

**EIGHTH MEETING OF THE 2017/2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TRENT CENTRAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
The Active Learning Space, Trent Student Centre  
Sunday, January 28th, 2018  
1:00pm**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order  
TIME: 1:00pm

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  
Gender Issues Commissioner Charleigh Chomko  
Indigenous Students Commissioner Rhode Thomas  
Women's Issues Commissioner Julianne Liken  
International Student's Commissioner Alisher Turubayev  
CC President Rebeka O'Regan  
CC Sr. Senator Brendan Bell-Earle  
CC Commissioner Cydney Habraken  
GC President Emily Cauduro (with Proxy)  
GC Commissioner Ryan Sova  
LEC President Ann-Majella McKelvie  
LEC Sr. Senator Eric O'Brien  
LEC Commission Aakriti Pandey  
OC Sr. Senator Anne Martin  
TC Commissioner Abby Rodriguez

Regrets:

First Year Off-Residence Commissioner Jamie Djetvay – Bradshaw  
GC Sr. Senator Owen Faulkner-Nolan  
OC President Craig Rutherford  
OC Commissioner Chhavi Chawla

Absent:

TC Sr. Senator Annette Pedlar

### 3. 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 welcomes directors. He says that if directors need a better explanation about the budget and staffing plan, that they may request this at any time.

Rogers-Balgobin arrives at 1:05pm.

### 5. Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the 2018.01.28 Agenda be adopted as presented.

*Moved by: Turubayev; Seconded by: Steele*

**Carried**

### 6. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the minutes from the 2018.01.14 meeting be adopted with necessary corrections.

*Moved by: Sova; Seconded by: Habraken*

Sova says ‘Frost Week’ was incorrectly listed at ‘Frosh Week.’

**Carried**

### 7. President’s Report

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the 2018.01.28 President’s Report be approved.

*Moved by: Alisher; Seconded by: Sova*

President Brendan Rimmelgas adds to his report that negotiations between CUPE and Chartwells have not yielded a solution. The workers are in a strike position; however, negotiations will continue. On February 2 there will be another rally for food service workers. More information can be found on Support Trent Food Service Workers on Facebook, or at [cupe.ca/trentfoodserviceworkers](http://cupe.ca/trentfoodserviceworkers). In the event of a strike, there will be picket lines on campus. If there is a picket line at Trent’s entrance, then buses will not

cross the line. Residence students will still be able to eat. The Ceilie, Starbucks, Tim Hortons, and the Planet will not be effected.

Rommelgas met with someone from the on-campus movement to create friendly spaces for breast-feeding mothers. A space on the third floor will be allocated for this purpose. Temporary screens may be purchased to put on the glass walls.

The Colleges Review Committee will be reviewing how the reforms made to the college two years ago are working.

LEC Commissioner Aakriti Pandey arrives at 1:13pm.

On February 12 at Market Hall, there is going to be a event concerning the developments of Trent Lands. The TCSA is sponsoring the event.

CC Senior Senator Brendan Bell-Earle asks about the picket line. He asks if students will feel angry about having their commute affected by the strike. Rommelgas says that students will be angry, but that it is important to support workers. Also, the frustration felt by the disruption can be directed toward pushing the strike to end.

International Students Commissioner Alisher Turubayev asks if the TCSA is directly advocating for workers. Rommelgas says the TCSA is supporting the workers by encouraging the achievement of a deal that is favorable to workers. He says blame should be directed toward the company, Chartwells. Next year, there is going to be a discussion about maintaining Trent's contract with Chartwells. Therefore, a prolonged strike will not be in Chartwell's favour. GC President Cauduro asks if this pressure can be applied now, and Rommelgas replies that it is being applied. Trent will stay neutral until a strike occurs. Rommelgas says West Bank buses will drop off students close to Blackburn Hall, while East Bank buses will likely turn around at the gravel parking lot at the intersection of Nassau Mills Road and Armor Road. This depends on where the workers set up pickets.

Bell-Earle asks how the TCSA will deal with the student blowback. Rommelgas says that if frustrations are growing, then the TCSA will have to form a response. He also says that the anger should be directed toward Chartwells, as the TCSA can do little to end the strike. CC Commissioner Cydney Habraken says Peterborough Transit will do its best to both accommodate the needs of students and not cross the picket lines. Rommelgas says students should look at Peterborough Transit's Twitter account for updates.

### **Carried**

#### 8. VP Clubs and External Affairs Report

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the 2018.01.28 VP Clubs and External Affairs Report be approved.

*Moved by: Sova; Seconded by: Campbell*

Hu says funding was approved for groups over the past two weeks. She asks that

colleges send her their funding due-dates. The next Leadership assembly will take place on February 3. The Clubs Gala will likely be hosted at Riley's or Junction in March.

Hu asks Sova about a club on campus that went to Hu about room bookings in the Athletics Centre being cancelled repeatedly. Hu says there are concerns about the lack of space for clubs. Hu says that perhaps clubs and groups can book rooms downtown as well. Cauduro says the Gzowski Annex has a gym that can be booked.

Her next concern is that someone brought up the fact that the AC has not addressed their concerns. One concern regarded a basketball league, in which a team was not able to compete in a tournament but when were led to believe that they could. Cauduro says she has had positive experiences booking rooms in the AC. Remmelgas says the campus, and especially the AC, are starting to reach their maximum capacity. There should be a discussion about accommodating students and community members, and what it should look like. Remmelgas supports booking spaces downtown. Cauduro says here is a lack on communication and collaboration between Trent and the AC. Hu agrees and says that there are many student concerns regarding the AC. Habraken says booking rooms is difficult, as some of the staff did not know how to do so.

Hu wants to motion to strike a committee.

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that a Student Award of Excellence committee be struck.

*Moved by: Hu; Seconded by: Campbell*

Hu says that the Student Award of Excellence nomination period opens on February 1 and ends on February 28. This is an annual award. CC President Rebeka O'Regan, GC Commissioner Ryan Sova, TC Commissioner Abbey Rodriquez, First-Year On-Residence Commissioner Brianna Campbell, and OC Senior Senator Anne Martin will sit on the committee.

**Carried**

**Carried**

#### 9. VP University and Colleges Affairs Report

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the 2018.01.28 VP University and Colleges Affairs Report be approved.

*Moved by: Campbell; Seconded by: Yates*

Rogers says commissioners must run a campaign this semester.

**Carried**

#### 10. VP Campaigns & Equity Report

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the 2018.01.28 VP Campaigns & Equity Report be approved.

*Moved by: Campbell; Seconded by: Alisher*

Steele went to a gender-inclusive Housing subcommittee. They looked at language, and how different colleges refer to gender-inclusive spaces differently. They discussed using the term ‘universal,’ or ‘gender-inclusive.’ They also discussed where gender-inclusive housing spaces could exist. They discussed doing a pilot project. One of the options is one of the houses in LEC. They also discussed dons. They should probably be trans, non-binary, or non-cis. They looked at mixed-gender rooms.

For Events, they are going to partner with Black Lives Matter Peterborough. The location and time are to be determined.

As for CFS, the executive sent nine students, including Ethical Standards Commissioner Lindsay Yates and Turubayev. The meeting was a success for the TCSA. She says these meetings are important.

Lobby Week is approaching. Canadian students will meet with provincial and federal politicians to discuss topical issues. Steele will go on behalf of Trent and CFS. She wants three Trent students in total to attend.

Steele says that Trent has a strong historical tie with GE workers. Hundreds of GE jobs are going to be cut. She proposes creating a partnership with Fleming to host re-training programs for workers so that they can continue their careers.

She also proposes a book-drive for students who have trouble affording books. They discussed creating a \$500 scholarship for books, and a winter clothing donation for international students and others.

Steele says Day of Action will happen on February 1. There will be chalking and tabling to raise awareness about student debt, and to advocate for the lowering of tuition.

The TCSA will hand out information and materials concerning Islamophobia, as tomorrow is the anniversary of the Quebec Mosque shooting.

Steele says commissioners should be required to spend an hour in office each week to meet with students.

Habraken says the Gzowski Annex cannot count as an accessible space. Steele says that this is why LEC will likely be chosen. Yates asks if students will be able to request to live with someone of the same gender. Steele says the application will include an option to choose to live with someone who is gender non-conforming. By 2019/2020, these will fully exist across campus. Rempelgas says Housing wants to ensure that staff and students are safe in the mixed-gender environment. Steele tried to emphasize that this move is not just a trans-issue but is also about creating a more equitable society.

Campbell asks if LEC would be best for the project because it is mostly single-rooms. Rempelgas says most residences are like that. Habraken says the Champlain Annex might have a good layout for the project.

**Carried**

11. 2018-2019 Staffing Plan

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the 2018-2019 Staffing Plan be approved.  
*Moved by: Campbell; Seconded by: Sova*

Rommelgas goes over the details of the 2018-2019 Staffing-Plan. The plan will stay mostly the same but has changed slightly. The pay for all positions has increased because of the Ontario minimum-wage increase. Some Vice-President responsibilities will be shuffled around and reassigned to other Vice-President positions. The Vice-President Clubs and External Affairs will be renamed to Vice-President Clubs & Groups, and the President tends to manage external affairs already. This position will also work with campus levy-groups. There is going to be a new Vice-President Student Health & Wellness. Other paid staff positions will remain the same, but with pay-increases. Rommelgas explains the role of the Operations Manager, Board Resource Manager, and Communications Coordinator. Next year, there will be a five student receptionist jobs instead of six. Next year, there will be a Brand Ambassador Team Lead and two Brand Ambassador positions, instead of having one Events Coordinator and three Brand Ambassador positions. In total, one receptionist positions and the Events Coordinator positions will be cut. However, there will be a new Vice-President position and a new 'Lead' position in the Brand Ambassador Team. Rommelgas also discusses position transitions. Jobs will be advertised for two weeks – one week before elections and one week afterwards.

Next year there will be a discussion about changing the Benefits plan to accommodate for new Ontario legislation regarding prescription drugs.

### **Carried**

#### 12. 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Budget

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Budget be approved.  
*Moved by: Thomas; Seconded by: Turubayev*

2:19. Rommelgas discusses the details of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Budget. Rommelgas says the TCSA should not have an audit this year. The Association hired outside accountants to track actual expenses. The company says they don't feel that the TCSA needs to do an audit. Also, an audit could cost \$8000. Students can go to Rommelgas if they feel the TCSA should undergo an audit.

The TCSA is currently running under-budget. Rommelgas explains the TCSA's sources of revenue, and different budget lines. The TCSA will run a \$5600 deficit on this draft of the budget. This \$5600 deficit will become a surplus once the TCSA picks up its Winter semester levy-check. Rommelgas feels good about the financial situation of the association. He TCSA was able to increase wages with no issues.

The Student Benefits budget is running a surplus. This money can only be spent on benefits. Next year, the TCSA may charge less for benefits because prescription-drugs are now free for everyone under the age of 24 in Ontario. Or, the TCSA might use the funds to increase coverage.

Transit will cost more next year. However, there is a large surplus in the transit line to accommodate for this increase. The surplus will allow the Association to increase service or create a new route.

The Association is running a surplus. The Association is discussing how to spend some of this surplus on student services (particularly on transit).

### **Carried**

#### 13. 2018 Winter SAGM Amendments Package

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the 2018 Winter SAGM Amendments Package be sent to SAGM with the Board's approval.

*Moved by: Steele; Seconded by: Rimmelgas*

Seaby explains the details of the Amendments Package. Seaby says this is going to go to the SAGM with or without Board approval. The students in the Indigenous Students and International Students Commissioner positions will be approved by TUNA and TISA, respectively. The names and language of some fees and definitions are going to be changed to be made clearer. These changes were based on recommendations made by ORDC. The changes reflect the new Vice-President position. The two Part-Time Student positions are now going to be listed as Equity commissioner positions. The Anti-Racism Commissioner position is going to be renamed as the 'Racialized Students Commissioner.'

Meetings of the Membership won't be able to overturn Board decisions, but they can challenge them. This will better student involvement in the student government. Rimmelgas says this will add an element of accountability to the Association and allows the membership to force the board to consider a decision.

Seaby discusses other changes to the operations of the Association. These changes concern the taking of minutes in subcommittees, referendums, and other matters related to the governance of the association. The Elections committee will be able to choose where meetings concerning elections are held so that they will have better attendance. Off-Campus question and information events are not well-attended when they are held off-campus. Seaby says SAGM commissioner reports are due tomorrow at midnight.

### **Carried**

#### 14. Commissioner Reports

Turubayev talks about his experience at the CFS meeting. He spoke with other international students. He also sat on the International Students Constituency meeting. For the rest his tenure, he wants to center his campaigning around extending OHIP to international students. He is also sitting on the Undergraduate Studies Committee, and the Environmental Advisory Board. An event he wants to plan for late-March is about cultural exchange. He wants to include all regional events in the event. It will narrow the

gap between international and domestic students. It will also promote the TCSA's and regional groups' campaigns. There will be food and presentations. He will meet with TISA on Monday. Turubayev he wants to launch an initiative to lobby for more funding for international students with Trent. Steele says that Ontario is one of the only provinces that doesn't include international students under provincial medical coverage. Hu says she can help Turubayev. Habraken asks if international students get the same coverage as domestic students. She asks if the students benefits plan can give special coverage to international students. Rummelgas says they would have to create a new plan, and that they would have to give more. The TCSA also has money to give to international students for a case-by-case basis.

O'Regan says that Champlain is doing the Great Walk event. It is a walk from Champlain to Curve Lake First Nations. There will be a ceremony at Curve Lake. She will distribute additional information about the event soon.

Yates says the guest she has invited to speak about white privilege will be arriving soon. She will submit a list of needs to Events. Yates says that this speaker would be of interest to EDUCAT, and other information. She also wants to do a campaign about reproductive choice.

## 15. Committee Reports

Seaby says the Elections committee met this week to discuss the upcoming the elections. The first election event will be social and open to anyone. Anyone can meet with candidates. The next event will be the Speeches & Debates event. Seaby discusses the details of the event.

Rummelgas says he met with the Housing committee. Trent will be acquiring a building from the London Property Company. Colleges affiliations in the annexes will be changing slightly. Trent has a 1:43 ratio of dons to students. The goal is to make the ratio 1:30 in three years. Next year, students will pay \$80 more for residence. This money will be used to make laundry free. The cost of double rooms is going to decrease in price for next year, and single rooms are going to increase in price. Housing will spend 1.2 million dollars starting next year to cover deferred maintenance. Housing is moving to an amenity-based pricing structure. O'Regan asked why the building on Argyle street was made to be the Otonabee Annex. Rummelgas says it was because Traill didn't want to adopt it, and because Otonabee didn't have an annex.

Bell-Earle says he is the chair of the Senate Student Caucus. He asks the board if they would approve that the committee. Rummelgas and Seaby discuss possible options. Bell-Earle wants to make the committee active again, and to update documents.

Cauduro went to the Food Services Marketing Committee. She says that Chartwells doesn't know if there will be a Tim Hortons in the new Bata Library. She asks what people would like to see in the new library instead.

Sova sat on the Food Services Advisory Committee. Meal plans will increase by \$125.

LEC Prime Minister Ann-Majella McKelvie had an Orientation Week committee. They proposed giving money to the co-chair teams of each of the colleges to show

appreciation for their work. They also discussed barriers to involvement for off-campus students.

#### 16. Director Standings

Seaby has nothing to say for this item.

#### 17. Questions from the Public

#### 18. Any other Business

Steele says that there was a sexual assault on campus. Those involved felt it wasn't handled properly. There is a petition to pressure the university with 1500 signatures. There is going to be a protest at 11:00am at the Bata Podium. It is calling for the expulsion of the accused. Since then, the student has withdrawn from Trent. Steele says the Association drafted a letter in response. She reads aloud the letter. She says it is important that students accused of committing sexual assault should be suspended until there is an investigation. This is to protect the accuser, and then the accused. If they are not convicted, then the accused can return to Trent without having to pay extra tuition fees. If they are convicted, then she suggests they should be expelled. Steele says that when there is a sexual assault on campus, that a committee is created. When it is passed off to police, the committee dissolves. Steele says there should still be a committee with a TCSA member to discuss prevention and other important matters. Remmelgas reads aloud a letter released by Trent concerning the assault. He adds that there could be a motion that states that the board supports the position of the Executive.

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the Board support the attached letter regarding Sexual Assault with any further corrections as proposed by the executive.

*Moved by: Turubayev; Seconded by: Remmelgas*

Campbell abstains

#### **Carried**

Campbell asks someone to take her spot on the IT Steering committee. Remmelgas will take it.

Sova says that this Tuesday and Wednesday is the Life After Trent information session. It will be held in the Events Space on Tuesday, and in the Gathering Space on Wednesday. Seaby will attend the Supporting a Friend Workshop. He may incorporate it into Director Training.

Remmelgas is taking a personal day tomorrow. Steele will be away the week before Reading Week.

## 19. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the 2018.01.28 Board of Directors Meeting be adjourned.

*Moved by: Rogers-Balgobin; Seconded by: Steele*

**Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 3:48pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Alexander Salton  
2017-2018 Board Secretary