



Trent Durham Student Association

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Meeting: BOARD MEETING			
Date: October 25th, 2023.		Time: 3:30pm	
Place: Zoom			
Members in attendance			
Riley Ambrose President	Anthony Coulter VP of University Affairs (Plus temporary chair)	Avica Singh VP of Campus Life	Alex Roy
Andrew Rose	Victoria Osso	Sabrina Chan	Samantha Martin
Marcus Nieva	Misha Chopra	Natalie Sabourin	
Ehima Osazuwa Executive Director (Non-Voting)			
Members absent with regrets			
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Ganga Rajesh			

1.	Call to order – 3:34pm
2.	<p>Appointing meeting Chair</p> <p>At this meeting, we had no chair and Coulter was nominated to be chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BIRT that Anthony Coulter acts as the chair for the meeting - Moved by Roy, seconded by Coulter - Motion passes
3.	<p>Land Acknowledgement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presented by the temporary chair

4.	Roll Call
5.	Chair Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None
6.	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September board meeting <p>Motioned by Ambrose, seconded by Roy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passes unanimously
7.	Review of Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None
8.	Call for New Business <p>Add Item 15 (bus pass referendum) to the agenda</p> <p>BIRT TDSA board add item #15 to the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Ambrose, seconded by Singh - Passes unanimously
9.	Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motioned by Ambrose, seconded by Nieva - Passes Unanimously
10	Declaration of Conflict of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None
11	Executive Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The executives went over their updates. They spoke about what they have been up to for the month of October with a focus on events, new office opening in ALC, touring the Peterborough campus, upcoming referendums, hiring of the chair, lobby weeks, and OUSA General Assembly
12.	Board Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -

	<p>- Nieva spoke on the academics committee: they met this month and mentioned that they will be updating rules about AI use. Additionally, he spoke about what the TDSA</p> <p>Cares committee has been up to, the committee was approached by a high school staff who wanted the organization to sponsor a bus for his students. The committee did not show interest so no final decision was made.</p>
13	<p>Budget Update</p> <p>BIRT: The TDSA Board of Directors approve the updates to the TDSA budget for the 2023/24 year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambrose went over changes to the budget. Every year in October, the organization makes amendments to the budget each year. Ambrose went over the major changes, with additional money put to the bursaries and for payroll. <p>Motioned by Ambrose, seconded by Roy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passes unanimously
14	<p>Colleges Update</p> <p>Be it resolved that: the TDSA Board of Directors approves the extension of the Chief electoral job contract until November 17th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The University has approached the TDSA execs with implementing the college system that we have in the Peterborough campus to the Durham campus. Ambrose went over the structure of the system, its benefits, the downside, and the additional costs that will be added to students, <p>Nieva: In Ptbo, student representation is divided between the Student Association and the colleges. Will that work here in Durham? Ambrose: I have no idea, but this will be an afterthought conversation. We would have to work this out with the University. Rose: The college system tends to come with a full cabinet, I am curious if the University plans to do that in Durham. Ambrose: I have heard nothing about that from the University. Bringing the college cabinet to Durham will make things more confusing. Literally no details on how it will function. Rose: The college cabinet will replace the residence council. Riley: Residence council will be replaced but not fully sure. Rose: In Ptbo campus, the colleges operate a big space so was trying to figure out how it works. Roy: What will the TDSA involvement be if we had a college cabinet? Ambrose: The TCSA and college cabinet seems to be good. The TCSA focuses on higher levels, while the college cabinet focuses on lower levels. There will be growing pains.</p>

	<p>Rose: There was a video promoting Trent Durham on Instagram where they mixed and matched content from Durham and Ptbo campus and colleges. That was confusing. Was that on purpose?</p> <p>Ambrose: I saw that, Jen showed me. The University needs approval from us to run any referendum. They could do it by themselves and go rogue, but that would be in bad taste.</p> <p>Ambrose did a strawpoll to see what interest is like for the college system (Everyone was against it)</p>
15.	<p>Bus Pass Referendum</p> <p>BIRT The TDSA Board of Directors approves the Bus Pass Referendum as read</p> <p>“Do you support expanding the Durham Region Transit UPASS program to include the summer term?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambrose spoke about the work that has been done to create a bus pass proposal. He needs the board to approve it. If this passes, it will give specific summer students access to the bus pass at a fee. <p>Rose: Did you say the cost? Ambrose: The cost will be the cost of a regular fall/winter bus pass. Right now it is \$150 but that will change in the future.</p> <p>Motioned by Ambrose, seconded by Rose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passes unanimously
16.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting ends at 4:13pm</p>