also noted that, in order to ensure that the recommendations reach the City Council, they concentrated on the budget, but will now be able to shift the focus from the budget to ensuring that Trent students are better supported, and are open to suggestions.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the board of directors support in principle the recommendations in City Report IPSTR23-004.

MOVED: Prime Minister Edwards motions, President Johnston seconds.

Motion carries unanimously.

## 11. Any Other Business

Resource Manager Walker mentions that the year is very busy, particularly with elections underway. The majority of the staff at the TCSA are new this year and are settling into their roles. The new hires included the new Community Coordinator, Aditi Sharma, who recently organized Clubs and Groups Day and Vendors Day. Resource Manager Walker also spoke on the planning of the Leadership Assembly which is taking place on the 23rd of September, which is a training day for clubs on campus, as well as further hiring for a Front Desk Staff position.

Resource Manager Walker also read the Services Manager update, which included the purchasing of a new deep freezer for the One Stop Chop Shop, as there have been an average of 20 to 30 appointments per week. There will be a new fridge purchased for the pantry as well, which will arrive by reading week. The Wrapped 'n' Ready program is going well, and students are using the dispensers in the bathrooms frequently. With regards to benefits, this is currently the opt-out period, and it ends on September 30th. Anyone with further questions about benefits can contact Services Manager Litow-Daye or General Manager Milne.

Prime Minister Edwards wanted to acknowledge the Jewish Holiday Rosh Hashanah, which takes place during the weekend.

## **12. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the September 17th, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting be adjourned.

**MOVED:** Vice President Policicchio moves, Commissioner Carter Seconds  
Motion carries

**END TIME 2:06 PM**

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Ramsamy (she/her)  
Board Secretary



September 17th, 2023

To the attention of the Trent Central Student Association (TCSA) Board of Directors and membership: below encompasses the Vice-President University and Colleges Affairs (VPUC) Report for the period of June 19th, to September 17th.

## **Events**

### *Orientation week*

#### *Welcome Bag Event*

- An event that caters for first year students by giving them a tote bag full of resources for students to access during their time at Trent.

#### *Sexual Health Trivia*

- An opportunity to promote safe sex and consent education at Trent.

#### *Get the Tea on Your Union*

- An event catered to first- years for a chance to learn about what services their student union has to offer and meet their TCSA Executive team and BIPOC organizer, Sofiat Olabimtan.
- Helpful resources regarding TCSA Elections to encourage further networking and involvement.

#### *Great Race*

- Collaborated with Trent International, College Principals, Trent Orientation and TCSA's BIPOC organizer.
- Purpose of event was to bring together domestic and international students at Trent.

#### *Tree Top Trekking*

- Helped TCSA'S Vice President of Health & Wellness, Bri Policicchio facilitate Tree Top Trekking Event.

#### *Leadership Assembly*

- Scheduled to happen on September 23, 2023.
- Working with Community Coordinator, Aditi Sharma.

#### *Pumpkin patch*

- Date TBD

## **Training**

### *Board retreat training*

- Anti- Oppression Training with Canadian Federation of Students.
- Lets Get Political Training with Aimee Anctil.

## **Committees**

### *Orientation Stakeholder meeting*

- Staying in the loop with Trent Orientation and discussing our collaborations.

### *Finance committee*

- Went through student applications through various funding lines.

### *Office Updates Committee*

- Updating the team on Orientation.

### *Events committee*

- Event planning regarding regarding Orientation week.

### *Canadian Federation of Students Annual General Meeting*

- Between August 17th and 20th I participated in the Annual Ontario General Meeting organized by the Canadians Federation of Students along with Vice President of Campaigns & Equity, Alexx Bodden and Vice President of Health & Wellness, Bri Policicchio.
- We engaged in voting and training on a range of vital CFS initiatives for the upcoming year such as the National Day of Action.

### *PVP*

- The executive team met with upper administration to discuss the unions goals and direction for this upcoming year in collaboration with the university.

## **Senate**

### *Student Senate Caucus*

- Discussed orientation leaders compensation advocacy.
- Booked a meeting with Environment & Sustainability commissioner, Alyssa Scanga to discuss divestment at Trent University.
- Soundboarding future ideas for monthly informal townhall meetings.

## **Academic advocacy**

- Working with Melanie Buddle to discuss Triage Training.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Juman Zanzoul (She/her)



Vice-President University and College Affairs  
Trent Central Student Association

Wednesday 17th September 2023

To the attention of the Trent Central Student Association (TCSA) Board of Directors and membership: below is the Vice-President Campaigns & Equity (VPCE) Report from June 14th, 2023, to September 17th, 2023.

## **Committees**

### *Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)-Ontario General Meeting*

- During the 17th-20th of August, the Vice President of Health and Wellness, Vice President of University College Affairs, and I attended the Annual Ontario General Meeting Hosted by CFS. We voted on various CFS actions for the year and discussed the National Day of Action.

### *Food Services Advisory Committee*

- We discussed the contactless services of Bata Bean, the Vegetarian/Vegan hub at Gzowski and searching for a new vendor to take over the space in the Athletic Center.

### *Finance Committee*

- We went through applications for funding lines.

### *Office Updates*

- Spoke about reaching out to TI for funding rice and spices for the One Stop Chop, totalling \$2,500.00. Canadian Federation of Students National Day of Action on November 8th.

### *Events Committee*

- Mostly spoke about Orientation Week, the Pride Picnic and the Peterborough Pride Parade.

### *PVP*

- Met with upper administration to discuss goals and direction for the University in bettering student life.

### *Hiring Committee*

- Reviewed resumes and cover letters for the Community Coordinator position and conducted interviews from the 30th of June to the 4th of July 2023. Reviewed

resumes and cover letters for the Brand Ambassador position and conducted interviews on the 22nd of August, 2023.

*Canadian Federation of Students-National Day of Action Committee*

- Spoke with the CFS chairperson about the rollout plan for the national day of action and discussed how the association can garner as much student support as possible.

**Events/Advocacy**

*Orientation Week*

- Helped facilitate and host various events under the direction of the Vice President of the University and College Affairs. The events include:
  - Welcome Bag Event
  - Sexual Health Trivia
  - Get the Tea on your Union
  - Great Race Event

**Training**

*Nothing to report.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Alexx Boddden (she/her)



Vice-President Campaigns & Equity  
Trent Central Student Association

Sunday September 17, 2023

To the attention of the Trent Central Student Association (TCSA) Board of Directors and membership: below encompasses the Vice-President Student Health and Wellness (VPSHW) Report for the period of June 14, 2023 to September 17th, 2023.

## **Committees**

### **PVP**

- Met with Trent administration for an introduction as well as to address current goals for the year and issues that students are facing on campus
- Focused on harm reduction campaign and food insecurity and will be working with Trent administration further to help create more than a band aid solution

### **Food Services Advisory Committee Joint Meeting**

- Looking for a new provider for the 76 sips spot in the athletic centre, they have sent a callout and are waiting to choose a new business to take over
- Moved the white buffalo cafe to underneath the steps in Gzowski and built a new classroom where the old cafe resided
- Introduced a new plant based cafe in the Gzowski dining hall

### **CFS**

- Attended the Canadian Federation of Students Annual General meeting where I learned valuable skills, integrated and mingled with other unions to see what they were offering to students and how we can better serve the membership
- made decisions on different policy and procedures to ensure that CFS is heading in a positive direction

Weekly Committees : Finance, Events, office updates

## **Events/ Advocacy**

### **Treetop Trekking**

- Held an event at Treetop Trekking Ganaraska where students boarded the bus at Trent and we took them for the day, ending back at the university
- students thoroughly expressed their enjoyment for the event and requested another trip as they made new friends and connections
- this allowed for many students to destress and make many memories as well as made it more accessible by subsidizing the cost as well as offering students a direct mode of transportation

### **Harm Reduction Fair**

- booked out atrium and found people to table at the harm reduction fair which will include but is not limited to naloxone training, peterborough public health, Trent wellness, Active minds, and many others within the Trent and Peterborough community

-an event aimed at addressing the pressing concerns surrounding harm within our community while fostering a safer environment. The fair also seeks to equip students with valuable information and resources to empower them in making informed decisions.

- a walkthrough style, allowing students to visit various tables and access resources tailored to their individual needs. Additionally, it serves as an excellent opportunity to raise awareness about the support systems available within our community.

### **Party Safer Kits**

-Going to launch safer partying kits and launching them at the harm reduction fall fair

-These will consist of drug testing coasters, drink night caps, breathalyzer tests, info cards, and more harm reduction materials

-Students can participate in a build your own/ grab what you need type of style and build a little bag to take with them before the HOTR Weekend

### **HOTR**

-Looking to still run a community cleanup and have been in collaboration with the colleges in order to take as many students as possible to help ensure our community is returned to a clean and safe environment following HOTR

### **Nutrition TCSA x THIM**

-collaborating with Trent Health and Motion to put on workshops that offer a dietitian and a healthy snack which can help them plan their meals better and establish a relationship with a nutritionist

-will be offering one for all students as well as one for varsity which can help to address more specific concerns that students may have

### **Orientation Week**

-Helped the Vice president of university and college affairs with facilitating orientation week which consisted of events such as, Welcome Bag, Sexy Sexual Health Trivia, Get the Tea on your Union, and the Great Race

Tuesday September 12th 2023

To the attention of the Trent Central Student Association (TCSA) Board of Directors and membership: below encompasses the President's Executive Report for the period of August 13th, 2023 to September 12th, 2023.

**Events/Advocacy**

*Peterborough Transit*

- Summer Transit Experience survey created with the General Manager. During August this collected information about underserved areas. This survey supported advocacy efforts within the Transit Liaison committee. Pending the City Council meeting on August 25th, the current system will be kept with no service reductions. On-Demand service may be removed. New drivers and staff will be recruited to address gaps in service.

*Demand Omnibus*

- Met with President Leo G. on August 14th, The PVP meeting was organized in collaboration with Lawrence L. Hosted on August 21st, discussing results of Excalibur Out survey, executive proposals, and introduction of Demand Omnibus. Agreement from Sr. Administration to support letter to Provincial government regarding privatization of post-secondary education, OSAP, and more.

*Recruitment Training Session*

- On August 16th, hosted a session for Trent's Recruitment team on the TCSA's services, advocacy, and organizational structure.

*Student Housing Department*

- On August 29th, confirmation of therapist in residence, EAP Buy-in, and water testing for all residence facilities. The department is working on setting up listening sessions for current and former student staff regarding HR incidents and concerns. Student Staff Employment policies have been compiled by HR. Training session on issue escalation (discrimination, harassment, sexual violence, etc.) Working on enhancing Trail security.

*Student Staff Union*

- In the process of creating a Student Staff Union. Outreach and creation of policy guidebooks ongoing. Several consultation meetings with interested parties and campus unions.

**Committees**

*Student Issues Caucus*

- Held on August 13th, discussed logistics of Student Staff Union and focus areas. Transit recommendations. Demand Omnibus recruitment for revision.

*Student Centre Committee*

- The committee met on August 23rd. Confirmed the lockers position and wudu stations, and set for approval by the SPACE committee. Requested bus monitors for live updates at Bata Loop and Gzowski. Requested accessibility check with support from CPD. Discussed Transit hub and pharmacy. Notification that Peer Support rooms are being used by Careerspace and Spiritual Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee Ancil (she/her)



President  
Trent Central Student Association

## **Services Manager Update for September 1st - 17th 2023**

### **One-Stop Chop Food Pantry:**

- Now have a deep freezer to re-stock produce during the week.
- New branding and materials (seed paper cards).
- Averaging 20-30 appointments per week.
- Obtaining a new fridge by reading break

### **Lockers:**

- The deposit has been paid.
- Weekly check-ins have been scheduled.
- Delivery is set for September 21st - 23rd 2023.

### **Wrapped n' Ready:**

- 30 orders placed since o-week.
- Steady usage of dispensers in bathrooms (filling all weekly).

### **Benefits:**

- Had a delay in receiving promotional materials from Student VIP.
- Now working to promote benefits / increase student understanding and usage.
- The opt-out period goes till September 30th.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Zoe Litow-Daye, Services Manager

