

Tri-University Graduate Student Association (TUGSA)
Annual General Meeting
April 4, 2013
MacKinnon 318, University of Guelph 4-6pm

Presiding: Co-Presidents Marjorie Hopkins (UG) and Geoff Keelan (UW)

Attending: Josh Travenor, Whitney Wood, Ryan Kirkby, Ted Cogan, Paul Laforet, Jenny Duong, Jocelyn Greenwood, Alice Glaze, Bethany Philpott, Joana Galante, Emily Compton, Kate Zubczyk

Regrets: Jonathan Crossen, Ian Muller, Gwen Cross, Scott Harrison, Michelle Filice, Matt Wiseman, Jeremy Wiebe, Katrina Ackerman, Matt Roth, Anne Vermeyden

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion Carried unanimously.

2. Review of Executive Term Oct 2012 – April 2013 (Marjorie and Geoff)
 - a. Goals
 - i. Improve communication between campuses and members
 - ii. Work towards creating a student community
 - iii. Make website a communication hub
 - iv. Integrate with the Tri-University program
 - b. Accomplishments
 - i. Received funding from the Tri-University Program that allowed us to eliminate the fee for Members to join TUGSA
 - ii. Constitutional amendments to stream line the election process and other details
 - iii. Have moved forward on redoing website and creating a stronger Tri-U community, such as the beginning of serious planning for the Orientation event in September
 - iv. Review of parking/carpool funding options to allow better transportation between the cities
3. Tri-University Conference Report
 - a. Geoff Keelan reviewed the successful Tri-University Conference that took place on March 26. It was well attended and all students talked to enjoyed themselves. TUGSA hopes next year's is just as successful.
 - b. Creation of a new Tri-U Conference Committee
 - i. Members: Whitney Wood (WLU), Josh Travenor (WLU), Jenny Duong (UG), Ted Cogan (UG), Emily Compton (UG), Jocelyn Greenwood (UG)
 - ii. This Committee will help the professor in charge of organizing next year's conference – Prof in charge is TBD
4. Executive Election
 - a. Acclamation of all candidates for Co-President positions
 - i. Marjorie Hopkins (UG), Geoff Keelan (UW), Matt Wiseman (WLU)
 - b. Acclamation of University of Waterloo GSA position

- i. Ryan Kirkby
- ii. Note: A replacement for Ryan should be sought in September to help prepare a transitional period for the next GSA representative
- iii. There should be a similar search for the Guelph GSA position

Motion Carried unanimously.

5. Discussion of possible Future Events or Initiatives
 - a. "Taps on Topic"
 - i. A few grad students are able to discuss their research in 5-10 minute mini-lectures at one of the Grad Pubs – informal lecture series accompanied with some food and drink
 - ii. Whitney Wood volunteered to help organize these events
 - b. Year-end celebration for graduating MA/PHD students?
 - c. Create Academia.edu profile page for TUGSA (Geoff notes in the minutes that he looked into this and it was not possible at this time to do that with academia.edu, perhaps the answer is to create some sort of directory of Tri-U students' academia.edu profiles on FB?)
 - d. Posters around Grad Students offices for visibility – just basic information needed
 - e. Guelph – take control of the 'cannon'... perhaps summer event?
 - f. Donkey and Owl Sanctuary
 - g. Paintball
 - h. Integrate Twitter and Facebook together
 - i. Continue using surveys and other assessment tools
 - j. Using Skype for video conference calls of TUGSA meeting – requires some audio equipment and testing, Geoff will look into it further
6. September Orientation Event
 - a. Integrated into Tri-U Orientation, ideally TUGSA can work with the Tri-U Director
 - b. BBQ rather than Canoe Trip
 - c. The TUGSA Executive will be planning this event over the course of the summer and keep the members informed