

Tri-University Graduate Student Association (TUGSA)
General Meeting
March 19, 2014
Guelph, Grad Lounge

Presiding: Marjorie Hopkins (Guelph), Matt Wiseman (Laurier), Geoff Keelan (UW)

Attending: Ian Muller, Alice Glaze, Joseph Buscemi, Andrew Moore, Christina Moss, Jeremy Wiebe, Mark Sholdice, Whitney Wood

Minutes

Geoff provided more details on the upcoming Tri-University conference for March 22.

Announced that the Canoe Trip coming up on April 25, 2014. Details forthcoming, but it is weather permitting as it may be too rainy or cold. There will be a year-end event afterwards at a local bar in Waterloo.

The Executive asked for feedback on the process to choose these positions of Web Editor and Triumvirate Newsletter Editor. Currently the Editor of the Triumvirate is a paid position requiring submitting a resume and CV and is chosen by the Tri-U Director through a job application process. Suggestion that this policy could be better explained (perhaps posted on the triuhistory website) Asked if there is a description of the position. (The executive did not know, but after the meeting minutes from January 28 2011 meeting give more details) the previous editor, Michelle Filice, raised the possibility (through email) of having both an editor and assistant editor. Members suggested that two positions would be useful if there was more than one applicant, then it would be worthwhile to have co-editors. Michelle was concerned that was a lot of work just for one individual. Two editors would make it easier to find the information and then another editor puts the information together We can send out an email asking for more feedback close to the fall when we need a replacement

Elections

Candidate statements from Joseph Buscemi and Andrew Moore.

Joseph Buscemi: 5 votes

Andrew Moore: 4 votes

Next UW GSA Rep and UW Co-President Joseph Buscemi

It was noted that the GSA Guelph position would also be put to a vote.

Executive asked if any members heard about any inconsistencies in the program, please come to the TUGSA executive and we can pass it on to the Director (Dr. Mahood). We can ask for a copy of the reviewers report from the External Review.

Update on Website. Positive reaction to having the google calendar for the TUGSA events. TUGSA could integrate it into the UW calendar which is up, and also could link to CIGI events. The web editor, Matt Wiseman, actively searches for events already, so this would not be much more work.

Marjorie suggested that TUGSA could perhaps try to involve itself in a charitable organization. She suggested supporting Mennonite Central Committee who runs a program to provide kits for schools in other communities. Mostly dollar store items that can be donated, perhaps TUGSA could have some sort of competition between schools? Some sort of charity drive associated with this particularly organization or another one in the future.

Jeremy asked if we have a proposal how we could implement this idea?

Marjorie was raising the idea for discussion, looking for feedback, and asked if people interested in pursuing it.

Alice said she was interested in participating, suggested a “work bee”, alongside drinks perhaps? A sort of social event for constructing kits, or make it a part of the holiday social in December (Whitney).

Perhaps have other sort of volunteer initiatives? Present it as an event for next year in September. We can also maximize donations by matching donations with another organization. Or, donate school supplies or donate money side by side to two different organizations. Having some time to prepare and set aside stuff will allow it to build more momentum. The executive can have some sort of goal for the campaign, collection period for all of fall term,

Quick vote: All in favour, unanimous support by members in attendance