

2017-2018 Executive Reports

President

To the attention of the General Membership of the TCSA,

The following composes the Presidential Report to be presented at the Association's Winter 2018 Semi-Annual General Meeting. This purpose of this report is to summarize the work done by the President during the 2017-2018 term.

Transit

- The TCSA, in partnership with Peterborough Transit is proud of the quality of service it was able to provide over the 2017-2018 year including:
 - Buses every 10 minutes during the workday
 - Service every 20 minutes on weekends
 - Late night service until 2:35 am
- Below are some service improvements that were made over the 2016-2017 year
 - Doubling of West Bank Weekend service from every 40 minutes to every 20 minutes
 - Running the Trent Late Night every day except Sunday and Monday during regular academic session, and every night of the week during exams

Benefits

- Provided affordable and comprehensive coverage to every student who attends Trent University (including Graduates and Trent Durham students)
- For information on the plan and what is covered, go to trentcentral.ca/benefits
- Transitioned to a new service provider (Blue Cross) who introduced additional online services making accessing the benefits plan more convenient
- Assisted students in accessing emergency services via the IM Well App
- With the introduction of OHIP Plus, the TCSA is excited for the future of its benefits plan (potential to decrease premiums, or increase coverage)

Student Centre

The TCSA worked with the Trent Administration to host an amazing grand opening on September 30th, 2017 with the building becoming fully operational by the end of the fall reading break. Some Services provided by this new building include:

- Three new lecture halls with a combined total of 360 seats
- Silent Study Space

- Starbucks
- New TCSA office facilities
- Clubs and Groups space & storage
- Events and Atrium space for use by the Trent community

Minimum Wage

In response to Ontario's increase of the minimum wage to \$14.00, the Association used its cumulative surplus to maintain the percentage over minimum wage employees earned before the increase without having to take any funds away from advocacy, campaigns, or events.

TUNA and TISA

The Association is seeking to change the structure of its Indigenous and International Students' Commissioners. Instead of these positions being elected by the TCSA membership in the general elections, the Trent International Students Association (TISA) and Trent University Native Association (TUNA) will appoint these positions to the TCSA Board. This process reflects how college representative are allocated seats on the TCSA Board.

Vice-President Student Health and Wellness

Over the course of the summer the Association worked with our benefits provider, Board of Directors, and the Trent University Wellness Centre to introduce a new executive position that will help us ensure our organization's priority of student wellness in an official capacity. This will add one major paid position to the Association's elected representatives who will work on behalf of students to positively impact our Trent Campus.

Advocacy

- The TCSA is petitioning senate for a voting seat, specifically to represent our part-time students
- The TCSA is petitioning the Board of Governors to overhaul the structure of its student representatives to ensure Peterborough and Durham Undergraduates, and Graduate Students are provided with the opportunity for targeted advocacy
- Executives and Board Members were able to attend meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students (National and Ontario) to advocate not only for Trent-specific issues, but for issues pertaining to all students
- Through its PSE and APPLE funds, the TCSA was able to support community initiatives, as well as assist students in accessing professional development opportunities

- The Executives have worked with the college cabinets, TGSA, TDSA, administration, and other clubs and groups to improve its programming and structure
- TCSA Executives and Board members sat on numerous University committees to oversee the operations of Trent's services and ensure these services are always adapting in the best interests of all Trent students.

I would like to sincerely thank all members of the TCSA for their continued support and for the opportunity to serve as your President. I am proud of the work we have done together so far this year and I look forward to the work we will do together in the future. As always, if there is anything happening on campus, or in life, that you need help with we are always here for you.

Respectfully Submitted, Brandon Rimmelgas

2017-2018 TCSA President

Vice President Clubs and External Affairs

Clubs and Groups

Update:

As of writing this report, there are currently 65 fully approved clubs (completed training, approved through the committee, completed registration package). Clubs are welcome to continue to register for status until two weeks prior to the end of school. The approval committee will meet for a final time this semester, on April 3rd. Winter funding committee will meet for a final time this semester, on April 3rd, as well.

At the current moment, \$27,268.18 of Clubs Funding has been distributed to 38 clubs in the fall semester (total \$ 22,220.18) and 8 clubs in the Winter Semester (total \$5048).

Clubs Registration and Funding Forms have been fully digitalized and documents are stored and shared between Clubs Coordinator and myself. Previous paper forms are currently being digitalized such that we can prevent future paper waste.

Additional clubs benefits introduced this year includes free Green Dishes and extended Green Dishes program offered by Trent Food Services, and financially supported by the TCSA in order to encourage use of reusable materials on campus. As of this report, \$620.94 has been used out of a total budget of \$1,000.00 for this initiative.

The Club Space Materials Budget included orders to purchase supplies such as crafting materials for clubs and groups, as well as poster boards purchased along the

outer walls of the Clubs Space. It is set up to be a space for Clubs and Groups within the Student Centre to advertise their activities. Using this budget, a Cricut has been purchased. This machine is able to cut any design on a variety of materials, including iron-on stickers. This is purchased in mind for clubs who may wish to obtain shirts and iron on their own logos at a lower cost.

As of this moment, there are 46 available lockers for clubs to utilize within the Clubs Space. Not all clubs had applied for locker space; therefore each club was able to receive their own locker. In future years if the number of clubs is increased, clubs may be required to share with one other group in order to provide space for all clubs on campus. Two lockers have been reserved as temporary storage for clubs requiring space for the day.

Details:

Clubs day was held for both the fall and winter semesters. For fall semester Clubs Day occurred on the Wednesday of the second week back to school (110 long tables and 220 chairs were ordered for Upper Bata Podium). Other organizers used these tables as well, at no extra charge. We ran out of tables available for organizations, therefore organizations that are not a club or group were asked to share tables with one another. In future we should ensure a strict cut-off date for Clubs Day in the fall.

Clubs day for Winter Semester was held in the Events Space within the new Student Centre. The location was not ideal as it was too small to hold the number of clubs for the event. In future, the event should be hosted out of the Great Hall, as was done in the past. We approved a total of 30 clubs/groups in the Events Space, and had some groups spill out into the Atrium of the Student Centre.

The first Leadership Assembly had a fantastic turn out. The Canadian Federation of Students was invited to give a speech to Club Executives about their roles and how they can affect change on campus. Clubs were also introduced to other resources CFS had to offer, including brand wear ordering through ethical purchasing network. The day included a session on club overview, Anti-O training, followed by lunch catered by the Ceilie, an Events Planning session, and a “choose your workshop” session that included subgroups such as Departmental Groups, Athletics, Budgeting Workshop and Motivate your Membership. In the future, budgeting workshop should be mandated in order to ensure fast turn around for Clubs Funding.

For the remainder of the year, Leadership Assembly was held once a month. However, the majority of these meetings are not as elaborate, consisting mainly of Clubs overview, Anti-O training, along with budget training. These meetings require approximately 4 hours each, and are a requirement for each club to complete, in order to be fully approved and therefore access funding resources through the TCSA.

Levy Group Relationship

Current Successes and Status:

The beginning of the year saw Levy Groups at Trent pass a successful referendum to change the levy fee billing structure. This is an important change that was necessary due to legislative changes to how OSAP was calculated by the government. It was also exciting, and a pleasure to work with the Levy Groups to produce a Levy Booklet in order to increase new student's awareness of what Trent's various levy groups offer its students. These booklets were given out within the office, as well as added to each individual TCSA welcome bag provided to students (mainly first year students).

The Levy Council has been successful in implementing a variety of meetings and workshops in order to support one another, especially groups that may be under-capacity due to various reasons. The meetings have been regular and the discussions have been useful in navigating concerns voiced by Trent's students and levy groups on campus.

The TCSA and levy groups have been in talks over how best to address the concerns that multiple students have brought forwards in regards to the current refund process that is in place. At the time of this report, it is expected that the refundable levy groups will produce a viable solution that will be utilized within the 2018-2019 school year to ensure that refund issues brought up this year will not occur again.

TCSA Outreach:

I currently host a TCSA Talks radio show on Trent Radio every week, which is a fantastic opportunity to connect with a long-standing levy group with a rich history within our community. In the future, there will hopefully be an opportunity to bring Trent Radio onto campus, should they choose so. I am working on events to promote Trent Radio's presence on campus.

Future Goals:

I hope that the Levy Council continues to grow, and supports each other as it is an important part of the Trent Community. Furthermore, I hope to see the Levy Council become the primary support for new and existing levy groups.

TCSA Events

I sit on the Events Committee, and am responsible for recording the minutes to be shared with the organization. In regards to planning events pertaining to my position, I have been responsible for planning the Leadership Assembly, fall and winter Clubs and Groups Day, Departmental Clubs Cocoa and Cram, and took a lead on Frost Week. Some other exciting initiatives includes having mini Clubs Days during Trent Open

House for prospective students to get a glimpse of the Peterborough and Trent community, as well as hosting the Clubs Gala, which will occur at the end of this semester.

Committees List

- TCSA Clubs Funding Committee – weekly
- Clubs Approval Committee – weekly
- TCSA Events Committee – weekly
- TCSA Executive Committee – weekly
- Special Appeals Committee of Senate – approx. once a semester
- Athletics Advisory Committee – approx. once a semester

Respectfully submitted, Molly Hu

Vice President Clubs and External Affairs

Vice President University and College Affairs

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

The following encompasses the Presidential Report for the period of April 2017 to January 2018.

Orientation Week Organization: Orientation Week took place from September 3rd to September 8th. This year we removed the use of a downtown booth and focused on enhancing the on campus experience. One event that we ran, which really stood out to students would be Queer Tea & Treats, a safe space geared towards our LGBTQ+ community. It was a pleasure to work with our volunteers, as their hard work and dedication made each of our events possible. It is my goal during the shadow period, to stress the importance of creating new events that are more intersectional in nature and accessible for all students.

Study space on campus: With the Bata Transformation project well underway, many students have voiced concerns about loss of study spaces and difficulties conducting research. My goal this year was to address the loss of quiet study space on campus, and advocate for spaces that were explicitly meant for quiet study. As the Student Centre opened, a space meant for quiet study has been provided, as well as during exam period using both the events space and clubs and group space a quiet study space as well. This has not been an easy year with the loss our Bata Library, however, we acknowledge the students frustrations and are dedicated to consistently searching for ways to make this transitional period easier.

Trent University Colleges System - Review: During the 2013-2014 academic year, the Board Of Governors decided to make many changes to the structure of our college system. In 2014, the new structure was then implemented and agreed upon that in three years time, a review of those changes would be completed. As the 2017-2018 academic year quickly comes to a close, a committee to review these changes has been struck. This committee will have an open forum to allow for consultation and feedback from students in the upcoming months.

Students-Athletes: One of the first projects I worked on during my term would be the Students-Athletes project. This project addressed the various issues that Trent's Students-Athletes face as they represent Trent during competitions and tournaments as well as facing the hardships that students face. The purpose of this program was to allow students to connect better with their instructors in regards to accommodating any necessary conflicting deadlines. Through a great deal of consultation and help from the Athletics Centre and Administration, the Excalibur Varsity Students-Athletes Identification program was created.

CASSC Life Skills Project: The Life Skills project was presented to me through CASSC as an issue based sub-committee. The purpose of this project to to gather resources that help students function in their everyday lives with tasks that are not academically related. This booklet will focus on tasks like how to open a bank account, understanding the purpose and process of taxes, tenant rights and much more. This project is meant to be a resource for students who need general guidance but may not know where to seek help.

This year I have been representing TCSA on the following committees for the 2017-2018 term:

- Food services (Fall Semester)
- Senate
- Academic Planning & Budgeting
- Special Appeals Committee
- Library Fines Committee
- CASSC
- Chair of CASSC Life Skills student sub-committee
- Chair of Events Committee
- Organizational Review and Development Committee (ORDC)
- Elections Committee (Winter semester)

It has been an absolute honour to serve as the Vice President University & College Affairs for the 2017 - 2018 term. I truly want to thank you all for your trust and support throughout my term, and for allowing me the opportunity to contribute to the TrentCommunity.

Respectfully submitted, Lea Rogers-Balgorin

Vice President of Campaigns and Equity

Dear TCSA membership,

In April 2017, I was ratified as your Vice President of Campaigns and Equity. During the duration of my term in this position I have organized several events around mental health, attended several committees acting as an equitable voice for Trent students and acted as a Liaison between the Trent Central Student Association and the Canadian Federation of Students.

Major Events and Campaigns

Leadership Assembly

In partnership with Vice Presidents of Clubs and External Molly Hu and Clubs coordinator Heather Lister, we organized the Leadership Assembly for clubs and groups who wished to register with the TCSA. I conducted the anti-oppression training for this assembly and the all future ones.

#MMIW Vigil

On October 4th, 2017 in partnership with Indigenous Commissioner Rhode Thomas and the Trent University Native Association, we put on a Vigil for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, girls and 2Spirit people. Information posters about MMIW were put up along the glass windows in the Gzowski east atrium hallway, while a vigil took place in the gathering space. Students and community members could help build mini smudge care packages for the families of the missing individuals. Drummers were invited in to sing traditional hand drum songs and participants put down candles next to hand written bags with the women's names on it.

Mental Health Month

For the month of November, I decided to create a Mental Health Month campaign with intersectional weeks addressing mental health in the Trent Community. Each week represented a different theme. While the campaign was well received, events had low attendance due to the timing in the year where exams were also taking place. The final event of the month had to be cancelled due to the unavailability of the De-Stress dogs.

Week 1: Indigenous Week

- Medicine Wheel Workshop: Nov 7th, 2017 in partnership with Nijkiendidaa
- Meet & Greet: Nov 8th, 2017 in partnership with Nijkiendidaa
- Know your community: Nov 9th, 2017 in partnership with First Peoples House of Learning

Week 2: Community Resources

- Trivia Tabling: Nov 14th, 2017 in partnership with Leave the Pack Behind
- Movies 4 Mental Health: Nov 15th, 2017 in partnership with Art with Impact

Week 3: LGBTQ+ Week

- Trans Day of Remembrance: Nov 20th, 2017 Guest Speaker Makai Livingstone

- Moonlight Screening: Nov 23rd, 2017 movie screening
- Coming Out: Nov 25th, 2017 in partnership with Trent Queer Collective

Trivia Night

Along with the other executives and Association Resource Manager Matthew Seaby, we organized a Trivia night for Trent students where we offered free appetizers and a chance to win prizes. This took place on November 15th, 2017 and my categories were Game of Thrones, Star Wars and Grey's Anatomy.

Trainings and Conferences

Board Retreat

From May 12th – 14th, 2017 I attended and conducted the board retreat for the 2017/2018 board of directors. Throughout the weekend directors received various trainings from the executives. I ran the anti-oppression workshop and it was well received by directors. For team-building activities, we hosted a campfire and partook in some laser tag with the Directors.

CFS

- CFS Ontario Executive Meetings:
 - was ratified as the Local 71 Ontario executive representative on May 5th – 7th, 2017
 - October 28th – 29th, 2017
 - January 18th, 2017
- CFS National & Ontario Circle of First Nations Métis and Inuit Students Stand Alone:
 - National Stand Alone took place in Regina, Saskatchewan from May 19th - 21st, 2017. 10 Trent delegates were sent.
 - Ontario Stand Alone took place here at Trent University from June 20th – 22nd. 3 TCSA delegates attended.
- Skills:
 - 10 delegates were sent to the skills symposium organized by CFS Ontario where students from member locals from across Ontario come together to learn skills. May 26th - 28th, 2017 at the University of Toronto Mississauga.
- National General Meeting:
 - June 3rd – 7th, 2017: Myself and President Brandon Rimmelgas attending the semi-annual general meeting in Gatineau, Quebec
 - Nov. 16th – 20th, 2017: All four executives attended the general meeting in Gatineau, Quebec
- Ontario General Meeting:
 - August 17th – 20th, 2017: The entire executive attended the semi-annual general meeting. I was elected and ratified as the Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit student's representative.

- January 18th – 21st, 2018: TCSA sent 9 delegates, 2 of which were myself and Vice President of University and College Affairs, Ethical Standards Commissioner Lindsay Yates, Indigenous Commissioner Rhode Thomas and International Students Commissioner Alisher Turubayev.
- National Circle Executives Meetings
 - Sept. 11th, 2017
 - Oct. 22nd, 2017
 - Nov. 22nd, 2017
 - Dec 12th, 2017
- Rise: Racialized Students Experience Summit
 - Sept. 29th – Oct. 1st, 2017: TCSA sent 7 delegates, including myself and Indigenous Commissioner Rhode Thomas to this conference in Toronto. Racialized and Indigenous students from across Canada came together to discuss issues with academia and institutions.
- National Lobby Week:
 - I will be attending National Lobby Week at Parliament Hill in Ottawa

Caribbean Indigenous Peoples Conference

From Sept. 25th – September 28th I attended an Indigenous conference centered around the revitalization and resistance of Indigenous peoples in the Caribbean. The conference took place in St. Lucia.

Committees

Grocery Assistance

I currently chair the Grocery Assistance committee, where myself and 4 other members review applications from students for grocery assistance cards. We see an increase of applications during the winter break and the weeks leading up to it.

IT Steering Committee

I previously sat on the IT Steering Committee however the committee was taken over by First Year on-Campus commissioner Brianna Campbell.

REB: Research and Ethics Board

Have reviewed 18 applications to date

PACHREA

Have yet to meet

Events Committee

The events committee meets weekly and plans and approves TCSA run events throughout the year.

Gender Inclusive Housing Sub-Committee

The committee has been discussing a way in which to ethically create gender inclusive housing on campus. Such as looking at language, accessibility and safety concerning mixed gendered rooms and environments.

Upcoming Events

For the upcoming term, I will be supporting our equity commissioners final events and campaigns, as well as partnering with other organizations and board of directors on events. In partnership with Black Lives Matter Nogojiwanong (Peterborough) to organize a Black History Month bonfire on February 28th, as well as a Black History Month photo campaign. I will also be helping to organize Dionysus.

Last Remarks

It has been an honor to serve Trent Students as their Vice President of Campaigns and Equity for the 2017/2018 academic year. Thank you for believing in me and supporting me and I wish nothing but look and support to my successor. I also want to thank my amazing fellow executives President Brandon Rummelgas, Vice President Clubs and External Molly Hu and Vice President of University and College Affairs Lea Rogers-Balgobin for being amazing and supportive colleagues. Our Board of Directors who have dedicated their time and academic careers to advocating for students. As well as Operations and services manager Tracy Milne, Association Resource Manager Matthew Seaby and Communications coordinator and Graphic Designer Christine Liu, our office and Association would be lost without you.

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Thank-you

Shanese Steele
Vice President Campaigns & Equity

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Events

14 Days of Activism with Maryam Monsef

I was so fortunate to speak at and attend the kick-off day for the 14 days of activism against gender based violence. Our MP visited Trent on Saturday November 25th and engaged in a great discussion in the student center atrium about gender and women's issues on campus. On December 6th, myself and some volunteers chalked the Faryon bridge with the names of the women who were murdered at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal because of their gender. We chalked the hashtag of #14DaysOfActivism and encouraged students to chalk and talk about how they work to end gender based violence.

CFS Ontario General Meeting

From January 18-21 I was able to attend the Canadian Federation of Student's Ontario General Meeting in Toronto. This was my first interaction with CFS and I was incredibly excited to be a part of it. I learned a lot about student government, the work that other Ontario schools are doing, about issues that we should be bringing to Trent, and met a lot of great student activists. I returned to Peterborough feeling humbled and inspired by the work that is being done across Ontario.

Day of Action Feb. 1

On the Ontario day of action against student tuition fees the TCSA tabled with promotional/campaign materials to start campus conversations about tuition fees and student debt that affect Trent students.

Committees

Wellness Committee

I have attended one wellness committee meeting to date, it took place on November 23rd. At this meeting we discussed the wait times in counselling, and the new positions that have been filled on campus. We discussed the allocation of new funds (to a new international counsellor and mental health nurses) and the potential of a change in intake structure in counselling.

ORDC

I have attended meetings of the ORDC committee. I fully support the proposed amendment package that will be considered at this SAGM.

Upcoming Events

Talk with Dr. Michael Cappello

I am excited to welcome Dr. Michael Cappello, an education professor from the University of Regina to Trent from March 12-14 this year. He will be staying in Champlain College's guest suite and be featured at some events while he is here. As commissioner, I will be organizing an event on the evening March 12th where he will present a talk on white privilege.

Promoting Reproductive Choice

I hope to implement some materials on reproductive choice and resources on and off campus for students.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Yates

Indigenous Students Commissioner

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

As a part of my role of the Indigenous Students Commissioner, in the Summer; Fall semester and month of January, I have attended conferences, sat on various committees and worked as a liaison between the TCSA, the Trent University Native Association (TUNA) and the First Peoples House of Learning (FPHL).

Trainings and Conferences

Stand Alone meeting of the National Circle of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students

From May 19th, to May 21st 2017, with the assistance of *Shanese Steele*, myself and a number of members from TUNA were provided the opportunity to attend the Stand Alone meeting of the National Circle of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) in Regina, Saskatchewan at First Nations University.

The Stand Alone meeting is where Indigenous students from across Canada (who are part of the CFS) come together for a few days of workshops and discussions of the CFS campaigns related to Indigenous students, like the Not Your Stereotype materials. It is also a space where students can contribute ideas to campaigns and projects being developed across the country.

RISE (Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience) Summit

In the Fall semester from September 29th, to October 1st, with the assistance of *Shanese Steele*, myself and a number of the executives from TUNA were provided the opportunity to attend the RISE (Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience) Summit,

organized by the Canadian Federation of Students and hosted by the Ryerson Students Union in Toronto.

This event is one where racialized and Indigenous student activists come together to keep the issue of combatting racism and colonialism on campus in the public eye, pressuring colleges and universities to take real action to address historic inequities and structural violence against those who are the most marginalized groups in our society.

This event was also another opportunity meet and interact with student leaders of the National Circle of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students.

CFS – Ontario Semi-Annual General Meeting

In January 2018, from the 18th to the 21st, with the assistance of *Shanese Steele*, myself and a number of the executives from TUNA and directors of the TCSA were provided the opportunity to attend the CFS – Ontario’s Semi-Annual General Meeting, representing Local 71 (TCSA).

All members that attended, contributed to the overall conversation on CFS motions that were presented at the Semi-Annual General Meeting. With strong advocacy from *Shanese Steele*, it was important to have Indigenous students in attendance at the general meeting, because unless they are a university student union executive, Indigenous students are otherwise often unable to attend such events. Sending executives of the TUNA provided steps to ensure their voices were heard and well represented.

Committees

In my time as a director on the TCSA board, I currently sit on several committees as a voting member. The first is the Organizational Review and Development Committee. As a part of this committee, along with other committee members we review the TCSA’s By-Laws, Policies and Operating Resolutions to provide recommendations to the board and/or general membership to implement changes. The second committee I am involved with is the Finance committee, which reviews applications for the A.P.P.L.E. and P.S.E. funds, as well as reviewing the annual TCSA budget.

Events & Initiatives

On October 4, 2017, the Trent University Native Association in collaboration with the TCSA and support from myself and *Shanese Steele*, held a candle light vigil and memorial museum to honour murdered and missing indigenous women and girls.

In the coming months of the winter semester, I am planning to organize a series of events surrounding business and career readiness workshops for Indigenous students. The event series will hopefully involve the following: preparation workshop on business etiquette, business card making, resume building, etc.; and a speed networking event to conclude the event series. I will work to collaborate on this initiative with the TUNA, FPHL and the Career Centre, in preparations for this event.

Future events and initiatives surrounding the Indigenous student population on campus are perpetually discussed as I continue to liaise with the TUNA and FPHL. I recommend following their respective social media channels to stay informed on upcoming initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhode Thomas

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International Students Commissioner

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA and the public,

As a part of my role of the International Students Commissioner, I have prepared a TCSA Director report, summarizing my work over the two-month period from December 2017 to January 2018, and also provide the future outlook of the events and campaigns that I am striving to organize.

Shortened Term: Explanation

I have been in the position of the International Students Commissioner for two months, as I have not been participating in the elections held in April of the last year. After an endorsement from Trent International Students Association's (TISA) Executives, the Board of Directors of the TCSA appointed me to this position on the Fifth Meeting on 3rd of December 2017.

Canadian Federation of Students Ontario – Semi-Annual General Meeting

I have been a representative from Trent University on the CFS Ontario Semi-Annual General Meeting, held in Toronto from 18th to 21st January 2018. During this

meeting, I had many conversations with students all around Ontario, gaining valuable knowledge about the struggles that international students face and a better understanding of the post-secondary education system. Being on the front line and defending the interests of the international students in the provincial organizations is an important job and I wish to continue doing it.

Committee positions

I have been a representative of the TCSA on two committees: Undergraduate Studies Committee and Environmental Advisory Board. I have been actively participating in the conversations and made sure that the student voices were heard.

Change in By-Laws of the Organization and the rationale

The motion of changing the By-Laws of the TCSA that was proposed states that the International Students Commissioner will no longer be elected by the TCSA. Instead, the position will be held by an Executive of the Trent International Students Association, allowing for more direct contact between two student unions. I am in support of this change.

Future campaigns and events

As a part of my duty, I am organizing an event in late March – “Culture exchange”. I hope to see all of the regional groups and TISA to cook their traditional cuisine for all students. The groups would also have a good exposure, thus allowing them to better promote their events among domestic students. The ultimate goal of this event is to promote diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusiveness of our University and promote the campaigns for the students.

Additionally, I am planning to promote the CFS campaign of Fairness for International Students. Specifically, I want to emphasize the need for OHIP (Ontario Health Insurance Program) for international students. Currently, the students from other countries are covered under UHIP (University Health Insurance Program), which is private insurance. Often, the emergency clinics would not accept the UHIP, so the international students are forced to pay upfront or get rejected. Besides, students would have to pay and only then get rebates, which is tedious paperwork. OHIP was, in fact, available for international students until 1994. It is time to give OHIP back to international students.

As for the campaign against differential fees, I've been talking to many activists, and the President of the TCSA Brandon Rimmelgas, and I understood how the system currently works. The international students do not get as much funding as domestic students do, so the battle against differential fees must be in coordination with the University Administration.

Respectfully submitted,
Alisher Turubayev

Women's Issues Commissioner

To the attention of the Membership of the Trent Central Student Association,

The following is the report of the Women's Student Commissioner for the period of the 2017-2018 Academic year. This report is specifically intended for the Trent Central Student Association Board of Directors and the Membership of the Association at the Semi-Annual General Meeting on February 6th, 2018.

Committee Participation

As a Board Member of the TCSA, I am required to sit on a minimum of two committees. I have participated in the Funding Committee and the Campus Safety Grant Committee. As a voting member of the Funding Committee, I have met weekly since November with the committee to determine the eligibility of funding requests for clubs and groups, and have collectively discussed and allocated funding accordingly.

The Campus Safety Grant Committee meets twice a year. As I was elected in October, I was only able to attend the second meeting for the 2017-2018 academic year. The meeting was held on January 11th, 2018 and was regarding the breakdown of, and necessity to allocate further funds to safety initiatives pertaining to sexual assault on campus. As the only student representative present at this meeting, I advocated for remaining funds to be allocated to initiatives, events, training, and awareness regarding sexual assault. Accordingly, funding was allocated to Assist Training, Train the Trainer Assist Training, Safe Talk Training, and funds were allocated to engage in Peer-to-Peer Advertisement Booths about sexual assault. Remaining funds were allocated to promotional materials, safety equipment and support sessions. The conversation about the allocation of these funds are ongoing, and I will be providing suggestions for additional initiatives to consider for the next academic year.

Event Participation

On November 25th, 2017, I attended an event in the student centre as a representative of the Trent Central Student Association. The event was called "16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence" and was led by local Peterborough MP Maryam Monsef. The event involved a discussion of how Trent University as an institution and a community can work to address gender-based violence on campus, and what initiatives the constituency, province, and federal government can do to address the issue of gender-based violence in society. I spoke to these issues, and especially how they

manifest at Trent University and in the greater Peterborough community and how we can take steps to change the conversation about gender-based violence and sexual assault from one that places the onus on victims, to placing a responsibility on everyone to be aware and conscious of their own actions and roles that they play. I also suggested steps that could be taken in the procedural handling of gender-based violence or sexual assault cases, and the lack of support systems available to those who have experienced sexual assault.

On February 29th, 2018, I attended a rally protesting sexual assault on campus. I was there to support our students and the Trent community. I also provided students with information about supports on campus such as Peer Support Trent.

Upcoming Events/Campaigns

In the upcoming months I will be promoting the campaign “No Means No” and distributing materials and information surrounding the campaign. This campaign is specifically intended to raise awareness about sexual assault, rape, and dating violence.

I also plan to run a Peer to Peer event in March that will raise awareness about and discuss issues that women face on campus in relation to sexual assault, and provide information about resources for those who have experienced sexual assault. I want this event to start a conversation on campus and bring awareness to the issue.

I am also hoping to work with Robyn Ocean on events that she is organizing through Peer Support Trent and I hope to be able to promote and aid in her upcoming events this semester, particularly her upcoming events from February 5th-9th called “Flip the Script”.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julianne Liken
TCSA Women’s Student Commissioner

First Year On-Residence Student Commissioner

To the attention of the Membership of the Trent Central Student Association,

During the first semester, I did not have the chance to plan any events or campaigns due to only being elected into the position in October. This semester I am hoping to plan a resource scavenger hunt, as well as an equity campaign.

Scavenger Hunt:

1. Open to any students. Multiple teams of 3-5 people

2. Teams are given a list with clues that highlight multiple services and locations on campus
3. Students are challenged to find all of the locations and take a picture including team members in the given amount of time (1-2 hours)
4. Winners will receive a prize (undecided)
5. Locations include (not limited to); Starbucks, service Centre's east and west, bata bus stop, tcsa office, electric city café, FPHL, the Tipi, the planet in the AC, JC stadium, wenjack theatre... etc.

Equity Campaign:

I am looking to run an Equity Campaign. Some ideas include ordering equity materials from CFS (stickers, buttons, pamphlets). Along with ordering materials I was looking into setting up a workshop or keynote speaker either through CFS or through the Get Real campaign. A second idea would be to sell the materials ordered through CFS and donate the proceeds to an anti-oppressive charity/ organization. A third option would be to show an anti-oppressive movie and hand out the materials to those who attend, as well as provide snacks, and beverages and then follow the movie with a group discussion. A third and final option would be to invite all clubs and groups that represent oppressed groups to a clubs and groups fair where they can promote their values and missions as well as recruit students. Students are given the chance to collect materials and learn about the different groups and how oppression affects Trent students.

Sub- Committees

- As a member of the TCSA I sit on multiple subcommittees that represent different groups in Trent community.
- Grocery Assistance Programing: on this committee, I assist in the process in which grocery assistance is distributed to students.
- Food Services Budget Working Group: on this committee budgets for food services are created, discussed, managed and approved.
- IT steering Committee: this committee focuses on the technological advances found around campus including Televisions, computers and other technologies.

First year off residence commissioner

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

As a part of my role of the first year off residence commissioner, in the fall semester I attended conferences, and sat on various committees.

Trainings and Conferences

I attended and actively participated in the director training. It was a very fun and active training experience. During the training it proved to be an important training with the other directors. As a part of the anti-oppression training I receive really enjoyed the step forward, step backwards activity I learned quite a bit about privilege which was the main goal of the activity. I also learnt that I was not alone in things I thought I was. It proved to be a very enlightening experience that I enjoyed.

Committees

I sat in on the library advisory committee. We discussed the conditions that the library was in as well as the new software that the library would be using. From my understanding it is relatively the same as the old system but with some differences that make it easier.

Upcoming Events

In the coming months of the winter semester I am planning an improve night most likely for late February. I am also thinking of running a movie night sometime in March. However none of the details have been officially been made concrete. I do have two guests that have generously agreed to come host the improve night I am planning. I just need to get a date set for the improve night.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Djetvay-Bradshaw

2017-2018 College Reports

Champlain College Commissioner

The primary goal of this role is to be a liaison between Cabinet and the TCSA (Trent Central Student Association) This year has been a great year so far. I have attended TCSA meetings and relayed the information to cabinet. As well as being a voice for cabinet to communicate any concerns they have a representative for their colleges student population. I also support cabinet by attending cabinet events and helping put where ever its needed.

With the TCSA's funding the other TCSA Commissioners from each college hosted a Trivia Night in the Ceilie. It was a huge success and moving forward another Battle of the Colleges Trivia Night will be run again. The Milk Run and winter activities day expanded to an all college event. Unfortunately, this year's date was shifted to an alternative date due to dangerous weather conditions this had a huge impact on turnout. Despite the change in date the students that still came out had fun sliding down the Drumlin. This position has been a great experience and has allowed me to feel more connected to my college as well as my university. This year I have taken on more committees as a representative for the TCSA as well as Champlain College Cabinet. This has given me new perspectives and allowed me to fight for student rights and voices to be heard. I will continue to advocate for all students.

Sincerely,
Cydney Habraken
Champlain College Cabinet
TCSA Commissioner

Gzowski College Commissioner

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

As a college cabinet commissioner, I have the role of liaising between my college, Gzowski, and the TCSA. In this role, I have communicated event and campaign details, sat on various committees in both a TCSA and Gzowski Cabinet capacity, and been an available resource for other Gzowski Cabinet members in their events and campaigns. Below details some highlights in my and Gzowski's activities over the school year.

Past Events and Campaigns

Multiple events have been organized by Gzowski in the last semester and the month of January. Some events to note are the Feast of the Three Sisters, our annual Fall College Weekend, a joint event with the TBSA and TUNA during Frost week – our all-college dodgeball tournament, a joint college commissioner Trivia Night during Frost

Week, Paint Twister during Orientation Week, a downtown Peterborough scavenger hunt, Operation Christmas Child donations, multiple de-stress events, and other pop-up events.

Committees

Through my capacity as a director of the TCSA and a member of Cabinet, I had the opportunity to represent students on multiple committees and will continue to represent student voices for the remainder of the year. I held a seat for either all or part of the year on the following committees: Undergraduate Studies Committee, TCSA Finance and Operations Committee, Athletics Advisory Committee, Food Services Advisory Committee (FSAC), FSAC Operations and Marketing Working Group, Gzowski Cabinet's Constitution and Policy Review Committee, and Transit Committee. Providing a voice on these committees allows for critical student input in academics, student services, and other student related issues on campus.

Future Plans

For the remainder of the year, some planned events and campaigns include our currently running raffle in support of the YWCA, our Winter College Weekend on February 9th – 11th, our formal upcoming on March 23rd, an off-campus axe-throwing event after the reading break, and more as we continue to plan. One initiative we have striven to maintain is working alongside other campus groups to run our events cooperatively. This has been seen in our joint events previously and is planned to continue into the future events as well. A final initiative that is in the works is a plan to better incorporate international students into the voices heard on our cabinet. Indigenous voices are heard on our cabinet through a TUNA commissioner and we hope to include international representation via a TISA commissioner in the near future.

Any student who wishes to voice feedback, concerns, or inquire about details about past events, my committees, or what Gzowski can do in the future are welcome and can feel free to reach out to me in the Gzowski Cabinet office, FPHL 119, or via email at ryansova@trentu.ca.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Sova Gzowski

College Cabinet TCSA Commissioner

Aakriti Pandey - Lady Eaton College Commissioner Report

Through my role as TCSA Commissioner for Lady Eaton, I updated the TCSA board of directors as to the events taking place in LEC throughout the year, and vice versa

regarding TCSA events. I also promoted LEC events by selling tickets, sharing events on social media, and through word of mouth. LEC's events this year were as follows:

September

- Fall College Dinner September 29th

November

- Festive College Dinner November 26th
- DIY De-Stress November 28th
- Henna for Charity November 30th

January

- Suicide talk Jan 18th

February

- Winter College Dinner February 9th
- LEC Broomball February 10th

March

- LEC Formal March 9th
- Spring Celebration Weekend March 24

Otonabee College Commissioner

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

As a part of my role of the Otonabee College (OC) Commissioner, I helped organizing a few events which are related to the Otonabee College Cabinet and the TCSA. I have also sat on various committees in the TCSA as well as the cabinet. I work as a liaison between TCSA and Otonabee College Cabinet.

TRIVIA NIGHT

I helped in hosting the Trivia night event which was organized by TCSA with the other college commissioners in the winter orientation week. We hosted this event in the Célies and invited all the first year students to show their college pride. The turnout for this event was on a very good scale.

I also help the other positions on the Cabinet who organize the events by volunteering in their events.

TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

I attended the Directors training which is given to all the new directors in the TCSA. I also attended the Anti-oppression and the First Aid training organized by the TCSA for the directors. Along with other directors and the executive members of the TCSA I went to the University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus to attend the two day CSF-SKILLS training which helped us gain good skills to better our student union and other groups on campus. This training benefitted me as I conveyed the things to my cabinet as well.

COMMITTEES

As a part of TCSA and the OC Cabinet, I sit on various committees as voting members. I sit on the Clubs and Groups Funding Committee with other directors and take a look on what funding are applied by several groups on campus and then take a collective decision with others to decide the best funding for them.

The other one, which I sit with other members through my OC Cabinet, is the Student Wellness Committee. We usually get updates on what is going on in the student wellness center on the campus and how are the services working and what better can the committee can decide for the students. I also sit on the Student Transition and Careers Committee.

Thank You,
Chhavi Chawla

Trail College Commissioner

To the attention of the general membership of the TCSA,

As part of my role as the TCSA Commissioner for Traill College Cabinet, in the Fall Semester we worked in collaboration with the TCSA to plan a Traill College event, attended training, and sat on various committees. I acted as a liaison between Traill Cabinet and the TCSA.

Fall Events:

In September, with partnership with the TCSA, Traill hosted a Traill Carnival as part of Orientation Week. This event took place on September 9th, 2017. The carnival included a full day of games, bouncy house, food, and music. We enjoyed live music from MJ & the Beetus. Attendees included Traill undergrads, grad students, students from the greater Trent community, as well as people from the Peterborough community.

In October 2017, Traill Cabinet hosted a pumpkin smashing contest. This event included prizes and snacks. Traill saw a great turnout for this event with over 20 participants. The team who smashed their pumpkins the fastest won. The winning team smashed all four of their pumpkins in under two minutes.

Training:

As part of my duties as a member on the TCSA Board of Directors, I attended the Directors Training that took place on November 19th, 2017. This training session provided a very extensive and informative Anti-Oppression workshop. The training also went over the Governing Documents of the Association in great detail.

Committees:

As part of my role on Cabinet, I sit on various committees and act as a representative for Traill College. Some of these committees include Orientation Committee, CASSC, Transit Committee, and of course, the TCSA Board of Directors. As a voting member on each committee, I get to speak on behalf of the Traill College student body and act as a liaison, which is a crucial step for the needs of Traill College to be heard.

Upcoming Events:

The biggest event that Traill is planning for the Winter semester is our annual Spring Formal which will take place on March 9th, 2018. We are planning to invite the Presidents of each college, as well as invite all Traill College affiliates.

Another event that Traill is looking to work on is collaborating with Otonabee College Cabinet on their bubble soccer event.

Respectfully,

Abby Rodriguez

2017-2018 Senate Report

As Student Senators, we act as liaisons between students and the administration to make Trent University academically beneficial for both undergraduate and graduate students alike. The fall semester was a very busy one with the introduction of numerous changes to academic policy and courses. For example, graduate studies have been improved with the creation of a few accelerated masters' programs to reduce the amount of time it takes students to obtain a master's degree. For undergraduate studies, a new program (BSC Honours Conservation Biology) was introduced and passed by Senate. The fall semester was also productive for Senate because a lot of time was spent on strengthening Trent's international relations with countries like China and Mexico so that we may continue to make Trent a multicultural and diverse place to study. The Presidential Review Committee of Senate also looked at the mandate of the President of Trent University to see what it could improve to ensure that our President evolves just as Trent does to address new challenges that the university faces, such as climate change.

Moving forward into the spring, Student Senators will continue to ensure that everything that is passed by Senate is in students' best interests. We look forward to continuing to work with the administration in a positive manner so that students continue to get the best results. In addition, we are excited to hear the results of the Presidential mandate and how those results will help Trent continue to grow and flourish for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brendan Bell-Earle (Chair of Student Senate Caucus)