



Trent Durham Student Association

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Meeting: BOARD MEETING			
Date: February 17th, 2023.		Time: 12:00pm	
Place: Zoom			
Members in attendance			
Phuong Nguyen President	Anthony Coulter VP of University Affairs	Naya McRae-Ntawiha Chair of the Board	Samantha Martin
Marcus Nieva	Victoria Osso	Andrew Rose	Ganga Rajesh
Riley Ambrose (12:15pm)			
Members absent with regrets			
Ehima Osazuwa Executive Director (Non-Voting)	Cuc Thu Doan	Viviana Pinheiro VP of Campus Life	
Members absent without regrets			
Ashish Mishra			

1.	Call to order – 12:12pm
2.	Land Acknowledgement - Presented by the chair McRae Ntawiha
3.	Roll Call
4.	Chair Remarks - Next meeting is March 21st at 12pm
5.	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - January board meeting

	<p>Motioned by Coulter, seconded by Nguyen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passes unanimously
6.	<p>Review of Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None
7.	<p>Call for New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 'Open letter' added by Nguyen - Motioned by Nguyen, seconded by Coulter - Passes Unanimously
8.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Coulter, seconded by Ambrose - Passes Unanimously
9.	<p>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None
10	<p>Executive Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The executives (minus the VPCL, who was away on vacation) went over their updates. They spoke about what they have been up to for the month of February with the focus being on Election, Strat Plan, Committees, OUSA Paper, valentine day events, and transitioning
11	<p>Board Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nieva spoke about TDSA cares and setting up for next semester. They have agreed to collect mental health resources for next year. In addition, they have agreed to continue to meet over the summer months. - Ambrose spoke about what the accessibility committee has been up to. They have met with the Dean and spoke about some of the initiatives they plan on carrying out. - spoke about meeting with the academics committee - Ambrose plans to schedule an ORD meeting soon - Osso spoke about the Teaching Awards committee. There are 240 nominations this year. - Rose spoke about Residence council meetings. Nguyen joined the past meeting and she was able to learn more about the council. -
12.	<p>OUSA Presentation</p> <p><i>Malika Dhanani (OUSA ED) and Jessica Look (OUSA President) from OUSA presented to the TDSA Board of Directors on OUSA, what they do, what the TDSA gets from being a member, and much more.</i></p>

13	<p>Executive Assistant Job Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nguyen went over the executive assistant job description. The TDSA takes on a student staff during the summer to take up special projects, and the student continues during the school year. <p>Ambrose: Is the only thing that is changing the addition of the menstruation restocking and the dates? Nguyen: Yes to the best of my knowledge</p> <p>BIRT the TDSA Board of Directors approves the Executive Assistant Job Description.</p> <p>Motioned by Ambrose, seconded by Rajesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passes unanimously
14	<p>Chair of the Board Job Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nguyen went over the Chair of the Board Job Description. The position used to be an elected position, but has gotten switched to a hired position. - <p>BIRT the TDSA Board of Directors approves the Chair of the Board Job Description.</p> <p>Motioned by Coulter, seconded by Ambrose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passes unanimously
15	<p>Strategic Plan Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nguyen went over the timeline for the Strategic plan and what we have been up to since we last presented to the board. <p>Ambrose: Do you expect that strategic plan will be done before the end of the year. Nguyen: I think the idea is that it will be completed in the summer? Ambrose: Do you have an idea of what engagement will take place with students? Nguyen: I think at that point, we shall be doing an open call for students to be on the focus groups.</p>
16	<p>Open Letter Update</p>

	<p>- Coulter went over a letter that was sent to the TDSA President. The letter, penned by some faculty members, is a call out for the university needs to make a stronger commitment to environmental sustainability</p> <p>Ambrose: Seems like the letter is primarily focused on having more progressive climate based aspects of the presidential mandate. Is this the period when they are talking about the presidential mandate?</p> <p>Nguyen: I believe so, i haven't had a time to fully review it</p> <p>Rose: Is the presidential mandate a guiding document?</p> <p>Nguyen: I believe so, it is similar or a strategic plan but congruent to the president role.</p> <p>Ambrose: This is something I will sign personally, there is nothing bad about. It seems pretty logical. I do wonder what signing on as the TDSA will entail, does that require action or just a show of support? I am open to discussion.</p> <p>Nieva: I am assuming this will be made available for everyone to read at their own time?</p> <p>Nguyen: Yes, I will send this out later. I got this letter from a friend in the PTBO campus</p> <p>Rose: I think it's a good letter, very interesting. It reads a very big picture. I agree with Riley in that it is a good thing we sign on to it. We just need to figure out if there are action items to be completed if we sign.</p> <p>Nguyen: I think it is just a sign on.</p> <p>Nieva: From what I have gotten, it will affect the PTBO campus because they have biological courses offered there. This does not affect us as much as it affects the PTBO campus.</p> <p>Nguyen: I am not sure if you read the entire letter, but at the end it is talking about divesting from carbon industries. It doesn't affect students on day to day basis, but affects the organization that they are affiliated with</p> <p>Ambrose: I am curious if there is any potential push back from the administrators and will that affect us in any way?</p> <p>Nguyen: I don't think so, and the push back is that they would not want to go against it.</p> <p>Nieva: This is a public document that has been made available to the entire student body?</p> <p>Nguyen: Yes, although I imagine that is a very new document.</p> <p>Ambrose: I think perhaps we can be a vehicle to distribute this to the Durham student body.</p>
17	Adjournment at 1:12PM