

University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association University Council Report, June 2021

Dear Members of Council,

The Graduate Students' Association Executives had a productive month learning about the previous initiatives of our predecessors. The Executives are also in the process of familiarizing themselves with the policies of the university, which is crucial in supporting graduate students. We will continue our dedication and efforts in helping graduate students during these critical times by engaging with our partners on campus and university leadership.

In this report we will present some initiatives that the Executives have been working on, which includes:

1. Increasing awareness on diversity and inclusion

The Graduate Students' Association is working towards increasing awareness for diversity and inclusion and advocating for establishing benefits and support programs for marginalized student populations.

2. Working towards enhancing resources to support students' mental health and well-being

The Graduate Students' Association is working towards eliminating stigma around mental health, promoting wellness, and advocating to increase available wellness resources to support graduate students. We are also collaborating with partners on campus to organize events that focus on mental health and wellness.

3. Promoting the Student-Supervisor Agreement

The Graduate Students' Association is continuing to promote the Student-Supervisor Agreement to strengthen the relationship between graduate students and supervisors across campus. We also encourage faculty members to continue to promote the Student-Supervisor Agreement to new incoming graduating students and continuing students.

We look forward to working with members of the university community to contribute to future graduate student initiatives and support students throughout this academic year.

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