



Trent Durham Student Association

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| Meeting: BOARD MEETING | | | |
| Date: July 30th, 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 | Carwyn Holland | Lalbegim Boronieva | Nicholos Nauth |
| Parastoo Sadeghein | Lala Boronieva | | |
| Members absent with regrets | | | |
| Naya McRae Ntawiha | Jessie Assaf | | |
| Members absent without regrets | | | |
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| 1. | Call to order – 12:42pm |
| 2. | Land Acknowledgement - Presented by Ross |
| 3. | Roll Call |
| 4. | Chair Remarks |
| 5. | Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - July board meeting Motioned by Barnett, seconded by Sadeghein - Passes unanimously |
| 6. | Review of Action Items - None |

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| 7. | <p>Call for New Business</p> <p>Barnett adding new business - CASA</p> <p>Motioned by Nguyen, seconded by Pinheiro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passes unanimously |
| 8. | <p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Motioned by Ambrose , seconded by Nguyen</p> <p>Passes unanimously</p> |
| 9. | <p>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</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 July .</p> <p>No questions asked</p> |
| 11. | <p>Board Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None |
| 12 | <p>CASA Membership - Observer Status</p> <p><i>Barnett went over the reasons why we should join CASA as an observer and the benefits it comes with.</i></p> <p>Ambrose: How does joining CASA affect your time? Barnett: CASA gives flexibility as to how involved each executive can be.</p> <p>Holland: Every organization should reflect its membership. I would love the assurance to see certain issues affecting visible minorities being advocated for by CASA</p> <p><i>BIRT TDSA joins CASA as an observer on a 2 year contract.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Barnett, seconded by Ambrose - Passes unanimously |
| 12 | <p>Terms and Reference for Financial Aid Funds</p> <p><i>Phuong went over the terms and conditions for the terms and condition.</i></p> <p><i>Ambrose: For the terms and conditions for Emergency Bursary, how are you going to enforce the point about applicants exhausting all other available funding options</i> <i>Osazuwa: We are going to try to be as flexible as possible.</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>Sadeghein: Can we increase the maximum of \$500?</i> <i>Barnett: That is the maximum we can give out without having to fill out tax forms. It costs us money to be able to do that.</i> <i>We also provide additional resources to students to help them through the process.</i></p> <p><i>BIRT TDSA approves the Terms and Reference for TDSA Financial Aid Funds</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Nguyen, seconded by Holland - Passes unanimously |
| 13 | <p>Marketing and Communications Assistant Job Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Nguyen went over the Job Description. We are hoping to utilize the TWSP and Trent International grant to cover the cost. She also discussed making a change to make it non-mandatory to be receiving OSAP to qualify for the job</i> <p>Ambrose: Are you suggesting we make the change now? Nguyen: Let's make the change now</p> <p><i>BIRT TDSA board of directors approve the Marketing and Communications Assistant Job Description.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Nguyen, seconded by Ambrose - Motion passes unanimously |
| 14. | <p>Events Coordinator Job Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pinheiro went over the Events coordinator Job Description. - <p><i>BIRT TDSA board of directors approve the Events Coordinator Job Description.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Pinheiro, seconded by Barnett - Motion passes unanimously |
| 15. | <p>Covid -19 back to campus update</p> <p>Ambrose: Do the executives have any update on return to campus? Nguyen: Orientation will be in person. Attending is the expectation. Returning students are also encouraged to attend the social events. Students will still have to wear masks on campus Ambrose: Has there been any advocacy effort Barnett: We are working with TCSA to have a campaign to encourage people to get vaccinated Sadeghein: Will some Orientation events be online? Pinheiro: I will bring this up with Chris to make sure that we have some events online. Nguyen: We have some orientation event leaders who are online only. They will help with that.</p> |

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| 16. | <p>Terms and Reference for TDSA Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nguyen went over the changes to the Terms and Reference for TDSA Committees. <p>Ambrose would like to see “Board of director member” changed to “member of the board of directors”</p> <p><i>BIRT TDSA Board of Directors approves the Terms and Reference for TDSA Committees</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Nguyen , seconded by Sadeghein - Passes unanimously |
| 17. | <p>Incoming International Student Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boronieva went over the hardship international students are facing. She would like to see the TDSA support International students. - Barnett: Is there anything in particular you would like to see us do? - Boronieva: Are we going to have an International Student Advisor on Durham campus? - Sadeghein: Can the TDSA cover the PCR cost for International students? - Boronieva: The cost of spending \$200 on a pcr test can be expensive on families. Can this be covered in the emergency funding. - Nguyen: Incredibly frustrating that we don't have an International advisor on campus. I can ask the administration if there is a plan to have one on campus. I dont have high hopes for this. I would have to check with UHIP and Student VIP to see if they can cover the pcr test, but I don't see any reason why our emergency bursary won't be able to cover those costs. - Ambrose: Would we need to expand the emergency bursary for this? - Nguyen: I think this falls perfectly into the Emergency bursary fund - Barnett: We tell people if they can't pay for a PCR test, they should apply for emergency funding. - Ambrose: Would it make sense to push the emergency bursary on social media and highlight the fact that it could be used for PCR testing. - Barnett: when we do the vax campaign on the international students section, i can add something in - Sadeghein: It is not ‘crazy’ for the International student staff to come down once a week to the Durham campus. - Nguyen: That staff should be accessible to our video calls and emails. - Boronieva: Sometimes the staff don't pick up their phones when I call. My tuition fee compared to the services I get from the office doesn't add up. This is a very frustrating topic for me. It takes 2 - 3 days to just get a response. - Sadeghein: We can offer flexible office space such as the TDSA office. Going to Peterborough campus is not easy for people. - Ambrose: I think we all agree that more support is necessary. What could the TDSA do to push the University to support International students better? |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nguyen: The University could do a lot more. International fees are extremely high and there is no cap on that. On the TDSA side, we can push the University more to do more for International students - Barnett: We need anecdotal stories to be able to lobby the International office. We will take out the names and information. - Ambrose: How do we go about doing that? - Nguyen: First step is to meet with Jen Richardson. I will talk to her to see how the University is feeling about increasing support. We have pretty direct line of contact to the Dean of Durham campus - Barnett: Please send my email to students to send their concerns and issues to us. We can also do a formal consultation with International students. |
| 18 | <p>Adjournment at 1:51pm -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Ambrose, seconded by Sadeghein - Motion passes unanimously |