



**GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 5:30 PM**

Attendees:

Tanille Shandro, President
 Alex Paquette, VP Academic
 Kirsten Neprily, VP External
 Kabita Baral, VP Student Life
 Mary Zhang, VP Finances & Services
 Brett Nelson, Speaker
 Catherine Swytink-Binnema, Clerk

Quorum

First Name	Last Name	DGA	Proxy
Laurie	Lee-Glover	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	No
Cynthia	Adjekukor	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	No
Rishika	Puri	Biological Sciences Graduate Students' Association	No
Amy	Du	Biological Sciences Graduate Students' Association	No
Maria Laura	Sosa Ponce	Biological Sciences Graduate Students' Association	No
Ashifa	Hudani	Biomedical Engineering GSA	Yes
Conrad	Mielczarek	Biomedical Engineering GSA	No
Faranak	Afsar	Chemical & Petroleum Engineering Graduate Students' Association	Yes
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Antonio	Garcia	Chemical & Petroleum Engineering Graduate Students' Association	No
Justin	Perras	Chemistry Graduate Student Association	No
Duncan	Brownsey	Chemistry Graduate Student Association	No
Bryan	Zanca	Chemistry Graduate Student Association	No
Amit	Chaudhari	Civil Engineering Graduate Society	No
Saeid	Ghasemalizadeh	Civil Engineering Graduate Society	No
Farnaz	Hassani	Civil Engineering Graduate Society	No
Seyedeh Zakieh	Mohammadi	Civil Engineering Graduate Society	No
Farnaz	Hassani	Civil Engineering Graduate Society	No
Ali	Ebrahimi Emamieh	Civil Engineering Graduate Society	No
Sydney	Burton	Classics and Religion DGA	No
Kellie	Cornforth	Classics and Religion DGA	No
Anastasiia	Gushchina	Communication Media and Film DGA	No
Saania	Tariq	Community Health Sciences Student Executive	No

Kathryn	Blair	Computational Media Design	No
Shahryar	Soltanpour	Computer Science Graduate Society	No
Navid	Akbari	Computer Science Graduate Society	No
Mehrsa	Ehsani	Doctoral Association for Students of Haskayne	No
Andishe	Ashjari	Doctoral Association for Students of Haskayne	No
Zack	MOLINE	Economics Graduate Association	No
Mallika	Sharma	Economics Graduate Association	No
Ayush	Malik	Electrical and Computer Engineering GSA	No
Mahrokh	Namazi	Electrical and Computer Engineering GSA	No
Xen	Virtue	English Department Graduate Association	No
Omar	Ramadan	English Department Graduate Association	No
Sruthi	Rajeev	Gastrointestinal Graduate Students Association	No
Rhiannon	Scott	Geography Graduate Students' Association	No
Alison	Hanes	Geography Graduate Students' Association	Yes
Md. Shohug	Hossain	Geomatics Graduate Group	No
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Md. Shohug	Hossain	Geomatics Graduate Group	No
Allegra	DePasquale	Graduate Anthropology and Archaeology Student Association	No
Megan	Mah	Graduate Anthropology and Archaeology Student Association	No
Lukas	Sadownyk	Graduate Association of Geology and Geophysics Students	No
Lylam (Lili)	Jardine	Graduate Programs in Education Students Association	No
Apoorve	Chokshi	Graduate Programs in Education Students Association	No
Pam	Farrell	Graduate Programs in Education Students Association	No
Lisa	Taylor	Graduate Programs in Education Students Association	No
Razieh	Alba	Graduate Programs in Education Students Association	No
James	Steele	Graduate University of Calgary Mathematics Society	No
Madeline	Ward	Graduate University of Calgary Mathematics Society	No
Kristaps	Balodis	Graduate University of Calgary Mathematics Society	No
Jessica	Tannenbaum	History Graduate Students Union	No
Bailey	Harray	History Graduate Students Union	No
Trevor	Low	Hotchkiss Brain Institute Trainee Organization	No
Brooke	Belanger	Hotchkiss Brain Institute Trainee Organization	No
Dion	Kelly	Hotchkiss Brain Institute Trainee Organization	No
Oscar	Tejada	Immunology Graduate Association	No
Robert Kenneth	Clarke	Immunology Graduate Association	No
Isla	Shill	Kinesiology Graduate Students Association	No
Nicole	Boisvert	Kinesiology Graduate Students Association	No
Julia	Daun	Kinesiology Graduate Students Association	No
Quinn	Goddard	Linguistics Graduate Students' Association	No

Monikka	Sarino	Master of Management Society	No
Peihao (Richard)	Li	Masters of Pathologists' Assistant GSA	Yes
Rachelle	Drummond	Masters of Public Policy Students Association	No
Heba	Akrouch	Masters of Public Policy Students Association	Yes
Laura	Rojas	Medical Science Graduate Student Association	No
Daniel	Castaneda Mogollon	Microbiology & Infectious Diseases GSA	No
DEEPAK	PATEL	Microbiology & Infectious Diseases GSA	No
Deepak	Patel	Microbiology & Infectious Diseases GSA	No
Sandip	Dhaliwal	Nursing Graduate Students' Association	No
Maria	Genova	Philosophy Graduate Students' Association	No
Alexander	Wentzell	Philosophy Graduate Students' Association	No
Kailyn	Stenhouse	Physics & Astronomy Dep Grad Association	No
Pooja	Woosaree	Physics & Astronomy Dep Grad Association	No
Daniel	Cecchi	Physics & Astronomy Dep Grad Association	No
Mahsa	Faryadras	Physics & Astronomy Dep Grad Association	No
Zach	Pfeifer	Political Science Graduate Student Association	No
Laura	Conrad	Political Science Graduate Student Association	No
Jenelle	Morgan	Psychology Graduate Students Association	No
Michael	Mclaren-Gradinaru	Psychology Graduate Students Association	No
Vincent	YONG	School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape	No
Emily	Kloppenburg	School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape	No
Cassie	Holmes	School of Creative and Performing Arts Graduate Society	No
Cali	Sproule	School of Creative and Performing Arts Graduate Society	No
Evangelina	Natynczyk	Sociology Graduate Students' Caucus	No
Jordan	Arnold	Strategic Studies Students Consortium	No
Christopher	Verklan	Strategic Studies Students Consortium	No
Sebastian	Castiblanco	Sustainable Energy Development	No
Nicolas	Barry-Hallee	Sustainable Energy Development	No
Lindsey	Arkangel	Veterinary Medicine Grad Students Association	No
Karina	Hincapie Martinez	Vox Condiscipulum	No

October 2021 GRC Meeting Minutes

Meeting began and online sign-in 17h30

Territorial Acknowledgement (Kabita Baral) 17h31

Approval of the Agenda 17h32

Moved Jessica Tannenbaum

Seconded Rhiannon Scott

Discussion NA

CARRIED (93% in favour)

Approval of May 2021 Minutes 17h33

Moved Cali Sproule

Seconded Julia Daun

Discussion NA

CARRIED (89% in favour)

GRC 101 (Tanille Shandro) 17h35

- Graduate Representative Council (GRC): a group of Active Members from eligible departments
 - they deliberate on issues
 - they offer advice to the Board
 - and they disseminate info to other members
- GSA Bylaws (see 9.18): duties of a GRC Representative (GR) are to attend GRC meetings and represent their department
 - and to disseminate info to other Active members
 - the number of DGA reps depends on the number of members in the department
 - DGA Executive team is responsible for filling GR positions
 - expected that the same GRs attend all GRC meetings (they may only miss one meeting per year)
 - a proxy can be sent, but the Governance and Services Coordinator must be told 48 hrs in advance
 - GR names must be sent the Governance and Services Coordinator by October 15
 - Event Funding requires that all GRs are present at GRC meetings
 - email governance.gsa@ucalgary.ca for questions
- GRC is the connection between the Board of Directors and the Graduate Student Body
 - Note: the GSA President is not at the top of the organizational structure
- new this year: GRC Digest (summary of what happened in GRC meeting, to be sent to the for graduate student body)
- General meeting structure:
 - Territorial Acknowledgement
 - Roll Call
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Guest Presentations
 - Executive Reports
 - Motions and Voting
 - Question Period
 - DGA Period: What's happening in your department?
 - Other Business/Announcements
 - Adjournment
- GRC dates: Oct 26, Nov 30, 2021; Jan 25, Feb 22, March 29, April 26, May 31, 2022
- more info at: gsa.ucalgary.ca/about-the-gsa/grc/

Last Defence Lounge (LDL) future direction (Mary Zhang) 17h48

- LDL is on-campus restaurant own and operated by GSA
- LDL has been closed since March 2020

- has experienced losses over the years for various reasons: closed on weekends, reduced hours in summer, decreased dine-in interest in community, cost of food, etc.
 - this loss is, in some sense, the cost of the service
- options for the future of LDL:
 - reopen: \$20k cleaning, etc.; annual net loss \$70-113k
 - event space with professional kitchen: \$20k cleaning, etc.
 - student space: equipment write-off of \$74k, reno cost of \$100k+
 - student space with GSA office: equipment write-off of \$74k, reno cost of \$100k+, GSA has offices opening summer 2022 at MacKimmie
 - other?
- share your own ideas/questions:

<https://padlet.com/alexpaquette05/LDLfuturedirections>
- Question: Can the Padlet board be shared with all students, or only GRC reps?
 - Answer: only GRC reps will be considered in final vote
- Question: What is considered a “reasonable loss”?
 - Answer: Less than \$50k? A certain answer has not been determined yet.
- Question: What is the cost to rent the space from the university?
 - Answer: \$17k/annual
- Question: How do the losses affect the types of activities/programming that the GSA can run?
 - Answer: The GSA’s other activities are not affected by LDL losses.

Judicial Review Board nominations (Speaker) 17h57

- The Judicial Board is a group of GRC members responsible for mediating disputes between parties within the Association as they pertain to the Association’s Objects and Bylaws
 - see GSA Bylaws: Section 15.7, 17
 - the Judicial Board is made up of 7 elected members and 3 additional members elected as alternatives
 - the Judicial Board is called upon by the Speaker as required
 - although they don’t meet often, they may need to meet on short notice
- call for nominations: Duncan Brownsey, Kathryn Blair, Lindsey Arkangel, Sydney Burton, Bryan Zanca, Conrad Mielczarek, Deepak Patel, Peihao (Richard) Li, Shohug Hossain, Nicolas Barry-Hallee

Executive Reports: (this month, in reading materials only)

2021 Tuition and Fees Increase Presentation (Teri Balsler and UCalgary’s Provost’s Team, deans from SSE (Bruce Evelyn, Bill Rosehart)) 18h02

Teri Balsler:

- Context: AB2030 require balance of public and private contribution to higher education
- But we have had five years of tuition freeze that is now followed by three years of 7% average increase: How do we soften the impact that has on students?
- Regulations:
 - Average domestic tuition can’t increase by more than 7% and cannot increase by more than 10% for any program.
 - International students don’t have a cap on their tuition.

- Mandatory non-instructional fees can increase to cost-recovery at a pace PSIs choose.
- Students must provide input into tuition increases.
- 2021-22 consolidated budget: Student tuition/fees and the Campus Alberta (CA) grant are the main sources of *flexible* operating revenue (in terms of what the funding can be used for). They account for 21.5% and 29.5% of the revenue, respectively.
 - Over time, the CA grant has been decreasing, and is expected to continue decreasing) and so tuition has been increasing.
 - The university's increased reliance on tuition affects current and future students and leads to an increased reliance on enrolment.
 - In the long term, we need alternative revenue generators: Increased government support?
 - In the immediate: How can we offset the impact of the increases? How should the proposals change?

Bruce Evelyn:

- Comparing U of C to comparable universities, our tuition is currently:
 - Domestic:
 - We are near the median with Law and Math, Computer and Information Sciences.
 - We are lower with Engineering.
 - International:
 - We are near the median with Education, Physical and Life Sciences, Social and Behavioural Sciences and Legal Studies, and Nursing.
 - We are lower with Engineering and Math, Computer and Information Sciences.

Amy Dambrowitz:

- proposed increases: Note that the table titles in the presentation said "May 2020" rather than May 2022 (see highlighted)

Graduate (admitted after May 2022*)

Program	Domestic	International
Thesis-based	2%	2%
Most Course-based, Graduate Certificates	7%	10%
M. Eng., Course-based (3-unit course)	7%	56%
Doctor of Business Admin., Doctor of Design	2%	2%
SAPL Program Fee, Master of Music, EMBA	7%	7%
*excludes ETI Program Proposals and proposed Int. M. Eng. increase for students admitted after May 2022		

Students admitted before May 2022

Program	Domestic	International
Undergraduate	7%	7%
Graduate, Thesis-based	2%	2%
Graduate, Course-based	7%	7%
Graduate, SAPL Program Fee	7%	7%

Bill Rosehart:

- We want to use these increases as an opportunity to "evolve" the M. Eng. program (offering more support and more opportunities like TAing, helping in Maker Spaces, etc.)

All Master of Engineering programs (International students)

	2021-22	2022-23	\$ Increase	% Increase

M. Eng.	2145.96	3350.58	1204.62	56
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- Student Service Fee:

Level	Term	FT/PT	Fee (\$)	\$ Increase	% Increase
UG	SP/Summer	FT	94.46	8.59	10
		PT	47.23	4.30	10
	Fall/Winter	FT	283.36	25.76	10
		PT	94.46	8.59	10
GR	Annual	FT	566.73	51.52	10
		PT	188.91	17.17	10

- Active Living and Athletics Fee per term:

Level	Name	Proposed Fee (\$)	\$ Increase	% Increase
UG	Active Living	42.91	2.81	7
	Athletics	59.25	3.88	7
GR	Active Living	42.91	2.81	7
	Athletics	29.63	1.94	7

- Tuition reinvestment bursary:

- open for applications
- 2022-23 estimate: undergrad - \$2.45M, grad - \$0.5M
- Each student can receive a maximum of \$1500/year

- next steps:

- GSA Council (Oct. 26)
- SU SLC (Nov. 2)
- TFCC (Nov. 3)
- FPC (Nov. 22 - document deadline Nov. 9)
- Board of Governors (Dec. 10 - document deadline Nov. 30)

- email provost@ucalgary.ca for questions

2021 Tuition and Fees Increase Question period (Speaker) 18h22

- What is the reasoning behind increasing Graduate Thesis-based programs by 2% but Graduate Course-based programs increase by 7%?
 - Robin Yates: Thesis-based had already received a substantial increase a few years ago (and also, there was already a change in how tuition changed throughout the degree. Also, in a thesis-based degree, students not only learn but also contribute (to research, TAing, etc.)
- Does the Engineering Department think that their average international student cohort will be able to pay for this immense tuition increase?
 - Bill Rosehart: Based on the demand of the program, trends seen in other schools, and being able to reinvest additional revenue in improving the program, then yes.
- The tuition fees for M. Eng. would be \$34k approx. How does it compare to other universities? Especially University of Alberta?
 - Bill Rosehart: If the increase is approved, the total would be \$6k less than the University of Alberta's.
- Do these increases translate into tangible improvements in the student experience and preparedness for after graduation?
 - Robin Yates: CA grant is being cut, and so increased revenue is needed to even just maintain our current programs. We are always trying to improve

- programs (e.g., expanded working abroad, transformative talent internship, more curricular and extracurricular activities, etc.)
- b. Teri Balser: Yes. What do you think would add to your experience and help prepare you?
 5. When comparing the U of C to the Top 10 universities in Canada in terms of tuition, do you also compare funding available for grad students?
 - a. Robin Yates: Currently, there is a proposal moving through consultation to increase the minimum guaranteed stipends for PhD and thesis-based Master's student.
 - b. It's difficult to compare because not all universities have a guaranteed minimum funding (U of C was one of first). The average stipend that a grad student takes home is higher than that minimum.
 6. Are the fees associated with Active Living and Athletics used for supporting Varsity Sports (i.e. coaches + support staff)?
 - a. Teri Balser: No
 - b. Bruce Evelyn: Half of the funding comes from fundraising, half from funding.
 7. A graduate degree is no longer a guarantee of success in job searches like it once was. How is the University using this to make sure the investment students are making will pay off in the long-term?
 - a. Teri Balser: Work-integrated learning, support, etc.
 - b. Robin Yates: Looking at data, individuals with graduate degrees do get larger salaries over their careers. We are also emphasizing work-integrated learning and the transformative-talent internship program. Students in internships have 30% chance of getting employment with the company. Student and Enrolment Services and Career Services provide support to grad students in finding employment.
 8. Similar to Calgary as a city, one of the biggest factors that attract a lot of international students is the affordability of U of C compared to other Universities in the Top 10 rankings. Will the exceptional tuition increase result in losing this?
 - a. Teri Balser: The increased cost actually makes us look more attractive to some people, but causes financial strain to others (this strain is one of the reasons for the student bursaries).
 9. It was discussed that our tuitions are near the median, but how do our salaries compare nationally? Is there somewhere we can access and compare the growth of U of C salaries to the (lack of) increases in stipends/TA wages?
 - a. Robin Yates: Students may receive scholarships but can also be paid though salary and stipends. We are currently trying to increase stipends. On average, the U of C compares relatively favourably to similar universities.
 10. For SAPL students, I'm understanding that all students (regardless of when they were admitted) would experience a 7% increase in program fees, would they also be subject to other increases?
 - a. Amy Dambrowitz: The fee is small (~\$170). Yes, tuition will still increase.
 11. Thinking about the student fees, are they based on the Covid-years? If yes, that is not a very good basis because 1) facilities were closed or online (hence, possibly cheaper?) and 2) because students are really in more need of services and not less. Is it fair to charge them for that? Additionally, the UPass was increased quite a bit, this year, too. Considering that Covid is far from over, it might be more productive to not put further financial pressure on students.
 - a. Teri Balser: The student supports are critical during the Covid years.
 - b. Bruce Evelyn: We don't have the report for Student Services since 2019-20, so we don't know cost throughout Covid, but it has likely not dropped at all.

12. The tuition increase for M. Eng. international students is an additional \$12,046.2 to what they are already paying (\$21K+). Funds/Scholarships available for international students are already limited. Don't you think this 56% is too much and will rather chase future students to other universities in Canada (not necessarily the U15 Universities)?
 - a. Bill Rosehart: Only future students would see the large increase (current get only 10% incr). The additional funding will be used to improve the programming, making it more attractive.
13. In the box and whisker diagram, the Engineering program was pointed out as one for which U of C charges less than other universities on average. Do we have any departments that are being charged more than the average?
14. How much of an increase in minimum guaranteed stipends would we see under this proposal Dr. Yates mentioned? Is it proportional to the tuition increases?
15. Regarding the Master's/PhD specialists, are there specific specialists for each faculty or is this in general? Also, how can we get our students in contact with them?
 - a. Career Services Career Development Team contacts:
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/careers/contact-us#collapse1464640059>
 - b. <https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/careers/students/advising>
16. I was just wondering why we aren't seeing the increases for residence and parking in this presentation. I think it's important that students see all increases.
17. What is your plan for doing spot checks down the road to make sure that the university is still attracting diverse groups of students rather than only those with a good financial background?
18. For M. Eng. lot of departments don't offer a Co-op option. Offering a Co-op is beneficial for students from employability perspective as well provides an income source during internship. Offering this can be beneficial to attract more students to M. Eng. even after the tuition increase.

GSA Tuition and Fees Increase follow-up (President, VP External) 18h47

- GSA's approach to the discussions:
 - GSA will be giving a counter-proposal next week
 - What were increases to ancillary services? They weren't shared today, but we'll flag that with them.
- We need to ensure that the U of C is affordable and accessible.
- What we're doing for advocacy:
 - How much revenue will tuition increase bring to university?
 - What percent of budget cut from government will the tuition increase cover?
- Proposing:
 - 1) International thesis-based students pay domestic tuition fees
 - 2) The GSA supports an increase of tuition to CPI
 - 3) If the U of C raises tuition beyond CPI, the GSA would:
 - want firm commitment to increase minimum funding for grad students
 - want commitment to continue tuition reinvestment bursary
 - want non-monetary incentives for grad students to offset the impact of increases
 - partner with administration on a joint tuition town hall with an opportunity for student questions

- Re services and fees: We're asking what services and supports will the increase to mandatory non-instructional fee cover? Are the grad students included in all the services?
 - We're asking that it only increase by CPI
- Athletics and Campus Recreational Fees: The \$25 credit had been taken away, but we fought and got it given back. We urge people to use it, so that it's not taken away again.
 - Questions we'll ask:
 - How can the university support a work-school-life balance so students can experience the benefit of the Athletics fee?
 - What fundraising do the Dinos do each year to support the teams?
 - What percentage of the Dinos budget comes from this fee?
 - Graduate students can utilize the Athletics credit. How can we ensure the \$25 Athletics credit is sustainable maintained?
 - Our ask:
 - Maintain the Active Living \$25 credit for gear rentals and programs.
- Parking Fee: A 3% increase was proposed to student parking passes.
 - Question we'll ask:
 - When will the proposed parking fee increase take effect?
 - Our asks:
 - No increase the student parking passes.
 - Provide visitor passes to Varsity Courts residents.
- Residence Services: An up to 5% cost increase has been proposed, with low demand housing (31% of inventory) increasing 0-2\$, medium demand (58% of inventory) increasing 3-4%, and high demand (11% of inventory) increasing 5%.
 - Compared to the market:
 - U of C 1-bedroom apartments are priced in the lower end, but the market offers a lot of incentives for students
 - U of C 2-bedroom apartments are priced in the higher end, and the market offers a lot of incentives for students
 - U of C townhomes are priced in the lower end, but the market offers newer/upgraded units.
 - Question we'll ask:
 - What is Residence Services providing to justify the increase in rent when the overall student experience has decreased during COVID-19?
 - Our asks:
 - Matching the market to provide move-in and retention bonuses to students
 - Installing a communal bike storage to tackle the issue of bike thefts in Varsity Courts
 - Provide parking pass reductions to graduate students living in residence
- Meal plan: There is a 3% increase proposed. However, but the meal plan is optional and not many graduate students use it.

Question period (Speaker) 19h09

1. I am just wondering as the rep for the SCPA (School for Creative and Performing Arts) why only the Music is increasing? As far as I am aware, they are a thesis program just like the Drama department. Why is their thesis-based program increasing 5% higher than other thesis programs?
 - a. We have not asked specifically. The cost of running programs in certain spaces has increased, maybe?

2. What might non-monetary incentives look like?
 - a. There could be increases in bursaries, increased services/support, etc.
 - b. Tuition Reinvestment Bursary information:
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/tuition-reinvestment-bursaries>
3. My idea of fairness is that universities either charge the same rates for domestic and international students OR that somebody who has completed their degree in Canada also gets higher guarantee of being allowed to stay/to get permanent residency. (Right now, there is the post-graduation work permit, which is not bad but is limited in time.)
 - a. Kirsten: We are working with student advocacy groups, and this point is an action item they are bringing to the government.
4. The International thesis-based students at U of C to pay domestic fees: Is this proposal just for PhD students? What about masters-based thesis students?
 - a. Changes are always first done to PhD students, and then expanded to the Master's group, which is what we're trying to do here.
 - b. Alex Paquette: Typically, there are fewer PhD than Master's students, so it can be easier to get the U of C to make changes. Also, the university argues that PhD students "contribute more" because they stay longer. Comment: Many universities don't have minimum funding policies for Master's students, only for PhDs.
5. What about EdD students? Can there be more parity, in general, in fees for PhDs and EdDs?
 - a. Alex Paquette: EdD is considered a more specialized program. Often the students also have jobs.
 - b. Questions: Can it be considered not specialized?
6. Active Living Credit? see information: <https://active-living.ucalgary.ca/programs>
7. Is the GSA formally endorsing/participating in the student day of action regarding tuition?
 - a. We can discuss that now. We are the collective voice of the grad students, and so we want to hear what you think.

DGA period 19h24

- Strategic Studies Student Consortium: Our 21st annual conference is mid-March 2022, and the call for abstracts will come out soon. Follow @S3C_strategy on Twitter to get more info!
- The new performance, Bus Stop, opens November 26. The announcement should be up next week. Check out <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/news/scpa-online-bulletin-board>

Announcements 19h27

- DGA Additional Funding Offer: To help with increasing engagement and the difficulties of hosting in-person events, there is more funding available to DGAs. The amount available is based on number of members in the department.

Members	Amount
1-25	\$250
26-100	\$350
101-200	\$450
201-500	\$550
500+	\$650

- The Labour Relations team still needs representatives from Science and from Engineering.
- Health and Dental Committee: Requires GRC representative

- 2-3 hr commitment per month
- if interested, email askgsa@ucalgary.ca
- The GSA Emergency Bursary and GSA support Bursary are accepting applications:
 - <https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/financial-support/bursaries/>
 - <https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/financial-support/>
 - <https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/financial>

GSA Financial support deadlines - Fall 2021

Funding	Deadline
Graduate Citizenship Award	Sept. 24
Quality Money	Oct. 15
GSA Bursary	Oct. 26 (intake opens Oct. 12)
Professional Development Grant	Nov. 15 (intake opens Nov. 1)
Emergency & Support Bursary	Open year-round

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- GSA events:
 - DIY Beeswax Wrap Workshop: Nov. 4, 2021
 - Will and Estate Planning 101: Nov. 10, 2021
 - Settling in Calgary: Nov. 17, 2021
 - Baking 101: Nov. 18
 - Academic Horror Stories: Oct. 28, 2021
- see <https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/events/> for November events

GRC prize draw 19h32

Three winners announced

Other business

- Question re: Feasby Lounge:
 - Answer: The Feasby Lounge is not under the GSA, so we don't know when it will open.

Adjournment 19h34

MOTION to adjourn October 2021 GRC meeting at 19h34: Justin Perras

Seconded Julia Daun

CARRIED (93% in favour)