

University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association

GSA's Report to the University Council, November 2022

Dear Members of the University Council,

In this report, we present some initiatives that the Executives have completed or been working on, which include:

1. Fall Term GSA-CGPS Need-Based Bursary

The GSA advertised a call for applications for the 2022 Fall Term GSA-CGPS need-based on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 9:00 AM and closed application submission Friday, October 28, 2022, at 11:59 PM. The GSA is grateful to the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) for its continuing financial support for the need-based bursary. The GSA is waiting to receive a matchup funding decision from the dean of CGPS. Following the CGPS funding decision about 2022-2023 funding, the GSA will determine the number of fall-term bursaries and announce bursary recipient names.

2. GSA Standing Committees

A call for GSA standing committee members was advertised on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 9:00 AM. It closed application submission Friday, October 28, 2022, at 11:59 PM. The standing committees will be ratified at the November GSA council meetings scheduled on November 10, 2022. The GSA received a required number of applications from graduate students. The GSA standing committees are listed as follows.

- a. Budget and Finance Committee
- b. Bursary Selection Committee
- c. Elections and Referenda Committee
- d. Governance Committee

- e. Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee
- f. Awards Selection Committee
- g. Diversity Committee

Please visit <u>HERE</u> for more information about the GSA Standing Committees and Terms of Reference for each committee.

3. Canadian Federation of Student National Graduate Coccus Meeting (November 4-8, 2022)

The Canadian Federation of Students National Graduate Coccus Meeting is scheduled from November 4-8, 2022, in Ottawa. The CFS is the largest Canadian student governance body representing approximately 350k Canadian post-secondary students. This is the first in-person meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic started. The GSA president is selected by the GSA to attend the meeting.

4. GSA November Council Meeting (November 10, 2022)

The GSA council meeting is scheduled on November 10, 2022. The GSA is deeply committed to promoting Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in its everyday activities. Thus, the GSA decided to organize all future council meetings in a hybrid format starting from November 10, 2022, so that students from all backgrounds can participate in GSA activities.

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I acknowledge that I live and work on Treaty 6 Territory and the homeland of the Métis. I pay my respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.