

**FIFTH MEETING OF THE 2017/2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TRENT CENTRAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

**The Gathering Space
Sunday, December 3rd, 2017
1:00pm**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
TIME: 1:15pm

Board Resource Manager Matthew Seaby calls the meeting to order at 1:15pm.

2. Roll Call

Present

President Brandon Remmelgas
Vice President University & College Affairs Lea Rogers-Balgobin
Vice President Campaigns and Equity Shanese Steele
Vice President Clubs & External Molly Hu
Ethical Standards Commissioner Lindsay Yates
First Year On-Residence Commissioner Brianna Campbell
First Year Off-Residence Commissioner Jamie Djetvay – Bradshaw
Indigenous Students Commissioner Rhode Thomas
Women's Issues Commissioner Julianne Liken
International Students Commissioner Alisher Turubayev
CC President Rebeka O'Regan
CC Sr. Senator Brendan Bell-Earle
CC Commissioner Cydney Habraken
GC Commissioner Ryan Sova
GC Sr. Senator Owen Faulkner-Nolan
LEC President Ann-Majella McKelvie
LEC Commission Aakriti Pandey
OC President Craig Rutherford
OC Sr. Senator Anne Martin
OC Commissioner Chhavi Chawla
TC Sr. Senator Annette Pedlar
Board Resource Manager Matthew Seaby
Board Secretary Alexander Salton

Absent

Gender Issues Commissioner Tree Chomko

Regrets

LEC Sr. Senator Emily Beaudin
GC President Emily Cauduro
TC Commissioner Abby Rodriquez

3. Land Acknowledgement

Seaby reads aloud the land acknowledgement, “*The Trent Central Student Association wishes to acknowledge the Anishnaabe and Mississauga peoples and their traditional territory, in which this meeting is taking place*”, as an expression of gratitude.

4. Chairs Remarks

Seaby says that student Alisher Turubayeu is seeking appointment to the board of directors, as the International Students Commissioner.

MOTION: Be it resolved that Alisher Turubayeu be appointed as International Students Commissioner, with voting rights and all director responsibilities.
Moved by: Rimmelgas; Seconded by: Faulkner-Nolan.

Association President Brandon Rimmelgas explains that this is permitted by the by-laws, and that it is important that this position is filled.

Turubayeu explains to the board why he would like to join the board of directors. TISA would like to have a student on the board to represent their interests, and the interests of international students.

Carried

Seaby says that meeting will likely be moved to the Student Center in the new year.

TC Senior Senator Annette Pedlar arrives at 1:21pm.

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2017.12.03 Agenda be adopted as presented.
Moved by: Faulkner-Nolan; Seconded by: Hu

Carried

6. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Be it resolved that the minutes from the 2017.11.05 meeting be adopted with necessary corrections.
Moved by: Campbell; Seconded by: Bell-Earle

Carried

7. President's Report

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2017.12.03 President's Report be approved.
Moved by: Faulkner-Nolan; Seconded by: Sova

Rommelgas says that his report covers a lot of important topics.

He would like to hold another Trivia Night next semester. The last Trivia Night was a success. He thinks it will be held in January or February.

As for the Student Centre, the budget and expenditure report is available for review if a director wants to meet with Rommelgas. The building will be open for 24 hours during exam time for study. The regular late-night bus schedule will apply during exam season. The Transit committee meeting covered several developments, including double-decker buses and GPS tracking. There is a supplementary bus schedule for the exam schedule available online. There has been an increase of 17,000 rides since last year. This amounts to about a 10% increase.

Some students at Brock University did a study on municipal transit systems. The report stated that 79% of students polled said they use transit every day. 82% said they receive high quality service. Frequency and hours of operation were the strongest traits of the transit system according to the students polled. 73% of students polled said that they trust Peterborough Transit as their primary mode of transportation. The new transit manager has plenty of ideas for improving the transit system. The TCSA will pay half of Trent's contribution to have a police officer at the Nassau Mills road and Armor road intersection on week-day mornings. The transit surplus will supply the funds to have this service, which has helped to alleviate congestion.

Rommelgas says the executive was able to network with other student associations at the CFS national meeting two weeks ago.

There have been two TRIP special committee meetings. However, no directors attended. Therefore, they will be discontinued. Also, he attended a board of governors meeting. There are a group of Ph. D students that did a study on the potential impact that TRIP may have on Trent's wetlands. They are now in opposition to TRIP.

Carried

8. VP Clubs and External Affairs Report

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2017.12.03 VP Clubs and External Affairs Report be approved.
Moved by: Steele; Seconded by: Faulkner-Nolan

Vice President Clubs and External Affairs Molly Hu says that the last funding meeting was held on Tuesday. However, 18 groups did not show up. Therefore, there will be another meeting next Tuesday.

The third leadership assembly happened yesterday. The last meeting of the Athletics committee for the Fall term will happen tomorrow. After this Tuesday, all funding approvals will be completed for this semester.

On Tuesday, she asked the Colleges if they would like to do a Trivia Night in the Student Centre. Hu says that she would like to talk with interested directors after the meeting. There will be several events happening this week.

The Refundable Groups meeting will happen this Thursday, in response to issues with refunding students.

Carried

9. VP University and Colleges Affairs Report

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2017.12.03 VP University and Colleges Affairs Report be approved.

Moved by: Campbell; Seconded by: Sova

Rogers-Balgobin wants to add that she is going to continue to inquire about new study spaces around Trent. The Life Skills meeting is happening tomorrow, December 4th. The Cocoa and Cram event is happening on the 6th of December.

She also chaired the Grocery Assistance meeting. They processed several applications submitted to the committee

Yates asks what kinds of life skills this workshop teaches. Rogers-Balgobin says it discusses skills that students will need to know before leaving university. Rimmelgas says that it is a CAASC-run meeting.

Carried

10. VP Campaigns & Equity Report

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2017.12.03 VP Campaigns & Equity Report be approved.

Moved by: Faulkner-Nolan; Seconded by: Rimmelgas

Steele wants to talk about the CFS meeting. Her discussion with other members has led her to believe that ‘Racialized Students’ commissioner is a better title than ‘Anti-Racism’ commissioner.

Steele was approached by transgender students about the lack of representation on campus. She wants to discuss how to better support trans students.

She would like to create a support network on campus for survivors of abuse. There is already a group hosted by the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre, but it is held as a public meeting. Some survivors may not feel comfortable meeting in private.

Steele proposes monthly commissioner/director ‘check-ins.’ She says directors should support one another.

Remmelgas says that the TCSA will be able to subsidize the attendance of three students at the upcoming Ontario CFS general meeting (two Vice-Presidents and the Ethical Standards Commissioner). Steele says that if other students would like to attend, they should email her. It costs \$425.

Rogers-Balgobin asks if the amount changes depending on what the student participant identifies as. Steele confirms.

Carried

13. Commissioner Reports

Turubayeu says the Life Skills meeting was a success, but that the meetings should discuss more skills, like opening bank accounts. Second, he knows many students didn't know much about the residence buildings before they applied to live in them. He says the TCSA and Trent should provide more details to International Students. Third, International Students often feel disempowered. They often feel scared in reaching out, and are worried about potential consequences. Also in yesterday's TISA meeting, they discussed the budget. They also discussed their main events for the Winter semester, including Cultural Outreach. A TISA representative will be added to the LEC cabinet. Soon, there will be a Meet and Greet with all the college cabinets.

Bradshaw met with the Library Advisory committee. The library is on-schedule to being completed.

Yates says she would like to host a talk about white privilege and fragility. She is arranging a presentation with Michael Capello. He can be hosted in Champlain, but his flight will need to be covered. Rogers-Balgobin asks if Yates can bring this presentation to the Events committee. This way, Amanda Samuels can help to plan it. Remmelgas says there are several funding pools that can be used to support this event. Steele says that her funding can be used to support this. Also, Peterborough Member of Parliament Maryam Monsef is doing a campaign against gender-based violence. Yates asks if anyone is interested in supporting her campaign with campus advocacy initiatives.

Senior Senator Chhavi Chawla says the OC formal is happening on the 20th of January. Commissioner Habraken is organizing the Milk Run again this year. It is going to be a Pan-College event. She explains that it is a winter activities day. Food will be provided. It will likely happen between 12 and 4. It will happen on Friday, January 12. Teams from each of the colleges will compete in the actual milk-run portion of the event. She wants advertising to begin next week.

14. Committee Reports

Seaby says that because of the two director resignations, committee spots will have to be filled. Former Mature/Transfer Student Commissioner Brendan Campbell's former committee seat on the Cyclical Program Review will need to be filled. Former Environmental Commissioner Victoria Belbin's seats on the Nature Areas, Sustainability and Fair Trade, and the Environmental Advisory committees will need to be filled. A lot of discussion about TRIP will happen in these committees.

Rommelgas says that there is a move to increase residence fees. This will allow for free laundry-service. The Housing committee also discussed appropriate fees, and consulted CAASC to do so. Trent Housing has 12 million dollars in deferred maintenance. To resolve this, fees must increase. There was also discussion about co-ed residence rooms. Campbell says that the Food Advisory committee discussed creating a Food Bank fund. If students don't use all their meal plan money, then those funds can be directed toward other students who have run out of meal plan funds. Rogers-Balgobin asks who would be controlling that fund. Rommelgas says the Card Office. Mark Murdoch also said some would be given to the colleges, to Housing, to the Police, and others. Rogers-Balgobin says the TCSA should be fighting for students to get their money back. Rommelgas says he agrees, but that tax laws and regulations make it difficult to give students money back (when they leave residence with money remaining on their meal plan). Habraken agrees, but is confused as to how the funds could be distributed to multiple departments or groups. This would harm consistency in how students access that money. There should be one body that allocates these funds. Rogers-Balgobin says that people could get money from these multiple funds. Rommelgas elaborates that some money would be given to the police to give to students in emergency situations. Campbell goes on to explain the Gzowski Annex meal plan. The issue is that students can lose meals if they don't use them enough. They proposed that students can be given fewer meals per week, and other options. Habraken explains how the Gzowski Annex cafeteria works. She shares some potential solutions, like creating a pool of meals that weren't used, that can be used by students that ran out of meals. Rommelgas like the latter idea.

Yates went to the Wellness committee meeting. They discussed general funding for all three departments. They are thinking of asking for more funding from the University instead of increasing the levy. New medical staff, including two mental health nurses, have been added. In regard to counselling, there has been increased demand for those services. There are now drop-in times, and counselling is still using I.M Well. There is a 6-8 week wait to see a counsellor. There has been discussion about moving to a new intake model, used by Memorial University. They also received a services grant. They used the funding to hire a nurse and an indigenous students' counselor. They also discussed having a TUNA representative on the committee.

Sova says the Trent rowing team has done well. Peterborough and Trent will receive more funding for rowing. The Durham campus will be expanding. Future events include the Women's 2018 Lacrosse games. The 2020 Ontario games will also be hosted in the Peterborough area. As for the Sustainability committee, there has been a proposal to start a green cup program. Free coffee coupons will be given to students with green cups. There has also been discussion about installing a sink in the Student Centre for washing dishes. Emily Cauduro attended a meeting about the TrentU Card program. The downtown TrentU Card program is coming to an end, but there is interest in renewing and expanding the program. Habraken says it won't be possible to expand the service to Shoppers or Loblaws. The TrentU Card will be updated. In a few years, it may be entirely digital. Campbell asks how access to building would work without a physical card. Sova replies that this would work, but that security concerns would have to be addressed.

Lastly, Sova says that Cauduro said that she is taking recommendations as to where the TrentU card service should be expanded.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2017.12.03 Board of Directors Meeting go into a 15-minute recess.

Moved by: Faulkner-Nolan; Seconded by: Campbell

The meeting moves into recess at 2:28pm.

Seaby calls the meeting back in order at 2:37pm.

15. Director Standings

MOTION: Be it resolved that the resignations of Brendan Campbell & Victoria Belbin be accepted.

Moved by: Faulkner-Nolan; Seconded by: Sova

Seaby says that the two former-commissioners explained their reasons for resigning in their letters.

Carried

Seaby tells directors that there are resources on-campus for directors that are having difficulties managing their many responsibilities.

16. Levy Groups

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2017.12.03 meeting move into closed session.

Moved by: Rimmelgas; Seconded by: Faulkner-Nolan

Carried

The meeting moves into closed session at 2:40pm.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2017.12.03 meeting move out of closed session.

Moved by: Rimmelgas; Seconded by: Bell-Earle

Carried

The meeting moves out of closed session at 3:18pm.

During the closed-session at 3:02pm, Chhavi Chawla, Anne Martin, and Craig Rutherford left the meeting.

Pedlar asks why that conversation was held in closed session.

Rimmelgas replies that he wanted to have a conversation about the subject without giving

any misleading impressions to non-board members who read the minutes.

17. Questions from the Public

18. Any other Business

Faulkner-Nolan says that Trent University and CBC are being sued by Subway for \$250,000,000. A Trent student published a study about the content of Subway chicken products, and the CBC reported on it. Subway is contesting the report and is suing for damages.

Rommelgas reads aloud MacLean's Magazine university ranking. The number of applications submitted to Trent and Durham have increased. There are concerns about the number of applications to Durham because of the college strike.

Seaby says there are going to be two six-hour Mental Health first-aid training sessions on the weekend of January 20 and 21. He asks that directors who are interested let him know that they want to attend. Rogers-Balgobin, Faulkner-Nolan, Aakriti Pandey, Ann-Majella, Annette Pedlar, Brianna Campbell, Cydney Habraken, and Shanese Steele want to attend. There is also training for assisting survivors of sexual violence available. Seaby says that when he has more details, he will inform the board.

19. Adjournment

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2017.12.03 Board of Directors Meeting be adjourned.
Moved by: Steele; Seconded by: Pedlar

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Alexander Salton
2017-2018 Board Secretary