

Members of the Public

Noah Edwards (he/him)
Kate Story - Theatre Trent
Carter Tongs (he/him)
Rukshani Adikari (she/her)
Muna Ahmed (she/they)
David King (he/him)
Bethan Bates (she/her) - Arthur Newspaper
Ethan Court (they/them)- Arthur Newspaper
Evan Robins (she/her)- Arthur Newspaper
Sebastian Johnston-Lindsay- Arthur Newspaper
Sophia Ramirez-Hennessey -Trent Oxfam
Ashlyn Kerr-Sutcliffe - Trent Oxfam
Emily Johnston (she/they)
Rob Hailman (he/him)- Trent Radio
Sam MacAndrew (Levy Rep)
Robert Gibson
Sterling Renzoni (he/him)
Nylah Molyneux (she/they) - referendum petitioner

3. Land Acknowledgement

"The Trent Central Student Association wishes to acknowledge that we are meeting today on the traditional territories of the Mississaugueeg Anishnaabeg people of Treaty 20 and the Williams Treaty, who have been taking care of this land since creation. As visitors to these lands, we would like to acknowledge the displacement and sacrifices of all Indigenous peoples who lived, learned and gathered here, much like we are today. Peterborough, or Nogojiwanong, as it was originally called, has become home to many, and we would like to recognize the contributions made by other First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples to this community. We give further thanks to the people of Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawartha First Nations for welcoming us onto this beautiful land. While settler-colonialism is still very evident within the structure of our society and institutions, the TCSA is committed to furthering the work of a de-colonial student union and campus, in partnership with Indigenous university staff, students, and community groups"

4. Chairs Remarks

Chair Monico reminds those in attendance of basic Roberts Rules of Order. He states that only members of the Association and staff have speaking rights and that members of the public may need to be championed by a current Association member.

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Be it resolved that the agenda for the 12.3.2023 Board of Directors Meeting be approved.

MOVED: President Deck, seconded by President Litow-Daye
Motion Carries

6. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Be it resolved that the minutes from the 22.1.2023 Emergency Board of Directors Meeting be approved with the necessary corrections.

MOVED: Commissioner Stoddart, seconded by President Litow-Daye
Motion Carries

MOTION: Be it resolved that the minutes from the 12.2.2023 Board of Directors Meeting be approved with the necessary corrections.

MOVED: President Litow-Daye, seconded by VP Surujnarain
Motion Carries

MOTION: Be it resolved that the minutes from the 18.2.2023 Emergency Board of Directors Meeting be approved with the necessary corrections.

MOVED: President Deck, seconded by VP Anctil
Motion Carries

7. Executive Update

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Executive reports be accepted.

MOVED: President Kartick, seconded by Commissioner Stoddart

Motion Carries

President Litow-Daye provides an update to the board. A new funding line has been started called the Student Placement and Curricular Experience bursary (SPACE) which will launch with the third draft. This fund was created to assist students in financial need and who are facing barriers with the additional cost associated with their placement or experiential learning opportunity. These costs can include travel, background checks, and equipment. President Litow-Daye is serving as Deputy Electoral Officer during the Spring elections. The Get the Scoop event was cancelled by the vendor due to road conditions but to ensure advertising for the elections the association hosted Your Vote Matters a Latte on March 9th instead. President Litow-Daye will be hosting IG lives over the next two weeks with candidates to increase awareness of the elections and share their platforms. Switching to the appointment system for the One Stop Shop food pantry there has been overall positive experiences with this new system. Students are able to look same-day appointments and appreciate the increased amount of privacy. In the past two weeks since the pantry shifted to the scheduling system, there has

been 67 appointments booked; this is on average with the 50 to 80 pantry accesses we were seeing prior to the appointment system. The President hosted naloxone training on February 26th in partnership with PARN. There were two workshops on overdose recognition and naloxone administration training with a total of 54 students attending. There will be another two sessions of training hosted on March 13th, you can register on the Association's website if you're interested. The Association was approved for a total of \$11,000 in funding from the Community Safety Grant. Raptors Night was hosted in partnership with On-Campus Commissioner Craig Stoddart. The Policy and Governance Committee has completed the remainder of the Operating Resolutions and will be introducing a caucus system to increase student participation and representation.

VP Surujnarain updates the board on the recent Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee. They have been looking at AI and Chat GPT and how this will affect academia. The TCSA is recommending a review of current academic integrity policies, and suggesting that Chat GPT be a tool for students. CASSC recently finished budget approval season. The colleges requested a 6.9% increase to their budgets which did not pass. VP Surujnarain will be meeting with VP's Michael Khan, Stephanie Williams and Marilyn Burns to discuss the recommendations from the Anti-Racism Task Force. It has been a year since these recommendations were released so implementation is essential. The Student Award of Excellence is currently seeking nominations and is waiting on a rep from Otonabee Cabinet before winners can be chosen. With the Community Coordinator, a club's appreciation event was held celebrating student accomplishments for the year and included snacks. Planning for Dionysus is still underway. VP Surujnarain will also be meeting with the principals prior to transition to include recommendations for the next VPUC.

Member of the Public Noah Edwards asks why VP Surujnarain voted against the 6.8% colleges increase and also asks if he voted in favour of a 5.5% increase. VP Surujnarain says the lack of funding put towards student services such as Academic Advising was a key reason as well 6.9% is a large increase. VP Surujnarain does support a 5.5% increase as inflation is a large factor but is also more manageable than 6.9%

President Deck asks for clarification on discussions with AI and ChatGPT, there are concerns that students will be asked to show all of the steps in their research which is not the same process for every student and may be a detriment as it creates more work for the students. President Deck also asks if these conversations will be held with the incoming VPUC. VP Surujnarain says these concerns will be passed on to the next VPUC but can also share these insights with the current committee chair.

VP Anctil updates the board on her current committees. The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) Food Insecurity Task Force met on February 16th virtually and discussed the research and literature review that is being done nationally. CFS is advocating for similar programming like the Excalibur Out campaign. There is a focus on a more active role in ongoing issues rather than a historical review of food insecurity in Canada. VP Anctil hosted multiple events with the Racialized Commissioner, Juman Zanzoul, including *Just for You: BIPOC/2SLGBTQ+* self-care event and a Chip-in Fundraiser to support the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. VP Anctil has also been coordinating the final stages of the Excalibur Out Campaign, including Be Kind Rewind and hosting the *Excalagala: Challenge the Way They Think* Exhibit on March 10.

8. Notice of Referendum

Resource Manager Wendy Walker informs the board that she has received a currently successful petition for referendum. She has had multiple inquiries this year regarding petitions and the approval, amendment and removal of levy fees. This petition is requesting a referendum to make The Arthur Newspaper currently nonrefundable fee into a refundable one. She stresses that this is not a defunding campaign as they are not requesting the removal of the fee but to recategorize it and allow student to be refunded. From their count the petition has met the 10% threshold (1000+) that would make it eligible to go to the ballot. She met with the student in January as they were seeking information on how to change levy fees and the process for approval.

There have been concerns raised about the petition by The Arthur and other levy groups claiming bylaws have been broken. Responsible for the Association bylaws and policies, it is her understanding that no bylaws have been broken. Bylaw XIV.9.5 i. *That the petition is undertaken in good faith for a legitimate reason.* Resource Manager Walker notes that it is the responsibility of the instigators to insure it is in good faith. That being said she had no reason to believe the student was acting in bad faith.

A member of the public unmutes stating "Bullshit". Chair Rob Monico reminds those present of proper decorum and if that isn't maintained members will be moved to a virtual waiting room or they will be removed from the meeting.

Manager Walker reiterates that her count of the signatures is over 1000 but is happy to have a third party review this count and confirm its validity. She suggests a Trent staff, most likely in Student Affairs, as it contains student information. She welcomes any questions directors have and has invited Nylah Molyneux to the meeting to answer any questions to the petitioning process.

President Deck asks Manager Walker to confirm that it is not a defunding campaign and it won't completely remove the fee, students will just have the option to be refunded. She confirms that that is correct. He then asks that because The Arthur has released an article refuting many of the campaign's points, saying they were taken out of context, does that demonstrate bad faith and thus ineligible for the ballot; how does the board stop referendums they deem invalid? He also asks the instigator of the petition if there were additional reasons that were not part of the campaign for students to support the question. Manager Walker begins addressing the possibility of stopping the referendum from going forward. Directors are able to put a motion forward but it would need to be supported by a 2/3 majority vote. Nylah Molyneux states that as a student who you used to be involved with The Arthur they have seen what the editors and Arthur team have been producing this year in comparison to previous editorships. It's led to many concerns about ethical journalism and allowing students the choice to support them. While petitioning many students weren't aware of levy groups or the fees they pay towards them.

Rob Hailman asks Manager Walker referencing Bylaws 14.4 and 14.5 regarding the establishment of "yes" and "no" committees, was the question discussed at the all candidates meeting and were groups given the option to debate the question. Manager Walker says that if an opposing committee registers with her a debate is usually arranged. She reached out to The Arthur and provided notice to them of the petition but they never inquired about establishing an opposing committee.