Message from the Founding Editors

As founding editors of the Journal of Undergraduate Studies at Trent (JUST) we would like to thank the Trent community for its resounding support of this exciting initiative. Firstly, credit goes to our own editors-in-chief, project managers and reviewers- who have put endless odd hours in to JUST. It is only through their dedication and unwavering support that this project was able to come to fruition. Each member of the staff committed to JUST because of their belief in undergraduate, interdisciplinary education, and it is this belief that impelled JUST. It is important to note, however, that it is virtually impossible to undertake such an enormous task in 4 months, as such, JUST’s launch is more an indication of a greater board base support than the work of a few individuals. For this we would like to express gratitude to the many faculty members and administrators who have encouraged and supported us.

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Finally, we would like to recognize the Trent University students for validating this project by voting to fund JUST’s levy. JUST undoubtedly belongs to you, and you have assured that this project will continue to be sustainable for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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