

**Trent Central Student Association
Emergency Meeting of the 2023-2024 Board of Directors
Friday, September 22nd, 2023, at 5:00 pm- Online**

1. Call to Order 5:04 pm

This meeting took place virtually

2. Roll Call

Chair: Rob Monico

Present

TCSA President Aimee Anctil (she/her)

VP Campaigns/Equity Alexx Bodden (she/they)

Indigenous Students Commissioner Katie Lariviere (she/her)

Enviro/ Sustainability Commissioner Alyssa Scanga (she/her)

Queer Students Commissioner Elias Malcolm (he/him)

GC President Emily Johnston (she/they)

OC Commissioner Jonathan Naylor (he/him)

LEC Prime Minister Noah Edwards (he/him)

Regret

VP Health/Wellness Bri Policchico (she/her)

Absent

On-Campus Commissioner Moeez Khawar (he/him)

Gender Issues Commissioner Dee Carter (she/him/they)

GC Commissioner Meet Rajgor

OC President Ashley West (they/them)

Traill President Aidan Cooke (he/him)

Traill Commissioner Taylor Labelle (she/her)

Association Staff

Resource Manager Wendy Walker (she/her)

General Manager Tracy Milne (she/her)

Freedom Lounge Ambassador Ameer Khan

3. Land and Labour Acknowledgement

Chair Monico reads, *"The Trent Central Student Association wishes to acknowledge that we are meeting today on the traditional territories of the Mississaugaeg 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 Hiawatha 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.

The Trent Central Student Association acknowledges that much of what we know of our society today, including its culture, economic growth, and development, has been made possible by the unpaid labour of Black, Indigenous, and Racialized peoples. While racism is prominent within the structure of our society and institutions, the TCSA is committed to furthering the work of an anti-racist student union and campus in partnership with Black, Indigenous, and Racialized university staff, students, and community groups.”

4. Chairs Remarks

Chair Monico highlights that this is a good example of why an emergency meeting of the Board may be called, as business has arisen that cannot wait until the next meeting without potential ramifications to the Board of Directors and the Association as a whole.

5. Fall Election

Resource Manager Walker begins by stating that these changes have already been discussed with the Elections Committee, which is where this meeting has arisen from. Due to the resignation of the VPUC, Juman Zanzoul, the need for a special elections procedure has arisen. In the past, the resignation of a VP has resulted in the need for a special election, but because this is already within the Fall Elections timeframe, it is being combined with the current elections. The by-laws have been reviewed, and the current period set up will be appropriate with regards to timing. With regards to candidate registration, to register, they would require 50 instead of 100 student signatures, just to ensure that it is realistic for students to run.

Chair Monico asks for clarification on what steps a current board member would have to take if they wanted to run for the position. Resource Manager Walker outlines that Equity Commissioners can run from within the Board however, there are complications with regards to Board representatives from Cabinets, as they would have to find a replacement for their seat on the board. Equity Commissioners need to register for the position, and then inform the Resource Manager that they wish to take a leave of absence during the election period, at which point their candidacy will be processed. If they are successful in their candidacy, they will begin in their new position, and their old one will go unfilled. If they are unsuccessful, they can continue in their old position.

Prime Minister Edwards requests that Resource Manager Walker share what the guidelines are for board members with regard to promoting and supporting elections. The Resource Manager informs the board that the guidelines are that Board members should encourage everyone to run in the elections. Directors can sign nomination forms, but they are encouraged to not share any promotional material on social media, particularly the Executives. Prime Minister Edwards

also requests that an email be sent with this information to all of the Board members. President Johnston asks if there is a plan to send an email to students regarding the resignation of the VPUC and that students can now run for the position.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve changes to the current Fall electoral period.

MOVED: Prime Minister Edwards moves, President Johnston seconds
Motion carries unanimously

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Be it resolved that the September 22nd, 2023, Emergency Board of Directors Meeting be adjourned.

MOVED: Vice President Bodden moves, President Johnston seconds
Motion carries unanimously

End time: 5:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ramsamy (she/her)
Board Secretary