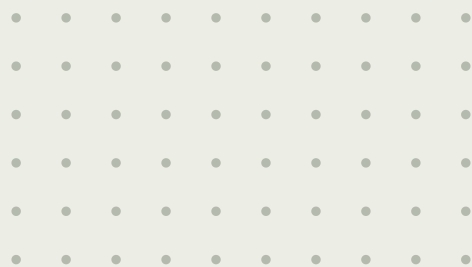


Council Report



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Dear University Council Members,

On behalf of the Graduate Students' Association (GSA), I am pleased to present highlights of our recent activities, advocacy efforts, and upcoming initiatives for November 2025. These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to supporting graduate student success, fostering community engagement, and collaborating with university partners to enhance the overall graduate experience.

GSA Partnerships for SSRH Research Grant Application

The GSA recently participated as a partner in the SSHRC-funded proposal *Building Inclusive Housing Infrastructure (BIHI): A Multi-Scalar Rights and Responsibilities Approach to Housing for and with International Students*. This initiative focuses on improving the housing experiences of international students through collaborative research across universities and community partners. As part of the application, the GSA provided a letter confirming our support and outlining our role in offering student perspectives, assisting with outreach, and contributing to project activities. This partnership aligns with the GSA's ongoing advocacy on graduate student housing needs.

Through this partnership, the GSA aims to strengthen efforts to address housing challenges affecting graduate students and to ensure that student experiences inform broader policy discussions.

GSA Childcare Initiative

The GSA has begun exploratory conversations with the provincial government to identify pathways that would allow graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty members to more easily access the ten-dollar-a-day childcare initiative. Given the province's recent investment in expanding subsidized childcare spaces at Saskatchewan Polytechnic and other campuses, we are assessing whether similar support could be extended to the University of Saskatchewan. Our goal is to help ensure that campus community members with young families have fair access to affordable, high-quality childcare.

In parallel, the GSA is outlining a proposal for the development of a GSA-operated childcare centre. This work includes identifying the need created by existing waitlists, reviewing projected costs, and assessing operational models that could complement provincial programs. Once complete, the proposal will help guide discussions with both the university and the province about future opportunities for investment and collaboration.

GSA-CGPS Fall Need-Based Bursary Distributed

The fall need-based bursary has been awarded for this academic year. I extend sincere thanks to CGPS for its forty thousand dollar contribution and to the GSA Bursary Committee for its work and commitment. The committee, which will serve through August 2026, met on November 7 to complete its orientation and review all submissions. A total of 299 applications were received, and thirty-four students were granted one thousand dollars each, credited directly to their student accounts.

Upcoming GSA Events and Engagement Update

In the remaining months of the fall term, the GSA is preparing several community focused events, including a low cost portrait photoshoot day, the annual Holiday Hangout, and the Indigenous Resource and Intercultural Exchange Fair. These initiatives support student well being, strengthen community connections, and provide accessible opportunities for student participation.

This year, the GSA shifted its programming approach by prioritizing direct input from students rather than relying mainly on formal talks or traditional event structures. This change, combined with more accessible planning and consistent outreach, has resulted in significantly higher engagement compared to previous years. Student feedback has been very positive, and this approach continues to guide our efforts throughout the remainder of the fall term.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Council as we strengthen the graduate student experience, and I welcome your feedback as we move ahead.

Respectfully submitted,



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