

## **Annual General Meeting Report**

Reporting Period: November 2022 - March 2023

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## LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE

Dear TMAPS Members,

Thank you for taking an interest in student government and trusting us as your elected representatives. Parttime degree, certificate and continuing education students are facing unique barriers to education and financial aid on top of rising cost of housing, food and transportation. TMAPS has advocated for a smooth and accessible transition back to campus for students taking in-person classes. We also continue to offer online services and programs for the majority of our members who are still learning online.

This term, TMAPS has prioritized events and services geared to immediate student needs. Starting in January, TMAPS has piloted a free, monthly produce box for members in collaboration with the Toronto Metropolitan Graduate Students' Union (TMGSU). In addition to the TMAPS bursary and Emergency Grant, TMAPS has reopened the Global Emergency Relief Grant to reach more students requiring immediate financial aid.

We are working hard to make sure that student voices are represented. From our committees to Chang School Council and Senate, TMAPS is here to fight for student rights and ensure transparency from university administration. Our work for the remainder of the term will be largely based around the university operating budget. We look forward to hearing from our members to make sure their needs are being prioritized.

Best,

Steph Rychlo, President Suanny Aranguren, VP Equity & Campaigns Olivia McIntosh, VP Events & Outreach Annie Yang, VP Services & Finance Maya Taylor, VP Internal

## **ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT AND UPDATES**



TMAPS continues to provide services and advocacy virtually, while regular events and outreach occur in person. As Chang school and Continuing Education courses continue to remain online only, TMAPS has kept a large portion of its operations online.



TMAPS reopened its offices

to members in March 2023. Our office is located on the third floor of the Student Centre, at 55 Gould Street, room SCC 301. The new office hours have been shared through communication channels and are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday : 11 am to 7 pm (Virtual)

Wednesday: 11 am to 4 pm (In-person)

Friday: 10 am to 6 pm (Virtual)

## NAME CHANGE

On April 26, the University announced its official name change to Toronto Metropolitan University. In response, TMAPS' board struck a Renaming Committee as directed by the members. The committee met on a biweekly basis, to determine the selection process for a new name. It was agreed by the committee that the organization's name would be chosen by a member survey. After two rounds of public surveys, the most popular name chosen was Toronto Metropolitan Association of Part-time Students. The board approved the use of this name until our membership may vote at the fall Semi-Annual General Meeting to make this change legal. Following the approval of the membership, TMAPS will legally transition from Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson to Toronto Metropolitan Association of Part-time Students.

#### What's In A Name?

The name "Toronto Metropolitan Association of Parttime Students" represents all continuing education, part-time degree, certificate and non-degree students at Toronto Metropolitan University. Part-time in the name indicates the basis on which our members are learning and their relationship to their studies in a colloquial sense. The core members of our association often are identified by taking on studies part-time, while their careers, health, families, jobs and other life situations take full-time status. The board supports a name that is informed by the membership identity, and one that members have had a say in choosing.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

TMAPS currently employs 5 full-time staff and 4

part-time student staff through the Career Boost program. TMAPS was able to provide student work opportunities during the spring and summer of 2022 through the Canada Summer Jobs program and has applied for funding for the



upcoming2023 spring and summer sessions.

TMAPS continues to advocate for the inclusion of Continuing Education students in the Career Boost program and provincial Work Study programs.

## **FINANCES**

TMAPS Membership Fees 2022-23

Operating Budget: \$11.55 Bursary: \$2.71 Student Campus Centre Fund: \$0.50 Health & Dental: \$257.47 Canadian Federation of Students: \$ 2.80



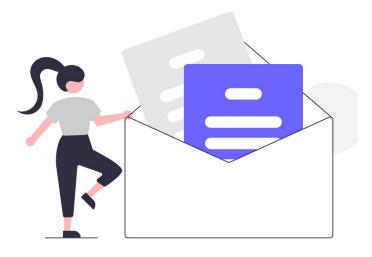
TMAPS is currently in a healthy budget position. We continue to see growth or slight increases in membership enrollment in all semesters. The lifting of pandemic restrictions and return to in campus classes for full-time members has resulted in an increase in common expenses for in-person programming. The board continues to receive monthly updates on the position of the budget and this informs the work of TMAPS, from orientation and events, to bursary allocations.

## COMMUNICATIONS

TMAPS prides itself on its regular communication with its members, utilizing various mediums to keep them informed and engaged. In an effort to improve this communication, TMAPS has made some significant updates to its membership communications this year. These updates include:

#### **Monthly Newsletter:**

All TMAPS members are automatically enrolled to receive our monthly newsletter. This electronic newsletter contains important information



about upcoming events, TMAPS services, Bursary deadlines, and other significant dates that our members need to know about.

#### **Special Mailers:**

TMAPS members will also receive important email communications on an as-needed basis, directly to their student email accounts. These communications will include high-priority and time-sensitive information, such as Bursary deadlines, academic appeal dates, Health and dental, election information, and other essential details of which all members need to be aware. However, we try our best to minimize the number of emails we send as special mailers to make sure we do not inundate our members' inboxes with unnecessary information.

#### Social media:

In addition to email communications, TMAPS is also committed to improving our social media channels.

We regularly post on our Instagram, which has proven to be the most engaging social media outlet for TMAPS. We also cross-post our content on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube

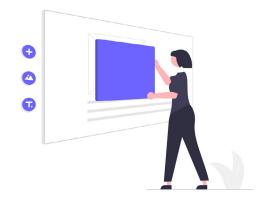


(for long-form content), and TikTok (our newest platform) to engage with our members across multiple channels.

Looking ahead, TMAPS is focused on reinstating our D2L course shell in the upcoming term to increase our visibility to members. We encourage all members to follow us @TMAPS105 on all social media platforms to stay informed and engaged with the latest updates and events from TMAPS.

#### Website:

Additionally, TMAPS is dedicated to providing a userfriendly online experience for its members. Our website is regularly updated with the latest information and resources to help our members



stay informed and engaged. We are excited to announce

that we will be launching a brand new website on March 30th, which will feature a sleek and modern design, improved navigation, and enhanced functionality. We invite all members to visit our new website after its launch and provide us with their valuable feedback, so that we can continue to improve and serve our members to the best of our abilities.

## STAFF APPRECIATION

TMAPS services, campaigns, & events would not be possible without the help of our incredible staff members. We thank you all for your commitment to students and willingness to engage in all of the tasks necessary for a well-functioning and accessible students' union. In the area of student services, including semesterly bursaries, emergency grants, and health & dental benefits, we would like to thank Amir Moazzami & Chloë Thibault for their outstanding frontline work and commitment to creating a warm and approachable space for members. We would also like to thank Lyndall Musselman for her knowledge as Student Rights Coordinator in assisting the TMAPS executive in student advocacy and university governance in addition to daily casework. TMAPS would also like to recognize the work of Yasir Hameed, who has enhanced the efficiency of our website and communications in



the short time he has been with us so far. In addition, thank you to our in-house lawyer, Bill Reid for aiding students in their legal concerns and making himself easily available to the members who need advice. Lastly, we would like to send a warm thank you to all of our part-time staff members, Assal Toudehfallah, Ayat Rizvi, Andrea Bancod and Jamie Graham for their enthusiasm and commitment to TMAPS' work. Thank you all for an amazing year!

## **EQUITY & CAMPAIGNS**



As 2022 ends, 2023 comes with a new set of priorities for us and our members, TMAPS continues to work for a more equitable experience for continuing and Parttime Students.

Part of our work has centered on asking for feedback while creating opportunities for engagement with our members. Understanding new priorities raised during the pandemic and finding ways to connect again and fight inequality, TMAPS has created opportunities where students can donate no longer needed items to help other members reduce their expenses and waste by creating a clothing Swap available at our in person events and starting in April available in our office for members every Wednesday during Office hours.

As Executive members of the CFS-O. We had the opportunity to attend Lobby Week with the Provincial Government and had a chance to speak with Members of the Provincial Parliament and used the opportunity to raise some of our most important issues as Students and look forward to working together to find solutions for the future of the Students.

The work towards equity is a collective effort and that is shown by all the services TMPAS provides and continues to improve for the benefit of the community. We understand that our members have different priorities and we are working towards a wholesome experience, to make sure our members don;t fall through the cracks.

Community Building, Skills Sharing, and Human connections are our main priorities to connect to one another and support each other.

Stay Connected and join our Equity and Campaigns Committee to continue this work with us.

## SERVICE AND FINANCE

As the school year draws to a close, TMAPS continues to provide a variety of services to our members. Most noticeably, we had an exponential increase of applications for the TMAPS Bursary this winter semester. The Emergency Grant applications continue to be open to our members all year round. Starting in January, the Services team and TMGSU, our sister union, has collaborated with FoodShare Toronto to provide a free grocery box for our members, available for pickup in-person, once per month. The Services team has also been working on a joint TMAPS and TMGSU Tax Clinic, happening in-person from March 20th to April 5th, 2023, to support members with simple tax filing.

#### HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN

All part-time degree students are automatically enrolled onto the TMAPS Health & Dental Plan. Plan coverage includes 80% coverage for prescription drugs, discounts on eye exams, up to 65% dental coverage, and more. This coverage begins in September or January



depending on your date of enrollment, and spans through the Spring and Summer terms until August 31. More than two thirds of all part-time degree students enrolled in 2022-23 academic year currently access the TMAPS Health & Dental Plan service.

#### Fall 2022 Opt-Out Period:

Technological challenges early in the semester resulted in the Fall 2022 opt-out period being extended an extra 4-weeks to accommodate student opt-out requests. TMAPS began distributing refunds via e-transfer on December 14th, 2022 to over 500 students who opted out. TMAPS will be following up periodically to ensure each student gets their refund this term.

#### Winter 2023 Opt-Out Period:

The Winter 2023 opt-out period ended on February 10th, 2023. TMAPS is in the process of distributing optout refunds via e-transfer to almost 80 students who opted-out. TMAPS will be following up periodically to ensure each student gets their refund this term.

#### **Temporary Inactive Period:**

The Winter 2023 temporary inactive period for first time plan users ended on March 1st. This means that new students are now able to submit claims online through the GSCeverywhere portal, and access the additional discounts using their Green Shield Canada ID card available online via the TMAPS website.

## 2023-2024 Rate Renewal

The Health & Dental Plan and negotiated rates are secured annually, and partly paid for, by the National Student Health Network (NSHN) and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), as part of TMAPS' membership.

NSHN and GSC negotiated the 2023-24 Health & Dental Plan rate to a 5.55% increase for the upcoming benefit year. This increase was driven by inflation and the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as well as increased plan usage by students. This cost also reflects new plan designs of which students will be able to take advantage, with a focus on accessing mental health support.

#### New plan enhancements include:

**Room for Her:** an initiative focused on promoting mental health and well-being for all women in Canada through webinars, podcast series, educational materials and free counselling support!



Tranquility

**Tranquility:** Tranquility by Inkblot is an internetbased Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (iCBT) program co-developed by clinical psychologists. **KITS:** a leading Canadian eyewear e-retailer, brings GSC student plan members savings KITS

of 25% off any prescription glasses (designer brands included!) or 20% off contact lenses.

Additional highlights include ongoing access to Inkblot Therapy, PocketPills, Maple, Change4Life, Mindfulness and MindBeacon! Students can also take advantage of further plan member discounts such as:

**Student Dental Discount Network (SDDN):** The SDDN is unique to GSC, and the discount is guaranteed for plan members. When a dentist joins the SDDN, they agree to submit claims directly to GSC via Provider Connect. The value is automatically calculated, so the dentist will always provide a discount to the student. Students can receive up to 30% off their dental treatment.

**Shoppers Drug Mart Discount:** With a Students Saving Card, students can save 10 percent daily on regularly priced President's Choice, no name, Quo, and Life Brand products. Students can obtain their discount card from the GSC Student Centre.

## LEGAL SERVICE

TMAPS members now have access to services provided by our in-house Lawyer, Bill Reid, through in-person or online appointments. Initial consults can be requested via the email legal@tmaps.ca. Bill supports our members with a wide range of issues including landlord & tenant conflicts, family law, employment law, criminal law, debt issues, accident claims, immigration and other government matters, corporate, commercial and intellectual property issues, notarization or commission documents when appropriate, and advice on legal documents or proceedings. Online legal workshops about common issues are also available on the TMAPS website.

## TAX CLINIC

This year, TMAPS is partnering with TMGSU (the graduate student's union) to offer our members the first in-person tax clinic since the COVID-19 lockdown. Currently, planning



is underway with Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) to prepare for this initiative which will take place from **March 20th to April 5th, 2023** in the Margaret Lawrence room of SCC. The tax clinic is free and open to all parttime and graduate students on campus. Members who need their taxes filed for the upcoming season may start booking appointments online starting March 1st. TMAPS members who are unable to attend the in-person clinic can access free <u>Ufile software</u> through membership with our national students' unionthe Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), using the special offer code: **CFS1981** 

## BURSARY

The TMAPS Bursary is a needsbased bursary that helps members with the cost of education and living expenses. The bursary is open every semester. All TMAPS members are encouraged to apply to the bursary, although due to high volume of applications and limited funding, the grant is not guaranteed



#### By the Numbers

To date, TMAPS has given out a total of **85 bursaries in Spring & Summer 2022,** and **57 bursaries in Fall 2022.** The Winter 2023 bursary is closed and undergoing a selection process as the AGM report is being prepared. It is important to report that TMAPS has received substantially more applications in Winter 2023 than previous semesters, due to improved communication and wide promotion of the bursary. TMAPS will continue to prioritize serving our members' financial needs through making the bursary available and known to our members.

## **EMERGENCY GRANT**

The TMAPS' Emergency Grant continues to help members in acute crises including financial, medical, and familial emergencies. To date, since May 2022, TMAPS has given out a total of **18 emergency grants with the worth of \$9,000.** The Emergency Grant application is open year-round, and members in need are encouraged to apply, although the grant is not guaranteed

## SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS

Below are the organizations that TMAPS has sponsored in either monetary, or room-booking for the last 12 months:

- 1. Cinema Politica TMU
- 2. International Women's DAt(IWD) Organizing Committee
- 3. Justice for Workers

- 4. The Mutual Market
- 5. Toronto Black Media Association
- 6. The Disability Studies Student Association
- 7. Families of Sisters in Spirit
- 8. The Orange Shirt Society
- 9. The National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC)
- 10. The Toronto Harm Reduction Alliance (THRA)
- 11.The Tricultural Committee for University Education at Sudbury
- 12. Ethno-Racial People with Disabilities Coalition of Ontario (ERDCO)
- 13. Toronto Disability Pride March
- 14. Toronto Environmental Alliance
- 15. Unifor Social Justice Chair at TMU
- 16. Jack Layton Chair at TMU

#### **Introduction: Vice-President Internal**

TMAPS is an active organizer on the university governance scene. Our team is consistently present, active and loud at university meetings to ensure our members are reflected in university decision-making. Through participation in the Senate, Chang School Council or various policy committees, we have built a reputation as a well-researched team.

Through our governance advocacy we have also grown long-lasting partnerships with faculty and staff unions, as well as our sister union in the Toronto Metropolitan University Graduate Students' Union (TMGSU) and the Toronto Metropolitan Students' Union (TMSU). Our members continue to have strong advocacy through our Student Advocate who assists with all matters related to academic misconduct, grade and standing appeals, as well as any administrative issues or complaints with the University.

## **GET INVOLVED!**

Do you want to get involved in bylaws, policies and governance issues? Get involved in the TMAPS Bylaws & Policies Committee. You can visit our website to sign up to our newsletters, or email any questions to vp.internal@tmaps.ca.

## ALL UNION COALITION

TMAPS continues to initiate and facilitate monthly meetings with campus labour unions and students' unions around mutual concerns to develop allyship. Collectively, we have been able to work to share information on the international students' issues, Health and Safety planning, cuts to education and collaborate on policy proposals that serve students, instructors and staff members. When we work together, it becomes more difficult for the university administration to divide us.

## SENATE

TMAPS continues to actively participate in the university Senate where academic decisions are made on behalf of the entire university. The students' union has one appointed representative and works collaboratively with other student senators and faculty representatives to ensure students get policies that are fair and equitable for all students, including continuing education members.

## UNIVERSITY POLICY REVIEW

There is a list of Senate Policies that shows the life cycle for review and management of these documents, which can be found here. It should be noted that unfortunately, TMAPS is not currently involved directly

with any specific Senate policy reviews. We are carefully tracking the review processes of relevant Senate policies through our representative on the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC), which is a standing committee of Senate. We also always monitor the agendas of Senate and policy developments and decision making through Senate meetings. The next major Senate policy to be reviewed is the Academic Integrity Policy, Senate Policy 60. TMAPS will work to ensure students are consulted about changes to this very important policy.

## CHANG SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

TMAPS continues to meet with the Dean of the Chang School to advocate on behalf of our members. This has included advocating for clearer direction on requests to convocate, the refund policy and communication around COVID-19 policies and procedures to CE students. TMAPS has also advocated for a lower barrier of enrolment to be used as the standard for certificate and course discontinuations, which would ensure smaller class sizes and more options available to students. The students' union has also coordinated filling the student representative seats on Chang School Council again this year, so TMAPS facilitates support for these student reps and ensures that students know about academic and organizational changes at the Chang School. This year there are many new proposals for microcertificates and microcredentials, which must be approved by the Chang School Council. The Bylaws of the Chang School Council are also under review and TMAPS is very involved in that process.

#### ACADEMIC STANDING AND APPEALS WORKSHOPS

Every semester TMAPS, the Graduate Student' Union (TMGSU) and the full time undergraduate Students' Union (TMSU) host workshops to support students facing issues with their academic standings (such as Academic Probation, Required To Withdraw, or Permanently Program Withdrawn) or who want to file grade appeals to challenge the final grades they received.

Between 5 - 50 students attended each session.

#### Watch Online

Watch the recordings of the webinars on our <u>YouTube</u> <u>channel.</u>

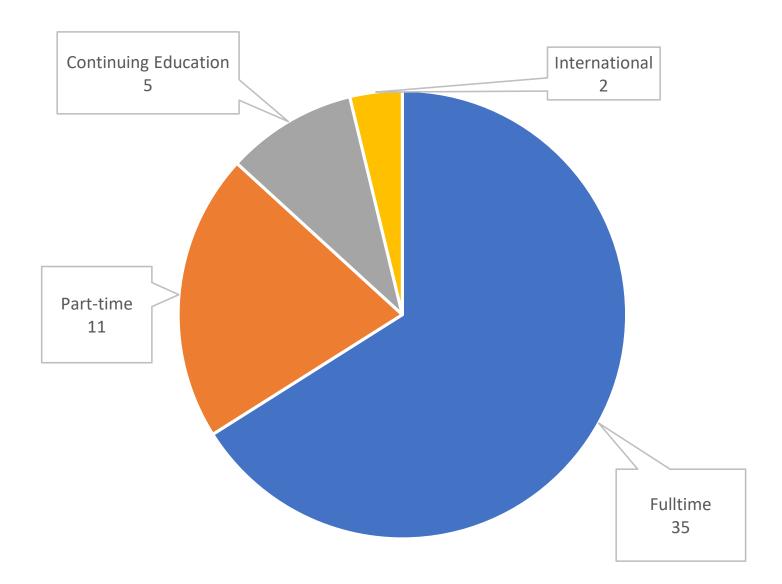
## STATISTICAL DATA ON APPOINTMENTS

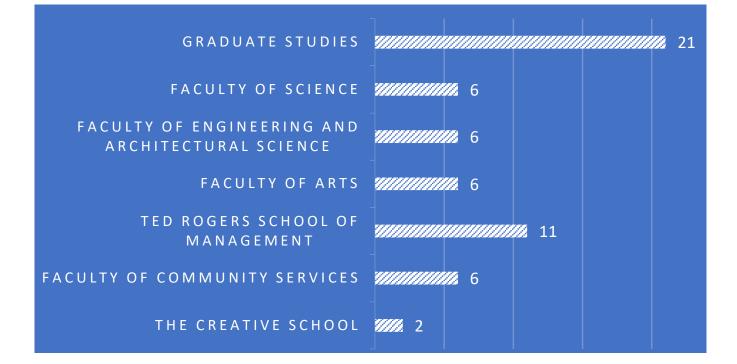
In order to track information about the students who seek advice from the Student Rights Coordinator, students utilizing this service are asked to fill out an Intake Form. The total number of Intake Forms for March 2022 to the end of February 2023 is 57. This amount is lower than the previous year where the total number of students who completed Intake Forms was 65. The total number for 2022-23 is misleadingly low because our intake process is imperfect and not all students opt to complete the form.

The statistical information below reflects what was indicated by students. Keep in mind that some students chose to identify themselves in certain ways, filling in some fields and not others, and that completing the form is optional and not at all mandatory.

#### STUDENT ADVOCACY INTAKE FORM IDENTITY DEMOGRAPHICS

Our intake forms also track identity demographics, however it should be stated that many students opted not to complete this part of the form. Again, completing this form is not mandatory. For the 2022-23 year in total of 22 of those who did complete the form identified as a woman, 22 identified as a man, 1 identified as nonbinary; 1 identified as spectrum; 1 identified as two spirit; 46 identified as racialised; 29 identified as heterosexual; 4 identified as bi-sexual; 3 identified as gay; 2 identified as queer; 25 stated that a language other than English was their first language.







## **EVENTS**

#### **Introduction: Vice-President events**

Despite the challenges caused by the pandemic, and the changing nature of continuing education, TMAPS has been able to adapt and rise to the challenge with digital programming. We continue to develop new strategies for part-time degree students and continuing education students. We also are doing a thorough review of the volunteer and class representative program to reflect the changing dynamics of our campus. As tuition and cost of living continue to rise, it is harder for students to find time to get involved than ever before. However, we will continue to try and find as many pathways as possible, with varying capacities and outcomes. Find our events at <u>www.tmaps.ca/events</u> or join the <u>Events</u> <u>Committee</u> to get more involved.



## PRESIDENT

Greetings students! Thank you for your interest in student government. I have been involved in student organizing for a number of years, even before running for elected positions in student unions. I have always felt that student unions work best when they are vigilant of university proceedings and have taken proactive measures to protect the interest of students. Throughout the term, I have followed the development of university policies through various committees, town halls, and senate meetings. I have also taken the initiatives to give feedback on existing policies and communications to flag potential issues and offer innovative solutions.

# Below are some of the projects and ongoing initiatives that best reflect this commitment to advocating for students.

- Meeting with Members of Provincial Parliament to advocate for tuition reductions, more available OSAP grants, caps to international student tuition and OHIP for international students
- Chairing the TMAPS Board Meetings

- Sitting as a student representative on the Chang School Council
- Chairing the TMAPS Executive Committee
- Part of the TMAPS Bursary Committee
- Representing TMAPS on the TMU Elections Procedures Committee
- Serving as TMAPS Representative, Secretary & Signing Authority of the Palin Foundation
- Chairing and facilitating solidarity efforts of the TMU All-Union Coalition
- Organizing Naloxone/Overdose Response Trainings for members
- Finalizing the update of the Student Group Sponsorship to expand to Part-time Course Unions
- Working with the Executive Director to oversee the human resources of the organization, including the return to campus planning, bargaining a Collective Agreement and other matters as they arise
- Working with student groups on collaborative projects and sponsorships

#### **Vice-President Internal**

Hello TMAPS members! I'm glad for this opportunity to update you on work within the VP Internal portfolio. During another few months in this role, I have continued to learn more about academic governance and student advocacy. It is essential that student voices influence decision-making in institutional spaces, and I am committed to actively speaking up as one of your elected representatives. If you are interested in sharing ideas and organizing with TMAPS, I encourage you to get involved on our committees. You are also very welcome to reach out by email if you have any questions, or comments about TMAPS and the work we do.

#### I've highlighted some updates below:

- Met with Members of Provincial Parliament and advocated for accessibility to free education through 6 demands collectively asked for by the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario
- Attended CFS-O Racialized and Indigenous Students Experience Conference to knowledge share, network, and learn more about migrant justice, climate justice, abolition, student organizing, and the importance of solidarity
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- Active representative on TMU Senate: collaborating with other student unions, recently requested statistics report on Senate level Grade and Standing appeals
- Member of Senate's Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC)
- Member of Senate's Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC)
- Member of Chang School Council, and additionally participating in the working group of members reviewing and revising Chang School Council Bylaws
- Chairing the Bylaw and Policy Committee, where we have issues-based policy projects ongoing
- Participating on TMAPS Committees such as Equity and Campaigns, Finance, Bursary, and Events, and in other working groups.

#### **Vice-President Services & Finance**

Hi fellow-learners! It has been a privilege to serve as your Vice President of Services and Finance this year. During my second term in this role, I felt comfortable challenging and changing the financial decisions of the organization. There is more confidence that the way TMAPS spends its money is aligned with our values and commitment to our membership. I have been actively shaping our financial aid services, creating new services, and developing partnerships of mutual aid for fellow organizations. Helping to steward the financial resources of our organization has been hugely rewarding for me.

#### My updates are below:

- Chairing the TMAPS Bursary Committee and help direct training for Bursary selection
- Chairing the Finance Committee
- Reviewing and making recommendation to Executive Committee, about Emergency Grant applications
- Creating the Global Emergency Relief Grant to respond to members and their families affected by natural disasters and political unrest
- Reviewing and making recommendation to the

Board, for sponsorships requests from student and community organizations

 Working on starting service initiatives, including the Foodshare Boxes, a free monthly grocery box for TMAPS members

#### **Vice-President Events & Outreach**

TMAPS continued to offer events to members in the Winter term, though weather conditions were a barrier to members' attendance to our in-person events. TMAPS held a mixture of online and in-person events open and free to all members this year, listed below:

#### Winter Orientation (In-Person)

TMAPS hosted our annual welcome back week digitally for the second year. The turnout was amazing. We had a free coffee and hot chocolate stand where students could customize their hot beverages and there was some excellent feedback.

#### Fireside with Chang School (Virtual)

Students were able to ask questions to TMAPS and the Dean of the Chang School about studying at TMU. Questions focused on career and academic support, financial aid, and addressing conflicts in the digital classroom.

#### Valentine's Day Card Making (In-Person)

On Valentine's Day TMAPS hosted a card making event and distributed candy and chocolates to students, in the lobby of the Student Centre. The event was very well attended and students were able to get creative and crafty while making cards for their loved ones and classmates. There was a lot of positive feedback around this event, and it may be returning in the future.



#### TMAPS 101 (Virtual)

Students learned about the various services, events, and campaigns that the union has to offer. Questions were asked about the health and dental plan, who can access our services, and how to get involved.

#### **Toronto Black Media Mixer**

In honour of Black History Month TMAPS hosted a mixer for Black media professionals and students getting in the industry to connect. There were roughly 25 guests in attendance, and there was a bingo activity which encouraged folks to meet new people, and network. The winner of the bingo game received a free course from the Chang School in the Creative Media program. TMAPS hopes to make this event an annual occurrence in collaboration with Toronto Black Media Association.



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors is actively engaged assisting with events such as Games Night, Clothing Drive, Frost Week, Black Media Mixer, and through participation in different committees (Policy & Bylaw, Events, Equity & Campaigns, and Bursary committees). Since restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic have reduced, courses are still primarily delivered online. We have begun to inquire about initiatives to improve member engagement at TMAPS through more online and possible in-person future events.



#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting is called to order at \_\_\_\_

## 2. WELCOME REMARKS

- a. Recognition of and Respect for Unceded Traditional Territories
- b. Equity Statement
- c. Welcome and meeting procedure overview

## **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: SAGM-23/03/28-01

Be it resolved that the SAGM agenda be approved as presented.

MOVED: TAYLOR SECONDER: RESULT:

## **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: SAGM-23/03/28-02

Be it resolved that the 2022 AGM minutes be approved as presented.

MOVED: TAYLOR SECONDER: RESULT: 42

#### 5. APPROVAL OF 2021-22 AUDITED STATEMENTS

Motion: SAGM-23/03/28-03

Be it resolved that the audited statements of the 2021-22 financial year be accepted as presented.

MOVED: YANG SECONDER: RESULT:

## 6. APPOINTMENT OF 2022-23 AUDITORS

Motion: SAGM-23/03/28-04

Be it resolved that Yale and Partners be approved to conduct the 2022-23 financial audit.

MOVED: YANG SECONDER: RESULT:

#### 7. BYLAW AMENDMENT 1: RENAMING OF THE ORGANIZATION

Motion: SAGM-23/03/28-05

Whereas, Ryerson University changed its name in the summer of 2022 to Toronto Metropolitan University; and

Whereas, the board of directors struck a renaming committee as directed at the last meeting of the membership;

Whereas, the Renaming Committee held a series of meetings and conducted two surveys consulting

members about a new name; and

Whereas the survey results were overwhelmingly in favor of Toronto Metropolitan Association of Part-time Students;

Be it resolved that the Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson legally change its name to Toronto Metropolitan Association of Part-time Students.

Be it further resolved that this name change be reflected throughout the By-laws and Policies of the organization.

MOVED: TAYLOR SECONDER: RESULT:

# 8. BYLAW AMENDMENT 2: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HONORARIA

Motion: SAGM-23/03/28-06

Whereas the Executive Committee is comprised of five executive members elected annually; and

Whereas the Executive Committee serve the organization on a part-time hours basis, with compensation as defined by the Bylaws; and

Whereas the Executive Committee is made up of current students who may face the same issues of

financial need, high tuition costs and other systemic barriers that the organization addresses; and

Whereas the cost of living in Toronto for the year 2022 is \$22.08 per hour.

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee honoraria be increased from \$19.00 to \$23.00 per hour, effective immediately.

MOVED: YANG SECONDER:

**RESULT:** 

#### 9. BYLAW AMENDMENT 3: RENAMING OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT INTERNAL

Motion: SAGM-23/03/28-07

Whereas Executives' responsibilities need to be communicated clearly to our members, university administration, collaborating partners and other community members;

Whereas the titles of elected positions on the Executive Committee are used to summarize the portfolios of each Executive;

Whereas, according to By-law VII, the portfolio of Vice-President Internal includes reviewing TMAPS By-laws and policies, ensuring appropriate record keeping, reviewing university academic policies, providing

updates on university affairs, lobbying the university administration on academic issues, attending Senate and Chang School Council meetings, representing TMAPS on TMU committees and task-forces and chairing meetings of the Bylaw and Policy Committee;

Whereas the title of Vice-President Internal is not specific and does not clearly summarize the responsibilities within the VP-Internal Portfolio;

Be it resolved that the Executive position of Vice-President Internal be renamed to Vice-President Governance and Academic Policy.

## **10. AGM REPORT**

#### **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: SAGM-23/03/28-10

MOVED: SECONDER: RESULT: