

## Message from the President

- Hello GSA Members and welcome to the 2023/2024 academic year at the University of Calgary.
- As you might have some questions regarding the September 2023 Annual General Meeting and GRC, I would like to address two specific points:
  - **Bylaws:**
    - This fall, the GSA Bylaws are up for review. Normally, this review is done over the summer and a new set of Bylaws is passed at AGM in September. Indeed, some of you may recall that we put together a Bylaw Revision Working Group to perform these revisions.
    - However, due to changes to Alberta post-secondary legislation, this year required that we conduct major revisions of certain sections of the Bylaws. As such, we will require more time to consult with our lawyers to ensure we are properly following all applicable legislation.
    - For this reason, at the AGM this month, we will instead be voting to renew the current GSA Bylaws until the revisions process is complete, or a full calendar year, whichever length of time is shorter.
  - **Tuition and Fees Consultation:**
    - The Alberta Post-Secondary Learning Act requires that the University consult with our Graduate Representative Council (GRC) on its proposal to raise tuition and fees. Because of the timing of this year's proposal, this requires that we have an additional regular GRC meeting in September to facilitate this consultation.
    - We have decided to hold this GRC meeting directly after AGM. All graduate students are welcome to attend any GRC meeting as non voting member, and so this will ensure that graduate students not in GRC will also have the opportunity to provide the University with feedback on their proposal to raise tuition and fees.
- Finally, I would like to remind everyone that the GSA is a member driven association, and that AGM is the perfect chance to get out and engage with your fellow graduate students and have your say on the future direction our association will take. I hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,



James Steele  
President  
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