



## Trent Durham Student Association

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<b>Meeting:</b> BOARD MEETING			
<b>Date:</b> May 25th, 2021.		<b>Time:</b> 2:30pm	
<b>Place:</b> Zoom			
<b>Members in attendance</b>			
<b>Phuong Nguyen</b> President	<b>Nathan R.G. Barnett</b> VP of University Affairs	<b>Viviana Pinheiro</b> VP of Campus Life	<b>Jeffrey Ross</b> Chair of the Board
<b>Riley Ambrose</b>	<b>Jessie Assaf</b>		
<b>Members absent with regrets</b>			
<b>Nicholos Nauth</b>	<b>Naya McRae Ntawiha</b>		

1.	<b>Call to order</b> – 2:37pm
2.	<b>Land Acknowledgement</b> - Presented by Ross
3.	<b>Roll Call</b>
4.	<b>Chair Remarks</b> - Chair will send out when 2 meet link by end of day
5.	<b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b> - April 28 meeting minutes  Motioned by Barnett, seconded by Ambrose - Passes unanimously
6.	<b>Review of Action Items</b> - None
7.	<b>Call for New Business</b> - Phuong to add Grocery Assistance fund to agenda  Motioned by Assaf, seconded by Barnett Passes unanimously
8.	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>  Motioned by Barnett, seconded by Phuong

	Passes unanimously
9.	<b>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</b>
10.	<p><b>Executive and Board Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of exec updates (Attached in board drives)</li> </ul> <p>The three executives gave an update of what they have been working on over the past month.</p>
11.	<p><b>Board Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nguyen checked in on board members to see how they are adjusting to the role</li> </ul>
12.	<p><b>Trent Durham return to campus plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ambrose inquired about whether the administration has been in touch with the executives.</li> <li>- Nguyen spoke about her communication with the University, and how they are on the same page on most issues. She spoke about the University's plan to have as many in person classes as possible but having some classes online for International students and other students who can't attend classes in person.</li> </ul> <p>Question by Ambrose: Is there any indication on when we may know more from the University?          Nguyen: No set date, the university is ready to pivot in any direction needed. The school is prepared to have an online year again if need be. But their hope is not to have online year again, but it will all depend on the vaccination rates</p>
13.	<p><b>Student Representatives on Committees 2021/2022</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are a number of committees that need to have student representatives on them. Viv, Nathan, and I have selected what committees they will like to be on.</li> </ul> <p>Motion by Barnett, seconded by Assaf to approve the following individuals to the committee</p> <p>Teaching and Learning Advisory - Jessie Assaf          Undergraduate Academic Policy - Riley Ambrose</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously</p>
14.	<p><b>Trans Health Care Bursary Partnership with TCSA and Trent's Centre for Women and Trans People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TCSA is working to provide services to trans individuals that are not covered by our health and dental plan. They reached out to us to partner with them on this. Barnett is asking for the amount for the summer semester, and re-evaluating the program at the end of the summer.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>BIRT TDSA partner with the Centre for Women and Trans People and the TCSA on the trans non-medical health care bursary by allocating \$1750 in the summer semester for trans Trent</i></b></p>

	<p><b>Durham students to access.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Motioned by Barnett, seconded by Ambrose</li> <li>- Motion passes unanimously</li> </ul> <p><b>BIFRT TDSA re-evaluate whether additional funding is necessary based on program usage in August, 2021.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Motioned by Barnett, seconded by Ambrose</li> <li>- Motion passes unanimously</li> </ul>
15.	<p><b>Statement of Solidarity with Palestine</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The execs have developed a statement of support with Palestine. The TDSA is taking a stance, and has some action items that they will also be doing. Barnett spoke about the BDS movement and the research behind it.</li> <li>- Ambrose pointed out a couple of grammatical changes to the statement which Barnett considered friendly.</li> </ul> <p>Question by Assaf: Does the TDSA use any products on the BDS list Barnett: To the best of my knowledge, no.</p> <p>Question by Ambrose: Does this mean the TDSA is officially joining the BDS movement Barnett: No, this is a statement of solidarity and does not include officially joining the movement.</p> <p>Question by Ambrose: How will the message be communicated to students? Barnett: Social Media, and Website Phuong: We will link it on our social media, and put it on the website on our stances page.</p> <p><b>BIRT TDSA board of directors approve the statement of solidarity message with Palestine as outlined in the document attached.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Motioned by Barnett, seconded by Nguyen</li> <li>- Motion passes unanimously</li> </ul>
16.	<p><b>Plan for Emergency Board meeting re: board appointments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New members of the board have to be approved and ratified by the current board. In order to make the new board eligible for the June meeting we need to have an emergency meeting early June to ratify their appointment.</li> </ul>
17	<p><b>Approval of New credit card with Scotiabank</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nguyen: Right now the TDSA does not have a credit card. We need to get one as soon as possible to make things more efficient. We are hoping to go with the Scotiabank visa Business card (silver version)</li> </ul>

	<p>Question by Ambrose: Who advised getting this credit card?          Nguyen: Our financial advisor, David, from Scotia bank who also happens to be our small business advisor</p> <p><b><i>BIRT TDSA board of directors approve the organization to get a business credit card with Scotiabank as outlined in the memo attached</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Motioned by Nguyen, seconded by Assaf</li> <li>- Motion passes unanimously</li> </ul>
18	<p><b>Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy</b></p> <p>Question by Ambrose: What is the rationale behind the TDSA applying for this          Nguyen: I want to give as many opportunities as possible to students as possible.          Barnett: It will allow the TDSA to allow students to work on various projects          Nguyen: There is a caveat, just like OSAP, if the government finds out you are ineligible you would need to re-pay this. But based on conversation with our bookkeeper, we are confident we won't have to pay it back</p> <p>Question by Ambrose: What is the \$4,500 for?          Osazuwa: To pay the bookkeeper to apply for the CEWS on our behalf.</p>
19	<p><b>Grocery Assistance Fund</b></p> <p>Nguyen: Last year we approved giving out gift cards for food expenses due to covid. We gave out \$50 per student last summer, but would like to increase it to \$100 per student. We only utilized about 25% of the budget last year.</p> <p><b><i>BIRT TDSA board of directors approve the grocery assistance fund being \$100 per student applicant for the summer term of 2021</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Motioned by Nguyen, seconded by Ambrose</li> <li>- Motion passes unanimously</li> </ul>
18	<p><b>Adjournment - 3:30pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Motioned by Ambrose, seconded by Barnett</li> <li>- Motion passes unanimously</li> </ul>