

**EIGHTH MEETING OF THE 2018/2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TRENT CENTRAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Active Learning Space, Trent Student Centre (2.02)
Sunday, January 13th, 2019
1:00pm**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

TIME: 1:02 PM.

2. Roll Call

President Brandon Remmelgas
Vice President Campaigns & Equity Lindsay Yates
Vice President Student Health & Wellness Ethel Nalule
Vice President University & College Affairs Ann-Majella McKelvie
Vice President Clubs & Groups Cydney Habraken
Environment & Sustainability Commissioner Owen Faulkner-Nolan
Ethical Standards Commissioner Ana Morais
First Year Off-Residence Commissioner Morgan Carl
Indigenous Students Commissioner Rhode Thomas (Arrived at 1:21 PM)
International Students Commissioner Jaynain Panchal
Gender Issues Commissioner Teika Viducis
Queer Students Commissioner Miranda Sciberras
Part-time Students Commissioner Kasandra Tancorre
Women's Student Commissioner Brianna Campbell
CC President Sean Carlin
CC Sr. Senator Caleb Button
CC Commissioner Alicia Halhed
LEC Prime Minister Jessie Woodrow
LEC Commissioner Megan McKelvie
TC President Wendy Walker
TC Sr. Senator Abby Rodriguez
TC Commissioner Monika Lee
OC President Aaron Graab
OC Sr. Senator Markus King
GC Sr. Senator Jada Wahabu

Members of the Public:

TC Co-President Reed
Director of Housing Services Jen Coulter
Manager of Operations for Housing Services Shaun McCracken
TDSA Vice President of Campus Life Nick Ryan
TCSA Member Emilia Mattina

Regrets:

First Year On-Residence Commissioner Allanah Trumble
GC President Hannah Cahill
Mature & Transfer Students Commissioner Garae Goodman

Racialized Students Commissioner Nadeem Omar

Absent:

LEC Sr. Senator Gytha Chapman
OC Commissioner Mansimran Saini
GC Commissioner Kavika Misra

3. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Seaby reads aloud: “The Trent Central Student Association wishes to acknowledge that we are meeting today on the traditional territories of the Mississaugueeg Anishnaabeg people of Treaty 20 and the Williams Treaty, who have been taking care of this land since creation. As visitors to these lands we would like to acknowledge the displacement and sacrifices of the Indigenous peoples who lived, learned and gathered here, much like we are today. Peterborough, or Nogojiwanong, as it was originally called, has become home to many, and we would like to recognize the contributions made by other First nations, Metis and Inuit peoples to this community. While settler-colonialism is still very evident within the structure of our society and institutions, the TCSA is committed to furthering the work of a decolonial student union and campus, in partnership with Indigenous university staff, students, and community groups.”

4. Chairs Remarks

Chair Seaby notes there are a few guests present today and request introductions of name, position or role, and pronouns before the meeting continues.

Jen Coulter (she/her), Shaun McCracken (he/him), Nick Ryan (he/him), and Emilia Mattina (she/her) introduce themselves.

Chair Seaby request that Director name cards be passed around.

5. *In Camera Session*

None.

6. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2019.01.13 Agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved by: Brianna Campbell; Seconded by: Jaynain Panchal

Carried.

7. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Be it resolved that the minutes from the 2018.12.02 meeting be approved with necessary corrections.

Moved by: Cydney Habraken; Seconded by: Monika Lee

Carried.

8. Housing Strategy Update

Housing Director Coulter presents the original housing strategy that began through work from the summer of 2017. Development of mission, vision, and values for the plan came from consultation with stakeholders including resident students, the housing advisory committee through CASSC, faculty, and staff who all provided general ideas of expectations for housing. The plan included focusing on first years with the hope to include upper years in the future. Additionally international and indigenous student support would be a focus for the strategy as well. From this consultation, a 5 year renovation plan was presented last April to the Board of Governors as a short term plan and the decision to use an external consultant to get market and demand analysis was decided to develop the longer term plan being presented today.

Housing Director Coulter continues that the Scion group, a consultant company specializing in student housing in Canada and that has analyzed housing at other institutions in Canada previously, was selected to complete the market and demand analysis review. Scion began work in June of 2018 and completed their analysis in January of 2019. Interviews and focus groups were conducted. A survey to all Trent students was used and extremely well responded to by the student body. Scion considered other school's housing and Trent's documents on fees and housing plans alongside the conducted interviews, focus groups, and surveys to produce their review. The main result confirmed the knowledge that there is an affordable housing issue in the Peterborough area and that students consider cost first when deciding where to reside during their time at Trent. Scion then projected the demand for housing that would be provided by the university over the next ten years with minimum and maximum estimates.

Housing Director Coulter continues that the conservative estimates, the maximums, provide by Scion indicate there is a discrepancy between the number of beds owned by Trent and the demand that will be required by 2027. Over the coming years, many beds that are currently being leased will have their lease come due and for the purpose of estimations, are not included as owned beds, which develops this discrepancy, especially for the apartment style beds. Most feedback also indicated that first year student housing should be primarily focused on traditional style room offerings while upper years prefer the apartment style housing. It became clear that construction projects are required and the standard of existing rooms would have to simultaneously be updated. Also, room costs would have to be reassessed and programming would be considered to ensure it complements the college programming.

Rhode Thomas arrives at 1:21 PM.

Housing Operations Manager McCracken explains that the projected increase by 2027 is a gradual increase from year to year and not sudden, so timeframes on growth is part of the considerations. With TVOA and Water street leases ending over the next number of years, the beds owned by Trent are the numbers to be considered. Expected by 2023, the first year guarantee cannot be met and that is the timeline that is when projects would have to be beginning to be completed to

increase the number of beds Trent owns.

Housing Director Coulter explains that there were some restrictions, assumptions, and priorities that were set in considering the strategy. Time-bound was required to keep priorities straight and a ten year plan was selected. First year housing was the primary priority and upper year housing was a close second. International and indigenous needs were prioritized for extra consideration and may consider departmental support to offer needs for those populations. Graduate student support was also considered but the rooms are already in existence so consideration to things like family housing will not be addressed at this time in the strategy. Reconsideration for family housing may come in the next few years. Additionally, the construction of new rooms can only be managed for first year rooms and upper years are being looked into the Water Street leases as the potential option.

Commissioner Lee inquires as to the lease status of the Champlain Annex and other Water Street properties as some areas are using the whole building.

Housing Director Coulter replies there is a lease back agreement for those properties. The property is owned by Trent and leased to the apartment company. Then the apartment company owns the buildings and leases the building space back to Trent for housing spaces.

Housing Operations Manager McCracken discusses the renovation plans that are drafted for this strategy. If a new building is to be built, it is important to renovate existing spaces to be similar in quality and must do this while balancing the history of the buildings. The renovation plan is approximately 19.5 million, excluding Otonabee, and addresses around 9.2 million in deferred maintenance out of the around 30 million in existing deferred maintenance which is over 30 percent of the deferred maintenance for housing. Some updates desired are tap access to rooms and the updating of common rooms to great rooms to include study space and kitchens possibly.

Housing Director Coulter clarifies that Otonabee is separate due to the cost associated in the 8.4 million in its deferred maintenance and significant updates to the common access areas. The funding for the 19.5 million for the other renovations can come from existing housing sources for funds. To renovate Otonabee, large numbers of rooms will have to be closed for a year and this means hundreds of other beds must be created in other spaces. Since growth means more beds must be owned, then the idea is within the next five years, a new college should be built first. Then adding 150 rooms to Traill to bolster the services there at the same time. Afterwards, 150 rooms added to an existing college to have over 700 rooms added over the ten years.

Housing Operations Manager McCracken adds that the development of new beds allows for first years to be on the Symons campus and not in the annexes which opens space for upper years to live in the annexes.

Housing Director Coulter the 19.5 million for renovations should be able to be funded over the years by the housing department. Alternative financing package is needed to pay for a new college, renovate Otonabee, and add beds to Traill. An example of alternate financing is to get a private investor. Fee structure is changing to an

amenity based model to increase revenues slightly as we are ranked as a cheaper university and being in the middle in cost is better for growth.

Housing Operations Manager McCracken explains amenity based fees means you pay more if you have things like laundry and dishwasher available in your unit. This helps with updating and having people pay different fees for differently updated spaces during renovations.

Housing Director Coulter notes that the costs are compared against other universities because matching cheap Peterborough fees is difficult as there is disparity in services and types of spaces, but the costs compared to downtown Peterborough will hopefully be comparable for two or three bedroom places.

TCSA Member Mattina asks about Otonabee renovations and the issue with costs being paid over staged renovations. Also, the last time this occurred, A-house was the only renovated space which demonstrates the issue in renovating in stages.

Housing Director Coulter notes that A-house renovations were years ago and cannot speak to the validity of it being any better of a space in amenity based cost. For renovating in stages, it has to occur to some degree as closing the entire college for the year means too many students will be without rooms. Also, once space are updated, cost for those rooms will be increased to counter the old spaces, which will then be increased in price after their subsequent renovations.

Housing Operations Manager McCracken adds that the goal is to do one half of Otonabee one year and the other half the following year. That way, there is never a time that the college has available rooms that are not similarly renovated and updated.

OC President Graab inquires as to why a first year guarantee exists if infrastructure lacks.

Housing Director Coulter replies that the guarantee is not a housing decision and those concerns can be brought to recruitment or advancement more likely for a complete response. Also, the issue exists for infrastructure even if the guarantee is dropped so the housing strategy is needed simply for more beds to exist and be more competitive to other universities.

Commissioner Viducis asks who else besides McMaster doesn't have the guarantee.

Housing Operations Manager McCracken replies Ryerson has a location based guarantee but is adding 1000 beds this summer to accommodate and he believes Lakehead is the other school.

Commissioner Carl asks about where in their budget the new construction is going to be funded.

Housing Director Coulter replies that the private investor is the suggestion for new constructions. Durham used this model for their new building and hopefully the same can happen at Symons. The 19.4 million is the part that Housing will fund directly.

VP Yates asks about if the university has committed to a cap in enrollment.

Housing Director Coulter explains that housing does not partake in those decisions and other departments may be able to speak to that better. However, their projections they were provided included an expected levelling off for growth in enrollment.

President Rummelgas notes that leadership in universities is transient and that may have been the influence for Otonabee renovations to be incomplete in the past. Additionally, continuing to discuss these plans each year and being aware of potential need for changes is important. For enrollment, decisions ultimately come from the Board of Governors and so student governors are the people to connect with for advocating for enrollment decisions.

Commissioner Morais asks if housing will be looking into offering housing services over the holidays as that has not occurred before.

Housing Operations Manager McCracken replies that this year they did have the opportunity to provide residence over the holidays. International students were offered this service before moving in for the fall as the food services are not available and those students were then housed in the annexes. 60 students stayed this last winter break for a fee.

Commissioner Viducis inquires with the construction history for building partners and the worries that may result, will the plan be offered to individuals who are cheapest or best?

Housing Operations Manager McCracken notes that the university and government has rules for offering these contracts and housing must follow those rules. However, they are going to work towards using the best companies if possible through those guidelines.

Chair Seaby thanks Housing Manager Coulter and Housing Operations Manager McCracken for attending and presenting the housing strategy.

Housing Director Coulter says feedback is always welcome and to reach out if there are additional questions after this meeting.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors recess for 5 minutes.
Moved by: Ann-Majella McKelvie; Seconded by: Cydney Habraken

Carried.

Depart for recess at 2:05PM.
Return from recess at 2:10 PM.

9. Executive Reports

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2019.01.13 President's Report be approved.
Moved by: Owen Faulkner-Nolan; Seconded by: Brianna Campbell

President Rimmelgas reports that before the Feb 10th board meeting Careers will be attending to provide training and Cabinets, TISA, and TUNA are invited as well. In lieu of the increase to wages previously, no increase to CPI will occur this year to association wages. Levy discussions will occur later in the meeting. OHIP+ may be changing and with the private insurance of the association, it is unclear how prescriptions will be covered but discussions are to come once announcements are made from the government.

President Rimmelgas continues that a TCSA member passed away from complications due to tuberculosis. Vaccine discussions for refugees was discussed but the community is safe as this was an isolated case. 4000 dollars was approved by the executive to support the family in burial costs.

President Rimmelgas continues that there were meetings with Diane Therrien and Kemi Akapo. Campus app will have more items and be campus wide. Trent will be providing funding and the TCSA is a shareholder in the app. An RFP is coming in the next couple weeks. To note, an RFI, request for inquiry, is an inquiry into what is available from companies and the expected charges associated. RFI is used to prioritize budgets and services which go to RFP and companies provide bids that are used for selecting a provider.

President Rimmelgas notes that committee meetings are changing their times. Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Carl offered to be on finance committee. Additionally, ORDC is likely to have only one meeting before the documents go to AGM in February.

Carried.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2019.01.13 VP Clubs and Groups Report be approved.

Moved by: Owen Faulkner-Nolan; Seconded by: Brianna Campbell

VP Habraken reports that she was out of office for the break. Tap access is now on locker space and available for select club members. For club funding committee a couple more people are required. Commissioner Campbell and President Rimmelgas volunteer. The levy groups and the TCSA legal opinion will be discussed later.

VP Habraken continues that Frost week went well. All the events had good attendance and good feedback. Upcoming events are the next leadership assembly is being planned. A Career Fair is in early February in the Student Centre and will be connecting to Cabinets and groups that pertain to the vendors expected to attend for promotion. More detail to come as more information comes from Brittney Blake.

Commissioner Carl inquires as to when the Career Fair will be happening?

VP Habraken replies she is not entirely sure and will communicate the date and time later on once confirmed.

Carried.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2019.01.13 VP University and Colleges Affairs Report be approved.

Moved by: Cydney Habraken; Seconded by: Brandon Rimmelgas

VP McKelvie reports on the Orientation Co-Chair discussion. The plan is to conduct a pilot project this year. Two Orientation Facilitator positions, one with Student Affairs and one in the college, are available per college. This increases the student affairs positions to five for the summer overall. The positions are on the job board for the next two weeks for those interested.

VP McKelvie reports from CASSC that Nona notes potential cuts to grants may come which can affect Rebound, Peer Support, and other programming including cutting some of those programs. More discussions to come as the government releases their budgets. Wellness is funded partially through OHIP and so there are protections there but other funding sources may be at risk in the wellness department. GM plant closure in Oshawa has been noted by the Durham campus as it affects their students and local community. Convocation is a full week this year and draft schedule is on the site. Foodservices continues to note there won't be a Tim's in Bata and discussion for other things like a Booster Juice or a smoothie bar are to come in the future. The worry with Booster Juice is the potential waste implications.

VP McKelvie reports from Academic Planning and Budget committee. Senate recommendation for a position of Master of Science and Bio-Assessment. This was a joint meeting with PPG so there were discussions on the budget next year and enrollment growth. Grants and long term budgeting is required yet the government change in funding means the departments are more blind in budget planning for the upcoming year. Tuition increase may be uncapped by the government. Ministry advisors that support institutions are unsure how the government will be supporting education and this semester may require advocacy to have government support institutions better.

OC President Graab inquires if an Orientation Committee meeting had occurred between the cabinet votes and now to officially begin the process.

VP McKelvie notes that the Orientation Committee had already voted in favour and the cabinet and TCSA votes simply upheld the decision.

President Rimmelgas notes that PPG is the presidents and provosts group, responsible for what the university needs to run. PVP is presidents and vice presidents group. COU is council of Ontario universities which connects universities at the AVP level and liaises with the government. CAUT stands for Canadian Association of University Teachers. These committees liaise with the government and do not know what is occurring, so the university is unsure of where funding lies.

Member Mattina asks how research will be affected through funding changes as it is an important part of undergraduate education at Trent.

President Rimmelgas responds that the federal government supports research and the university supports research. Cuts to operational grants that affect the university funds may pose a problem for paying TAs and other research funding.

Commissioner Lee inquires as to how faculty may be affected by budget cuts.

President Rummelgas notes further funding details: tenured faculty wage is protected and safe from funding cuts. Sessional faculty wages and positions may be cut in areas such as science and education where there is less tenured faculty. Enrollment can be affected as less classes can be filled, or larger classes are offered.

Commissioner Lee asks if that will that change faculty enrollment numbers.

President Rummelgas notes that this is unknown as of now.

Commissioner Viducis notes that in the pure mathematics, the strain on TAs is already being seen with the current situation before funding cuts.

Carried.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2019.01.13 VP Campaigns & Equity Report be approved.

Moved by: Brandon Rummelgas; Seconded by: Caleb Button

VP Yates reports she was away for the holiday and will be out of office for part of February but will be available by email on reading week. The CFS Ontario general meeting is next week and the TCSA will be in attendance with multiple delegates. Grocery Assistance stopped meeting on December 12th and the executive oversaw applications before the break. The committee has enough members, but more are welcome to join.

VP Yates continues with the levy policy committee, which recently met and is planning to meet in a couple weeks. Student attendance is important and has been alright so far. The feeling at the meetings sometimes is that students are fighting levy groups. It should be noted that levy groups do great work in the community and with students, and the funds are used to fill gaps in services. With potential government cuts, these groups may be even more important. Additionally, government cuts in funding may make tuition more expensive and students should mobilize against the government and not focus efforts in fighting small groups and their small fees.

VP Yates reports that the day for remembrance of women went well and promotions were left up all of December. Notes taken to submit to government were collected and mailed. Future events include a January 29th panel event for the day against islamophobia. Discussions by the panel are on how to avoid islamophobia on campus. February 11th will be a speaker coming from London England to discuss the climate change crisis. An event coming up in Peterborough in early February is the community movements' conference and the focus is student activism this year.

Commissioner Carl suggests attendance to a budget consultation on the 25th by the local MPP.

President Rummelgas notes that the TCSA has asked for a slot to speak to the provincial government during their budget consultations. Attendance on the 25th is also a good way to voice our perspectives.

VP Yates says they are able to attend and speak at the MPP consultation and let Lindsay know if there is need for support.

OC President Graab notes for the levy policy committee, it is important to have representatives from cabinets and to proxy if not able to attend.

Member Mattina notes, regarding the levy policy committee, she goes to these meetings as a general member and does not vote. The committee is currently lacking members at large. Members of the committee are expressing animosity during meetings and people are saying it is a waste of time for the meeting. Students are needed for discussion at these meetings to express opinions. There has been issues through the meeting about treating of the members at large. Also, issues exist in representation of others and there was reluctance when recording the meeting was suggested. Directors have a chance to be a part of these meetings, so it is encouraged to attend if possible.

VP Yates notes that the recording issue was mostly due to there being no consultation prior to the meeting beginning to be recorded.

Commissioner Viducis asks when the levy committee meets.

VP Habraken states the last meeting was on Friday, but a doodle poll is still out, and she can email and update to the board once the decision is reached.

Commissioner Viducis says students may want to know when they meet.

VP Habraken notes this has been an issue and hopefully the meeting is consistent for the rest of the semester.

Commissioner Viducis notes that it appears strong feelings exist and there are emotions around the meeting. With that in mind, what is the attendance at these meetings?

VP Habraken replies 15 to 20. It varies throughout the semester. Some groups have yet to show up to the committee.

VP Habraken agrees a lot of emotion is behind this conversation. These groups are doing great work, which is not a matter of debate. However, accountability is important as the main point and cannot be overlooked. Also, disconnect exists between levies and the student body, which strains this discussion.

Chair Seaby asks to bring discussion back to the report at hand.

President Rummelgas has a point of personal privilege. When stating our experiences, we must focus on stating our own experiences and not try to represent the experiences of others. If someone is not present, we cannot assume how they experienced something and assume their perspective as this causes misrepresentation.

Carried.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2019.01.13 VP Student Health & Wellness Report be approved.

Moved by: Markus King; Seconded by: Jada Wahabu

VP Nalule reports the initiative of mobility access is off to senate. A walker, two wheelchairs, and four canes were donated. Looking to get more mobility aids and hoping they are well used. There will be images posted to market it. Looking into discussing with PARN about an Aids/HIV information day. Talking with Robyn Ocean, Lindsay, and TACSU for black history month plans. A self-care resource fair is upcoming and peer support is a partner. There are talks with pharmacies in getting sharps containers.

VP Nalule continues reporting on committees for mental health and the strategic advisory group. The steering committee has finished its work and will be bringing their work to the advisory group and expected to be finished in the near future. Gzowski College, FPHL, and Active Minds are working on Bell Let's Talk Day. May change to Let's Talk Trent due to controversy around the day.

CC Sr. Senator Button asks what the controversy is for Bell Let's Talk Day.

VP Nalule doesn't fully understand but was brought to her attention.

VP Yates explains that Bell is a large corporation and is marketing themselves through this movement which makes it questionable if the Bell is required in Bell Let's Talk. Additionally, some funds collected through the day have gone to homophobic and transphobic initiatives, which is worrying.

Commissioner Viducis asks for everyone to speak up.

VP Nalule notes that besides the name issues, there is a plan for a walk with Gzowski and can use the accessibility items offered from TCSA. Posters and other plans are in development. There is difficulties around the approaches to the event overall as some trashing the day has occurred in the past.

Commissioner Sciberras asks if the walk was planned inside or outside.

VP Nalule says the plan was to walk outside but the events space is a backup.

Commissioner Viducis asks where the walk is planned outside.

VP Nalule is not sure exactly where yet but thinking east bank.

Commissioner Viducis notes that with only three gender neutral washrooms on east bank, where could the walk be planned?

VP Nalule states that Active Minds is helping to plan and talks of a walk out to the Kawartha nature areas was discussed.

Commissioner Lee adds that the only accessible route is near Gzowski and the tips and not near the Kawartha nature areas.

VP Nalule adds that the event is still being planned with thoughts to the tipi, environmental, and other aspects that can be included.

Carried.

10. Motion to Reconsider

Chair Seaby notes that the following motion requires movers and seconders who were present at the meeting in which the motion was voted upon who are moving that they believe the motion should be reconsidered.

President Rimmelgas asks that if the movers and seconders voted in favour of the motion being reconsidered in the past meeting?

Chair Seaby notes that at the meeting the motion originally been passed unanimously so the all attendees would have voted in favour.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Board reconsider the resolution passed on November 18th, 2018 regarding Petitions for new levy group fees.
Moved by: Monika Lee; Seconded by: Owen Faulkner-Nolan

President Rimmelgas updates the board on that legal opinion sought for this motion occurred by email. The TCSA is working with LLF Lawyers, the same law firm as Trent. If a conflict is identified between Trent and the TCSA, we will be contacting an alternative lawyer. It appears that the board cannot move the original motion exclusively and it would have to also go to AGM, so the membership approves the motion. The AGM can choose to pass this motion, or the Board can end up amending the motion as noted in the agenda and the motion will not need to go to the AGM. Additionally, the original motion can be brought up by a member at the AGM and if passed would override the board's motion.

Commissioner Viducis asks when the AGM is being held.

Chair Seaby replies that the AGM is on February 6th from 12 to 2.

President Rimmelgas adds that no matter the decision made today, the Executive will draft a statement for the membership to reflect the result of this conversation.

VP Yates did not attend the original meeting and believes she would have voted in favor of the motion at that time. However, members have voiced their concern that their membership right to pose new levy fees through referenda has been removed. It may be better to focus on providing information to students who may be interested in getting levy fees on the ballot. VP Yates would rather retain the right in full for the members and still find a way to inform students of why new levies should not be created at this time.

Commissioner Campbell inquires how a no decision would affect groups interested in putting forward levy fee questions as the AGM is in early February.

President Rimmelgas responds that the election period is after the AGM. The timeline is after the AGM so the levy questions can still be brought forward if the

AGM declines the motion. Any early submissions would be held until a decision is attained at the AGM.

VP Habraken thinks this motion should go to our AGM un-amended and that should be where the discussion with students should be occurring. Students have brought the concern that produced the original levy committee and this motion relates to that conversation which means students should be discussing it at the AGM. An un-amended motion would allow that possibility.

VP Nalule is in favour of reconsidering this motion as there is a lack of background about the levy discussion and the reconsideration is needed. Taking the autonomy from members is worrisome and needs to be considered more carefully. Not providing the opportunity to put forth referenda for students may be improperly using the board powers.

CC Sr. Senator Button received a letter to read it out to the board. The letter is not CC Sr. Senator Button's opinion but the opinion of a TCSA member.

CC Sr. Senator reads letter from TCSA Member Shannon Culkeen. See Appendix II

Member Mattina notes she is a member at large and states she opposes reconsidering this motion. TCSA rides a thin line between these levy groups and the students through advocacy and other work. Students do have the ability to engage with the work of the TCSA and many choose not to engage with the discussion, which demonstrates trust from the student body in their elected members. Any student has the ability to oppose these motions at AGM. It should be brought to the AGM as the legal opinion has suggested as an appropriate next step.

Commissioner Faulkner-Nolan asks if the letter from Member Shannon Culkeen can be included in the minutes.

Chair Seaby replies that it can be included as it has been read. Also, paper copies are available for Directors who require them during the meeting.

President Rummelgas notes that the student who wrote the letter is not a lawyer and our lawyer's opinion is the legal stance. The Corporations Act allows this sort of motion to be moved by the board which will go to the AGM with endorsement from the board. The board is not removing a democratic right as the student body through the AGM would have to vote in favor of the motion. President Rummelgas states that this levy discussion was initially brought forward due to student concerns and does not always feel supported in doing this work. Initiating a change came from recognizing that there was an issue. A similar example is if a business recognizes an unethical hiring process, they stop hiring until an ethical hiring process is put in place. Until a process is put in place to guide new levies, there should be no new levies entering into the framework of levies. President Rummelgas states he has been negatively targeted in spaces where this discussion has needed to occur and would like to withdraw from the discussion if he is to be targeted by groups through these discussions.

Chair Seaby notes that emotions are high regarding this topic and for Directors to stay focused on the motion at hand.

Commissioner Viducis notes that in reviewing the minutes from the last Board meeting, there was no evidence of any community members taking issue with the original motion. If members feel strongly about this topic, it does not make sense they were not in attendance.

VP Yates asks if we publish the agenda before the meeting.

Chair Seaby responds that 5 days in advance there is always an agenda published.

Commissioner Viducis notes it was item number ten on the agenda so there was plenty of time for a member to arrive. Multiple regrets were sent though which is odd.

Chair Seaby notes the regrets were due to a conference coinciding with the meeting.

Commissioner Viducis says that looking at who was there it is odd attendance considering the emotions around this discussion.

Commissioner Campbell asks if we note the attendance of members of the public.

Chair Seaby replies that members of the public are noted, as are their statements.

Commissioner Sciberras asks for the motions under discussion to be restated so that it is clear what everyone is referencing through discussion.

Chair Seaby says that the motion on the floor is for reconsideration, after which an affirmative vote would mean a discussion around the motion itself could ensue. The motion under reconsideration is for the Association to not allow petitions for new levy group fees.

CC Sr. Senator Button intends to call the question later if discussion carries on. Also, Button asks into the reasoning that originally brought the motion forward.

VP Habraken replies that the policy is not close to being done and not comprehensive so new levies should not be created at this time.

VP Yates believes that the reasoning was because the vote for new levies and the vote for a new policy would coincide. This is an issue for enforcing the policy on new levies since they are voted on simultaneously.

VP Yates adds that the motion was not originally planned to go to AGM. Consulting a lawyer brought that up consideration. VP Yates notes that reconsidering the motion should be voted upon simply because the membership has voiced the desire for the board to reconsider. That means the board can come to the same conclusion but should reconsider before that decision is made.

OC President Graab asks if the motion was only for the spring referenda, until September, or until the policy is completed.

President Rummelgas replies that the motion is only for this year's spring referenda specifically. Next year's board would continue discussions based on the policy.

VP Habraken notes that there has been no one following the bylaw that empowers students to encourage reconsideration.

VP Yates adds that not reconsidering is to mean you don't feel it is worth it to talk about or amend the motion at all. Reconsidering is not voting on the motion itself.

VP Habraken notes that these conversations have also had attacks on her. Closed conversations has been all but for the letter regarding students that disagree with this motion. Emilia is present as a member voicing upholding the motion. Without other voices directly telling the board to reconsider, the motion should be upheld and go to AGM.

VP McKelvie is against reconsidering this motion. Both sides of the discussion have been presented and both must be considered without favoring one over the other.

Chair Seaby reminds everyone to focus on the business of the meeting. There is no reason for a collegial atmosphere to

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors call the question.
Moved by: Caleb Button; Seconded by: Abby Rodriguez

President Rimmelgas says that voting on calling the question is not required if there is no one else that would like to speak to the motion to reconsider.

Chair Seaby notes there is no one left on the speakers list and directs the board a vote on the original motion, the reconsideration of the Nov. 18th motion regarding petitions for new levy's.

Carried.

Commissioner Viducis requests that people speak up more, so they can hear more easily.

Member Mattina offers to exchange seats.

Chair Seaby request that tables be brought closer together.

Commissioner Sciberras asks that what is being discussed be kept clear as the conversation is can get a bit confusing.

Chair Seaby clarified that the vote that just passed was on reconsidering the motion and now the discussion will be about that motion and any reconsiderations. The motion is now under reconsideration.

President Rimmelgas reminds the Directors that a point of order can be used to clarify the processes if you are confused. Use point of order before votes are taken.

VP Yates asks how the amendment on the agenda works in this conversation.

Chair Seaby states that the motion to amend is on the agenda and can be put forth

by the board.

MOTION to AMEND: Whereas discussion regarding levy group policy is ongoing and pending approval by members of the Association in the 2019 Spring Elections; Be it resolved that the TCSA board of directors **advise against** any petitions for the initiation of new levy group fees on the Spring 2019 electoral ballot.

Moved by: Monika Lee; Seconded by: Lindsay Yates

Commissioner Viducis asks if the amended motion can still go to AGM.

Chair Seaby replies that it may based on the by-laws.

VP Habraken notes that only one individual has come forward with a levy question as of now. Clubs and groups are already being advised against becoming levies this year and there is a lack of support for new levy groups upon creation. A motion of advisement against the creation of new levy groups is unnecessary as that has already been done by prohibiting them.

Commissioner Lee asks if clubs and groups funding is part of this motion.

Chair Seaby replies that clubs and groups funding is outside of the scope of this motion.

VP Yates explains that the advisement against new levies is more effective and that means a public statement of advisement against instead of outright removal of opportunity is better as the amended motion. Levy groups are understanding the reasoning behind the motion and think that advisement against new levies is a good approach, but the democratic rights of members are at issue if the motion is un-amended.

Commissioner Sciberras asks if the meeting must be extended to accommodate this discussion.

Chair Seaby asks if there is any motion to extend the time limit of the meeting.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2019.01.13 Board of Directors meeting be extended to 4:30 PM.

Moved by: Brandon Rimmelgas; Seconded by: Miranda Sciberras

Carried.

CC Sr. Senator Button notes that the discussion ought to be tabled to the next meeting.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors table the current motion to amend until the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Moved by: Teika Viducis; Seconded by: Abby Rodriguez

President Rimmelgas notes that a statement will be released by the Executive no matter the decision made today. The legal opinion means that the last public

statement cannot stand and will be replaced with an update of where the board stands on the conversation. If nothing else occurs this meeting or next, the motion will have to go to the AGM at the minimum.

Commissioner Viducis asks when the next meeting takes place.

Chair Seaby replies that the next meeting is on January 27th.

VP Yates asks what notice is required for the AGM.

Chair Seaby replies that two weeks' notice is required for bylaw amendments and meeting materials. Only one week before is the normal timeline for the agenda. This timeline works for tabling the motion.

President Rimmelgas states that the motion is not a bylaw amendment and so the notice is not required since the motion could even be brought up in the 'Any Other Business' portion of the agenda.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors call the question.
Moved by: Cydney Habraken; Seconded by Caleb Button

Carried.

Commissioner Viducis requests voting to be done by ballot.

Carried. Motion table to January 27th.

11. Summer Front Desk Position

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Board approve the Summer Front Desk Position description.
Moved by: Abby Rodriguez; Seconded by: Brandon Rimmelgas

President Rimmelgas notes that the Summer Front Desk Position is usually approved alongside the rest of the staffing plan, but the later timeline is not as functional for students looking for summer work. By waiting later, the available students diminishes and this earlier approval allows for more opportunity for students to apply.

VP Habraken notes it is really important to get a better pool and offer more opportunity to students. An April application period limits availability and pool of candidates and would be better as a student union to set an example and open applications sooner.

Carried.

12. Committee Reports & Changes

Chair Seaby notes some committee changes have already been sorted out through the meeting's previous business.

VP McKelvie notes she can do library fines committee now.

Commissioner Viducis reports for the PACHREA accessibility committee report. The accessibility compliance report for Trent University for 2017 was written and has been released. The library was expected to be accessible by 2020 yet the current timeline is appearing as though it won't succeed. OC's exterior patio is planned to be accessible in the future. New designated smoking locations were supposed to be accessible but that has not been the case so far.

Commissioner Campbell inquires as to what is inaccessible for the designated smoking areas on campus.

Commissioner Viducis replies the structures were supposed to be step free access yet there are currently steps for some locations.

Commissioner Campbell asks if there is active work to correct this error as the enactment of the smoking policy with inaccessible locations creates barrier and contradicts the policy.

Commissioner Viducis replies more information will be available at the next PACHREA meeting.

President Rimmelgas believed ramps had been added to the locations.

Commissioner Viducis states that ramps were added yet the ramps can only be accessed after a step.

VP Yates asks if an updated list could be circulated regarding committee appointments.

Chair Seaby agrees to update and circulate committee appointments.

13. Director Standings

Chair Seaby has no updates to report.

14. Questions from the Public

No questions from the public.

15. Any other Business

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors move into closed session.

Moved by: Brandon Rimmelgas; Seconded by: Cydney Habraken

Carried.

Enter into closed session at 4:07 PM.

Return from closed session at 4:13 PM.

Commissioner Sciberras reports that Lady Eaton College won the dodgeball tournament. Attendance at the event was alright but not as high as expected.

VP Habraken noted the hard work Commissioner Sciberras put into the event, despite the attendance being a bit less than expected. Also, check out the trophy in Lady Eaton College if you have not yet because it is a wonderful trophy.

Commissioner Viducis reports that there are only seven accessibility complaints on campus per year due to misreporting. Send complaints to the accessibility office to have them properly reported. Fixit complaints regarding accessibility are not fielded as accessibility concerns and never get recorded by accessibility.

President Rimmelgas advises to copy both departments when emailing complaints.

Commissioner Sciberras inquires if the TCSA can communicate that to students.

CC Sr. Senator Button says the TCSA may want to include this advisement in the orientation packages in the future, so that students are aware as early as possible.

Commissioner Viducis notes these are great ideas.

16. Adjournment

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2019.01.13 Board of Directors Meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Caleb Button; Seconded by: Abby Rodriguez

Carried.

TIME: 4:15 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Sova

Appendix I – Executive Reports

January 8th, 2019

To the attention of the Trent Central Student Association Board of Directors and the Membership of the Association; the following composes the Presidential Report for the period of December 3rd, 2018 to January 8th, 2019:

Holiday Vacation

- The TCSA office was closed and all full-time staff and executives were on Vacation from the period of December 20th, 2018 to January 6th, 2019
- Grocery Assistance?

Career Centre Presentation for Student Leaders

- Charmaine Rodrick from Careers will be running a Career Workshop for student leaders from 12-1 pm in TSC 2.02 (Active Learning Classroom) on February 10th
- This workshop will be open to all student leaders (TCSA Board Members, Cabinet Members, TISA, and TUNA) and lunch will be provided

Wages

- The Association's Staffing Plan allows us to increase wages by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) each year
- We have decided not to implement a CPI increase to our wages this year as our wages were already increased beyond CPI by a prior resolution of the board

Legal Advice re: Motion to Suspend Creation of New Levy Group Fees

- The TCSA has received concerns from levy groups and students that this resolution of the board is in conflict with our by-laws, as such, we have contacted legal counsel to confirm
- I will provide an update in our meeting on Sunday

OHIP+

- Our benefits provider has shared with us that the Ontario Government will be modifying OHIP+ (free prescriptions for those under 25) to only be accessible to those who do not have private insurance (including students on the TCSA plan)
- To compensate for this, we will be working to increase drug coverage on our plan

Meeting with Trent International

- Operations Manager Tracy Milne and I met with staff of Trent International to establish lines of communication regarding International students and benefits to make sure students coming to Trent from abroad, going on exchange, or arriving at Trent as refugees have access to the care and support they need

Meetings with Community Leaders

- The TCSA executive had a meeting with Diane Therrien on Monday January 7th at 9 am in which we discussed Transit, Housing, the East Bank Arena, and accessibility in businesses downtown
- The Executives also have a meeting scheduled with MP Maryam Monsef on Thursday January 24th at 11:30 am (may be moved to Wednesday the 23rd)
- I am also going to be reaching out for a meeting with City Counsellor Kemi Akapo who has been assigned the city's Transit Portfolio

Transit

- A 60' articulated bus (a accordion or 'bendy' bus) was tested on the West Bank route on December 5th
- The Test was a success and the city is looking to get as many articulating buses as possible for implementation in September as these buses have double the capacity of our current buses and will help with our September volume issues (they also may have bike racks)
- Trent is also working with the city to install 'No Left-hand Turns from 8 am to 10 am) at the main entrance to campus to encourage cars to enter Trent's Woodland Drive entrance and help with morning delays

Campus App

- Sean Daniels from Trent IT has taken on the job of compiling our wants/needs for a campus app to go to an RFI
- This RFI will generate the information we need to officially go to market for a provider via RFP
- I will cover this process in more detail in person at our meeting

Notice of Executive Expenditure of \$4000

- The Association was told on December 6th that a Trent Student was on life support in hospital due to complications from tuberculosis
- On December 10th the Executive Committee approved \$4000 to help the family of a Trent refugee student get to Canada to say their goodbyes
- The student's roommates are being tested and the hospital has confirmed that this case was not a concern for the greater community
- The TCSA is engaging in conversations with WUSC and Trent International regarding vaccines, as this is the second time in the last year that a student has contracted a disease that has a vaccine

Committee Meeting Times

- Finance and Operations will be meeting from 11-12 on Tuesdays
 - Need 2 more directors (only Rhode currently)
- ORDC will have one last meeting on: Tuesday January 14th from 12:30-2:30 pm



Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Rummelgas
TCSA President



To the attention of the Trent Central Student Association's (TCSA) Board of Directors and membership: below encompasses the Vice-President Clubs and Groups (VPCG) Report for the period of Nov 27th 2018 - Jan 8th 2019.

I was out of office from December 17th-January 6th for Christmas Break

Overview:

- Clubs Update
- Clubs Funding
- Levy Groups
- Committees
- Events

Clubs Update

- Tap Access for the clubs and groups space is all installed and functioning
- Clubs and Groups day

Clubs Funding

- Fall funding is closed
- Winter funding will open January 21st
- Need people for club funding committee – Wednesday 1-2pm

Levy Groups

- Still a lot of contention
- Working hard on making an equitable policy- that prioritizes student needs/concerns/ financial transparency
- Sunset clause

Committees

- Events Committee
- Levy Committee
- Club Funding



Events

Frost week

- Monday- pan-college dodgeball is in the gym, 3-5pm
- Tuesday- Taco Tuesday in the Celie 6:30-8pm trivia 8-10 trivia
- Wednesday - Clubs and Groups Day in the student centre Atrium 10-3pm
- Thursday - Hockey night @champs 7-9pm
- Friday -Crafternoon 11-3pm in the student centre -succulent making

Upcoming Events

- Working with Brittany Blake on the Career fair happening in late January early February

Respectfully submitted,
Cydney Habraken
Vice-President Clubs & Groups
Trent Central Student Association



January 8th 2019

To the attention of the Trent Central Student Association's (TCSA) Board of Directors and membership: below encompasses the Vice-President University and Colleges Affairs (VPUC) Report for the period of November 28th 2018 to January 8th 2019.

Events

- Past Events:
 - De-stress fest- took place the last week of November into the first week of December. This was very successful and many staff and students shared how helpful this was for them. Would love to work on this again for winter semester possibly.
 - Massage Day- Tuesday December 4th from 10-2pm- Was also a great success. All time slots were filled.
 - Exam care packs- Wednesday December 5th at 9am in the TCSA office. All care packs were taken by noon and we received lots of positive feedback from students.
 - Strut your Swag: Tuesday November 27th from 2-4pm in the Student Centre Atrium. There were snacks and music for students.
- Big event projects for the semester:
 - East vs. West: I have been in contact with the East Vs. West co-chairs to help support the event and to gather updates and information. East vs. West is being postponed until march this year.
 - Dionysus: this is the TCSA's last big event for the school year.

Meetings/Committees Attended

Co-chair Update

- As of December 12th 2018 the vote for paying co-chairs was 3 in favour and 2 against with the addition of TCSA voting in favour
- The principals have all agreed to do a one-year pilot project. This will be collaboration with Amelia, student affairs, the college principals and all the cabinets.
- The next steps are to review the job description and establish a reasonable timeline for the hiring process of co-chairs and staff.

CASSC

- Took place on November 28th
- Housing strategy consultation has been completed and all of it's findings will be presented to CASSC in January.

- With the GM plant closing in Oshawa, the university is staying aware of how this may affect Durham students and is hoping to provide additional supports for these students.
- No idea where the provincial government is at with the budget in terms of education funding.
- So far there are lots of rumours floating around about big changes to the funding model.
- Grants at risk:
 - inclusion grant that is worth 200,000 for 3 years
 - FPHL is funded through the aboriginal student grant and they have not received that funding for this year and is at risk for being cut in the future.
 - The wellness centre is funded through OHIP- this may also be affected in the budget
- Serious conversations will take place if these are cut
- Convocation June 3rd to June 7th. Draft schedule is available online but are subject to change.
- Food services is also trying to find a way for the old bata tims location to generate significant revenue. Booster juice is being considered but there's a concern of high waste.

AP&B

- Meeting took place on December 6th 2018
- A new Master of Science in Bioenvironmental Monitoring & Assessment was voted in approval to be recommended to Senate.
- We had a joint meet with PPG to talk about preliminary budgeting for 2019-2020.
 - The growth at Trent has come with benefits but has also come with many challenges
 - The university has not heard about the grants they were promised to receive for this year
 - Long term budgeting is encouraged but the primary focus must be on 2019-2020.
 - So much uncertainty for next year and have to go blind in budget planning
 - Tuition fee framework is rumoured to end for 2018-2019 which is the 3% cap per year for domestic undergrad and grad.
 - Durham expansion- building occupancy planned for September 2020.
 - Guidelines for budget submissions were planned to go out to departments for the following week.

- COU and ministry advisors can't even answer questions as they don't have the answers.

Out of Office

- I was out of office for the duration of December 17th until January 4th. I used 3 additional vacation days on top of the required 10 for the holiday to cover for exams and spending extra time with my family.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann-Majella McKelvie

Vice-President University and Colleges Affairs
Trent Central Student Association



January 8th, 2019

To the attention of the Trent Central Student Association's (TCSA) Board of Directors and membership: below encompasses the Vice-President Campaigns and Equity (VPCE) Report for the period of December 3rd to January 8th, 2019.

In/Out of Office

Winter Break

I was out of office for Winter break from December 18th 2018 to January 7th 2019.

Upcoming Vacation

I will be out of office from February 3rd to February 13th for a personal vacation.

Canadian Federation of Students

Ontario General Meeting Jan 17-20 2019

I will be attending the Ontario General Meeting of the CFS on January 17-20 in Toronto. We are sending 6 delegates including myself, Ethel, Ann-Majella, Ankit Tripathi, Kendall Hill and Nicholas Taylor.

Committees

Levy Policy Committee

This committee wrapped up for the Winter break on December 10th but without having totally completed the policy. The committee voted 10-3 to not implement sunset clauses into this policy. Meetings will resume quickly following the break and the policy draft should be done shortly thereafter.

Grocery Assistance Committee

The committee met for the last time on December 12th and any leftover applications were reviewed in our final executive committee meeting the following week. The new committee for Winter will be comprised of myself as chair, Ethel Nalule, Caleb Button, Allannah Trumble and Nadeem Omar meeting on Tuesdays weekly.

Campaigns

Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, Dec. 6

On December 6th I set up a visual display and a tabling event that ran from 10am-2pm. I created large posters that depicted the 14 women who were killed on this day in 1989. I also set up various educational and promotional materials on the promotions desk including stickers I had made specifically about December 6th. I had small cards as templates for students to write a message to the Ontario government about violence against women, which I mailed to the premier's office the following week. I also gave out free coffee to any student who passed by.

Day Against Islamophobia, January 29th

On January 29th I will be holding a panel event in collaboration with Johanna Hart who is the spiritual affairs coordinator at Trent. This panel will be in the afternoon of this day and will feature a professor, a student, a local activist and a community member and be open to all



students and community members who wish to engage in conversations about what islamophobia looks like at Trent and in Peterborough.

Guest Speaker - Gwynne Dyer

On February 11th, Gwynne Dyer, a renowned speaker on democracy and climate change issues will be coming to Trent to do a public lecture. This event is in collaboration with the college principles of Otonabee and Gzowski colleges. This event will be at 7:30pm in FPHL and the lecture will be entitled: "The Climate Horizon."

Miscellaneous

Community Movements Conference

The Community Movements Conference is a small levy fee that funds an annual conference run predominantly by students in the IDST department. This conference will be on February 1-2 and you must register in advance. This year the focus is on student activism so I encourage folks to attend for some great learning!

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Yates
Vice-President, Campaigns and Equity



Jan 8th, 2019

To the attention of the TCSA Summer committee and TCSA membership:

The following is the Vice President of Student Health and Wellness report for the period of April 16th, 2018 to July 19th, 2019.

Campaigns/events

Spoonie Social

After looking at dates and not hearing back from certain folks, I switched the days for the Spoonie social and from a patient's perspective. The Spoonie Social, is an event I'm planning to bring together those on campus who have chronic illnesses, invisible illnesses and disabilities to meet and interact in a safe space. Spoonie is a term that was created a few years back when a lady by the name of Christine Miserandino, a blogger, when she was trying to explain to her friend what it's like to have lupus. Since then this term has been used all over the world and I found that many people on campus also use it, which is what sparked this idea! It will be an evening of food, drinks (water & Juice), games and fun! The event space has been booked, and it will take place from 5PM – 10PM on a come and go as you please basis. The poster is in the making. I am looking at having the night kitchen and/or subway as caterers, as well as planning on buying snacks that meet most if not all dietary restrictions.

Mobility access

Over the break, I was able get a walker in really good condition donated, as well as I went out and bought a few canes. All is set, the waiver and mobility aids are in the event space storage, and I am looking into advertising this to the student population next week. We will post it on our social media and I've reached out to the Arthur.

Self-Care resource fair

This is an event I have been assisting peer support in organizing. Everything still stands as it did on my last report, and it will be taking place on February 13th in the student center. TCSA will be providing donations for the prizes, and I will be meeting with them again sometime this month to finalize everything.

Black History Month

I have been in conversation with TACSU and Robyn Ocean to plan a panel like event on black history month. It now seems to be in conflict with another panel event so we're now either looking into collaborating or moving it to the end of the month. More information to come in my next report!



Sharps containers in washrooms

I had gone to ask the pharmacy for sharps containers, I was given one then given and email and number of who to contact to have them installed in our washrooms. I still need to talk to everyone to make sure I have the go, once this is done and approved I will go ahead and work on getting sharps containers installed in the student center washrooms. This is something that has been on my list to do for a while and would greatly benefit students on campus who require injections of health purposes (Eg. Insulin, b12, etc.)

From a Patients perspective

I'm still in conversation and trying to form and organizing group. So far student health promoters are interested in working together. I was unsuccessful in finding an available speaker but have been sent a few names. Because of this I switched the dates with the Spoonie social, before I had chosen January 25th, and it seems that Feb 8th will now work best with the given timing.

HIV/AIDS's Information day

After some continued conversation with Rachel from PARN, I'm working with her to have an HIV/AIDS information day on January 30th from 9am – 1PM in the student center.

Committees

Mental health and Well Being Strategic Advisory group

The steering committee is meeting again on January 29th but as a whole with everyone that's involved in this conversation to go over the draft. More information to come after the meeting takes place, but it is all being put together and I'm very excited to share more about the strategic plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Nalule
Vice President of Student Health and Wellness

Appendix II – Letter from Shannon Culkeen

First off, I thank you for reading this letter. I couldn't get the afternoon off from work, much as I wanted to.

I am a member of the Trent Central Student Association.

On Nov 18th, the TCSA board of directors unanimously voted not to accept referenda petitions from their membership concerning new levy fees for the spring 2019 election.

As you know, levy fees are part of a system, created by Trent students, to support organizations and projects that are unassociated with the TCSA. It's a two-part system: the petition process and the vote itself. A petition is a written request to our board to take an action. And some petitions are *binding*: the board *has to* follow through on them. (XIV 9.9)

A successful, binding petition is no small feat to pull off. According to our Bylaws (section XIV.9), we as members need to get 10% of the membership to sign a petition. That's over 800 signatures, with pen and paper, addresses and student numbers. The people signing believe in the cause enough to *bind* the TCSA board of directors to put the question to the rest of the membership for a vote.

It's one of the most democratic processes we have. And the results can be wild.

Sometimes successful petitions to create new fees fail miserably when it comes to voting. Sometimes levy fees are defunded. Some referenda questions are decided in landslide votes of the membership, and some by single percentage points in tiny quorums.

It's exciting. But more than that, it is our *right* as members to participate in these democratic processes.

We have the *right* to submit binding petitions for referenda to you, our board of directors. We also have the right to submit binding petitions to change a bylaw, to overturn a board decision, and to determine our Association's stance on an important issue, like a boycott.

If a TCSA board can refuse our democratic right to submit a binding petition for a referendum on one clause, what stops them from refusing it on another? Surely the clause used to justify the initial motion, V.3.3.vii, could be used to block petitions about other referenda too. I find this deeply troubling.

This decision means that the TCSA board would willingly ignore the signed request of hundreds of members. Past petitions have had over a *thousand* signatures. Do the voices of student members not matter?

The Nov 18th resolution is also a contravention of our bylaws. Section III clearly states that directors are *subject* to our bylaws. Of course, the board can make regulations governing referenda. They cannot, however, break the bylaws to make those regulations, even unintentionally.

The decision rendered our board of directors vulnerable to costly legal action, which most liability insurance would not cover if the decision was made without due diligence. No lawyer was consulted before the decision was made.

You have consulted one now, and I'm glad of it.

As I type, a new motion has been placed for the board to reconsider their initial decision. There are simple, effective ways to communicate that it's a fraught year for new levy fees. There are effective ways to communicate that this is a time of policy renewal. The membership can deal with change; we change our bylaws more often in a year than most non-profits do in a decade.

I do not intend to initiate a petition this spring. But my rights are important, and I call upon the directors who initially voted for this resolution to take the new information into consideration. I call upon them to overturn the Nov 18th resolution and use their platform to inform the membership about the upcoming elections and this exciting time for policy.

Our association will be stronger because of it, and I'm grateful.

Shannon Culkeen

3rd year Nursing

Appendix III - Summer Front Desk Position



Position Title: Front Desk Receptionist (Summer & School Year)

Wage & Hours:

\$15.00/hr 30hrs/wk April 29th to August 30th

\$15.00/hr 10hrs/wk September 2019 to April 2020

Work Terms:

- One (1) staff (April 29th – August 30th, with 5 days paid vacation)
- Statutory holiday pay = daily 20% of 4-week average earnings
- 3 paid sick shifts
- 4% vacation pay on gross

Description Summary:

- Answer telephones and general inquiries through the Association's email;
- Receive & distribute mail; contacting students when items are available for pickup;
- Assist students with Direct2U Prescription Service, ISIC cards, consignment book sales, Benefits Plan questions, printing/scanning/faxing, merchandise & over-the counter sales, non-TCSA event & clothing sales, and mail pickup;
- Check-in vendors;
- Maintain a clean office space; sweeping, dusting, organizing & restocking over the counter items;
- Open/close office;
- Balance the daily float;
- Other tasks as assigned.

Additional Assigned Responsibilities:

Operations & Office Assistance: Assist the Association's staff & elected representatives with the organization of front desk oversight & services, including vendor program coordination, room bookings, ordering over the counter supplies data organizing, and financial filing.

Consignment Book Coordination: Alphabetize books, maintain filing system, enter incoming books into database, update database when books sell/expire, contact students when checks are ready to be picked-up, and maintain supplies. Responsible for completing a reconciliation of all consignment books once a semester.

Reports to:

- Operations and Services Manager
- Association Resource Manager
- Executive Committee

Training:

Mandatory trainings (i.e. AODA), TCSA Orientation, & other training where available.

