



Trent Durham Student Association

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Meeting: BOARD MEETING			
Date: August 27th, 2021.		Time: 12 noon	
Place: Zoom			
Members in attendance			
Phuong Nguyen President	Nathan R.G. Barnett VP of University Affairs	Viviana Pinheiro VP of Campus Life	Jeffrey Ross Chair of the Board
Riley Ambrose	Felicia Seucharan	Lalbegim Boronieva	Nicholos Nauth
Parastoo Sadeghein	Naya McRae Ntawiha		
Members absent with regrets			
Jessie Assaf			
Members absent without regrets			
Carwyn Holland			

1.	Call to order – 12:02pm
2.	Land Acknowledgement - Presented by Ross
3.	Roll Call
4.	Chair Remarks
5.	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - July board meeting Motioned by Sadeghein , seconded by Nguyen - Passes unanimously
6.	Review of Action Items - Nathan provided an update on the Non-Medical Trans Bursary

7.	<p>Call for New Business</p> <p>Nguyen adding new business - Election dates Barnett adding new business - Executive transition document</p> <p>Motioned by Sadeghein, seconded by McRae Ntawiha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passes unanimously
8.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Motioned by Ambrose , seconded by Nguyen Passes unanimously</p>
9.	<p>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</p> <p>None</p>
10.	<p>Executive Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of exec updates (Attached in board drives) <p>The three executives gave an update of what they have been working on over the past month in August.</p> <p>No questions asked</p>
11.	<p>Board Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None
12	<p>International Student Support Check In</p> <p>Boronieva wanted to get an update on this topic.</p> <p>Nguyen explained what she has been doing to work on this topic. She brought this up with the Manager at Trent Durham on ways in which we can better support International students. International students are advised to . Nguyen has also been in touch with the incoming International student ambassador, the hope is that the TDSA can partner with them more often to support International students</p> <p>Boronieva: That means we won't have anyone physically on the Durham campus Nguyen: Unfortunately no, as that would require extra money from the University.</p> <p>Sadeghein expressed her frustration about having to direct International students to the PTBO campus instead of them getting the support in the Durham campus.</p> <p>Ambrose is wondering what the next steps are. He believes the answer from the University is not sufficient as it ignores the problem.</p> <p>Barnett: A lot of the next steps are going above the University and going directly to the government. Luckily for us, TDSA just joined CASA as an observer member. OUSA does lobby on</p>

	<p>behalf of International students but there is only so much that they can do since International students fall under Federal government</p> <p>Boronieva expressed frustration that every year the International student fee goes up, but the support hasn't gone up anymore.</p> <p>Ambrose: Will the cost of covid test fall under the emergency bursary. Nguyen: I see no reason why it can't fall under the emergency bursary. The emergency bursary is here to support students.</p> <p>Boronieva: Thank you for your effort. I hope we can continue to push the University on this topic.</p>
13	<p>Final COVID update before the Fall Term</p> <p>Nguyen provided an update on Trent's Covid plan for the fall.</p> <p>Ambrose: If you don't have the vaccine, does that mean you have to prove you have a negative covid test.</p> <p>Nguyen: Probably. Due to the fact that not everyone will get the vaccine in time, this will be an alternate option.</p> <p>Sadeghein: How will they (the University) know who is double vaccinated? Will teachers speak up if students are not wearing masks</p> <p>Nguyen: Questions have been asked by other student leaders, and the response I have gotten is that it is all about the balance. There is a script for professors and TA's to follow to encourage students to put mask on</p> <p>Ambrose: Any update on if there is an outbreak in residence or if there is another lockdown</p> <p>Nguyen: The Trent forward plan states that they are ready to deal with another lockdown if it happens. There is a floor in the residence that is kept empty in case of emergency and outbreak. Personally I think if we go back into a full lockdown, it would be messy and take professors a while to adjust.</p> <p>Barnett explained to the group the current system the University has in place to make sure everyone who comes to campus fills out the COVID questionnaire.</p> <p>Sadeghein feels that although the mandate has been put out, there isn't any transparency on how it would be carried out.</p> <p>Ambrose: Are we in favour of a coercive mandate or a cooperative mandate?</p>

	<p>Nguyen: If I were in a position to make a recommendation, the means of enforcement would be to withhold grades/assessment until students comply.</p> <p>Ambrose: What are the next steps?</p> <p>Nguyen: I would like to keep badgering the University with our stances but the University knows our stance already.</p> <p>Ntawiha: How does the covid testing protocol work? Could we have rapid testing on campus?</p> <p>Nguyen: In the PTBO campus, they have the health centre where they are going to do that. It is not feasible here in Durham campus</p> <p>Ambrose: Would it be possible to do something with Ontario Tech and Durham College</p> <p>Sadeghein: One thing I have noticed so far is that we say 'at PTBO campus they do this'. It feels like Trent treats PTBO campus like a satellite campus when we aren't.</p> <p>Boronieva: I agree with what Parastoo said. Trent Durham should be on the same level as PTBO campus</p> <p>Barnett: I do agree 100%. But by definition we are a satellite campus - while we pay the majority of the same fees, there are some fees that we don't pay. A testing site on our campus wouldn't work as we don't have the space or the bodies to do so.</p> <p>Nguyen: Rapid tests are expensive, so the only alternative is to go to a hospital</p> <p>Boronieva: What we do at work is buy Rapid Test kits and we get the results in 5 minutes. These ones are cheaper</p> <p>Barnett motioned that we move September Election dates agenda item to 14</p> <p>Motioned by Barnett, Seconded by Nguyen</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously</p>
14.	<p>September Election Dates</p> <p>Nguyen went over the rationale of why those dates were selected</p> <p>Ambrose: Is there any room in case we don't get any nomination</p> <p>Barnett: If we don't get any nomination, then we can hire a new board member</p> <p><i>BIRT TDSA board of directors approves the election timeline</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Nguyen, seconded by Pinheiro - Motion passes unanimously

	<p>New Motion introduced:</p> <p>BIRT Nguyen becomes the temporary chair (<i>The chair's internet went out</i>)</p> <p>Motioned by Nguyen, Seconded by Barnett</p> <p>Passes unanimously</p> <p>New Motion Introduced:</p> <p>BIRT Nguyen relinquishes chair (<i>The chair's internet was resolved</i>)</p> <p>Motioned by Nguyen, seconded by Sadeghein</p> <p>Passes unanimously</p>
15	<p>Policy Updates</p> <p>Nguyen went over the changes to the policies</p> <p>Ambrose suggested additional changes which is friendly to the mover, Nguyen</p> <p>Ambrose: There are additional changes to be made to these policies.</p> <p>Barnett: I would suggest waiting until the ORD is formed before more in depth changes are made.</p> <p><i>BIRT TDSA board of directors approve the changes to policy 4, 6, 8, 13, and 17</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Nguyen, seconded by Sadeghein - Passes unanimously
16.	<p>By-law Updates</p> <p>Nguyen went over the changes to the policies</p> <p><i>BIRT TDSA board of directors approve the changes to the TDSA By-laws</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Nguyen, seconded by Sadeghein - Passes unanimously
17.	<p>Committee Selection</p> <p>Barnett went over the responsibilities of the various committees.</p> <p>Sadeghein: How often do the committees meet?</p>

	<p>Barnett: As needed.</p> <p>Ntawiha: Where will meetings occur?</p> <p>Barnett: For the foreseeable future, they shall be online</p> <p>Riley, Nguyen - tabled to next week.</p> <p><i>BIRT TDSA Board of Directors approve board members to the Internal TDSA/University committees.</i></p> <p>-</p>
18	<p>Executive Transition Document</p> <p>Barnett went over the expectation of the executive transition document. It shall come at the next meeting</p>
19	<p>Adjournment at 2:09pm -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Barnett , seconded by Ambrose - Motion passes unanimously