



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

Dear Members of Council,

The Graduate Students' Association is dedicated to serve the graduate students at the University of Saskatchewan by connecting them with the appropriate resources, providing guidance, and advocating for them.

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

1. Bursaries for Fall 2021

The Graduate Students' Association with support from the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies provides need-based bursaries to eligible graduate students. The application for fall term need-based bursaries is open until October 22, 2021 for students to apply.

2. Celebrating National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

The Graduate Students' Association worked with the Wanuskewin Community to provide volunteers to facilitate the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021.

3. Working towards Enhancing Resources to Support Students' Mental Health and Well-Being

The Graduate Students' Association is celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week by promoting existing resources to support mental health for students. As part of this initiative the GSA is working closely with Studentcare to continue 'Empower Me', which was initiated in 2020 to provide students with mental health support. The GSA is also rallying with the USSU against sexual violence on October 7, 2021 at the UofS.

4. Promoting the Student-Supervisor Agreement

The Graduate Students' Association continues its effort to promote the student-supervisor agreement and encourage both new and continuing students to have a student-supervisor agreement in place at the beginning of their academic journey. The GSA is also collaborating with the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies to organize events dedicated to the improvement of the student-supervisor relationship during the fall 2021 term.

We look forward to working with graduate students and the university community to support a harmonious journey during their academic endeavour.

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