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September 1 to October 18, 2018

Strategic Plan Pillars

As President, part of my job is to ensure the organization is moving forward in accordance with the strategic plan. The GSA's 3-year strategic plan (2016-2019), *Peer Beyond*, can be found [here](#).

Resilience

Improve Governance Processes and Procedures – 2018-2019 Goal

- Develop and implement policy review timeline and processes
- Develop and implement DGA Bylaw approval processes

Update: Policy review timeline of 3 years has been introduced, new policies are presented to the Governance Committee, who recommends approval to the Board of Directors. The Governance Committee is currently reviewing DGA Bylaws with the aim of supporting DGAs in bringing their bylaws in line with policy if necessary.

Student Engagement

Improve the Quality Money Program – 2018-2019 Goal

- Increase student applications
- Increase quality of applications
- Increase impact of applications
- Improve tracking of funded projects

Update: Standalone pillars for the quality money program have been implemented and tracking procedures are now quite robust.

Renew Emergency Bursaries

- Increase amount of money available
- Reduce time required to adjudicate

Update: We were successful in increasing the pool of money for EBs, and opening it to students on an approved leave of absence. Applications are now open on our website.

Crowsnest Hall Graduate Student Lounge – That Grad Space

- Opening officially set for November 5th, 2018, keep an eye out for special events launching the new space!

Organizational Learning

Establish Labour Relations Committee – 2018-2019 Goal

- Increase autonomy of committee from the Board
- Increase student representation

Update: Chair elected by acclamation, other positions now being filled by appointment.

NEW: Renew Strategic Plan – 2018-2019 Goal

- Create a strategic plan to guide the organization to sustainable growth from 2019 through to 2022.

Update: Drivers model framework selected, timeline being developed.

Calgary Student Alliance

- We have joined forces with students' associations across Calgary to advocate on municipal issues as well as collaborate on other events when they arise. The chair is Garrett Koehler from SAITSA and I am serving as Vice-Chair.

Other Accomplishments

Collective Agreement Negotiations

- Collective agreement ratified by all parties, posted online at <https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/services/collective-agreement-information/>

FYI & Highlights

Labour Relations Committee

- Now seeking applications for representatives! You must have had a GAR, GANT, or GAT contract in the last 12 months. Email lrc.gsa@ucalgary.ca for more information.

Search Committees

- Currently representing graduate students on four search committees:
 - Presidential Search Committee
 - Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Werklund School of Education
 - Senior Director of the Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning
 - Dean, Werklund School of Education

Total Hours

Meetings: 176 hours

Other: 64 hours

Total: 240

Average per week: 34

Meetings Attended

Meeting name	Day of the Week	Date
GPD Orientation	Tuesday	September 4
P&D Committee	Tuesday	September 4
E&C Engg Orientation	Tuesday	September 4
Review orientation speaking notes	Wednesday	September 5
Furniture Review	Wednesday	September 5
Werklund Orientation	Wednesday	September 5
Grad Orientation	Wednesday	September 5
Residence Master Plan	Thursday	September 6
Review online student centre plan	Friday	September 7
GSA Open House	Friday	September 7
Biosci Orientation	Friday	September 7
Jason	Friday	September 7
SU Pres 1 on 1	Friday	September 7
Arch Awards	Saturday	September 8
Board Meeting	Monday	September 10
APPC	Monday	September 10
Emergency Bursary Joint committee	Monday	September 10
Presidential Transition Steering Committee	Tuesday	September 11
1 on 1 with Mina	Tuesday	September 11
SLT Meeting 1	Wednesday	September 12
Lunch with Facilities Team	Wednesday	September 12
PSC Meeting	Wednesday	September 12
Meeting with VPA and Ombuds	Thursday	September 13
1 on 1 with Provost	Friday	September 14
BOG Orientation and Dinner	Friday	September 14
Board Retreat	Saturday	September 15
Presidential Search Committee Meeting	Monday	September 17
Presidential Search Committee Meeting	Tuesday	September 18
Graduate College Steering Committee	Wednesday	September 19
GSA Governance Committee	Wednesday	September 19
1 on 1 with Elena	Wednesday	September 19
Beakerhead Speaker event	Wednesday	September 19
Presidential Search Committee Meeting	Thursday	September 20
1 on 1 with FGS Dean	Thursday	September 20

Ab-GPAC Board Meeting	Thursday	September 20
FGS Exec Committee	Thursday	September 20
Teaching & Learning Committee	Thursday	September 20
Workplace Accomodations Discussion	Friday	September 21
Vet Med Announcement	Friday	September 21
BOD Meeting	Monday	September 24
Slide Review	Monday	September 24
Budget Committee	Tuesday	September 25
1 on 1 with Mohammad	Tuesday	September 25
Annual General Meeting	Tuesday	September 25
community report run through	Wednesday	September 26
Community Report MC	Wednesday	September 26
ab-GPAC governance committee	Thursday	September 27
Lunch with SU re political planning	Friday	September 28
Calgary Student Alliance Meeting	Friday	September 28
Finance & Property Committee	Monday	October 1
Impromptu meeting with Dru	Monday	October 1
BOD Meeting	Monday	October 1
Academic Priorities and Planning Committee	Monday	October 1
Environment, Health, Safety, and Sustainability Committee	Tuesday	October 2
TI Senior Director Search	Wednesday	October 3
Presidential Transition Steering Committee	Wednesday	October 3
Graduate College Renewal Meeting	Wednesday	October 3
1 on 1 Lisa Young	Wednesday	October 3
Dinner with Dru Marshall	Wednesday	October 3
GFC SAAC Hearing	Thursday	October 4
FGS Council	Thursday	October 4
speaker series partnership with college	Friday	October 5
BOD Meeting	Tuesday	October 9
Coffee with new academic relations contact, Suzanne	Wednesday	October 10
BOG Lunch and Learn, Cybersecurity	Wednesday	October 10
Meeting with facilities re new space	Wednesday	October 10
Community Task Force	Wednesday	October 10
1 on 1 Dru Marshall	Thursday	October 11
General Faculties Council	Thursday	October 11

Presidential Search Committee Meeting	Saturday	October 13
Presidential Search Committee Meeting	Thursday	October 15
Tuition and Fees Consultation Committee	Monday	October 15
Academic Priorities and Planning Committee	Monday	October 15
Crownest furniture review	Monday	October 15
WSE Decanal Search	Tuesday	October 16
Graduate College Steering Committee	Wednesday	October 17
Aga Khan Honorary Degree Ceremony	Wednesday	October 17
Graduate College Executive Meeting	Wednesday	October 17
1 on 1 Lisa Young	Thursday	October 18
TI Senior Director Search	Thursday	October 18

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Strategic Plan Pillars

As Vice President Academic, I'm committed to ensuring that the GSA's Strategic Plan is the guiding document when developing program, undertaking projects, or participating in initiatives as a representative of the Graduate Student population. The GSA's 3-year strategic plan (2016-2019), *Peer Beyond*, can be found [here](#).

Resilience

Improve access to support during Academic Crises – 2018-2019 Goal

- A key mandate of mine has been to improve understanding of support available to students in academic crises. To date, I have met with more than a dozen students and student groups who are facing some kind of academic or general graduate student issue.
- The development of promotional/information materials is underway.

Awards Program Committee

- The Awards Committee is run by a Chair, Vice-Chair, and more than 30 students on campus.
- All ToRs (excluding IDEA, which will be uploaded shortly) have been overhauled to provide students with clear, concise direction. The hope is that these ToRs will require minimal adjustments in years to come, creating an Awards, Bursary, and Grant culture on which students can rely on throughout the course of their degree.

Graduate Student Teaching Evaluations

- Along with the Vice-Provost Teaching and Learning, Leslie Reid, we are consulting departments across campus about their standard operating procedures with regards to collecting, collating, and disseminating teaching assistant evaluations to graduate students.

Student Engagement

Peer Beyond Graduate Research Symposium

- Planning is currently underway for the 3rd annual Peer Beyond Graduate Research Symposium. This event will be held in February 2019 and will be an opportunity for Graduate Students across campus to showcase their research in a supportive, inclusive environment.

- If you wish to help with the planning of this committee, please contact me at vpa.gsa@ucalgary.ca

GSA Volunteering

- Those keen to volunteer on GSA committees: Keep an eye on News and Views and advertisement of opportunities through the Volunteer Recruitment Program. If you wish to be enrolled in the Volunteer Recruitment Program, check out the [Volunteer Recruitment Program page](#) of the GSA website.

Organizational Learning

None at this time

Other Accomplishments

- Advocated on behalf of all graduate students to the Research and Scholarship committee about funding decreases for students who win major awards. This precipitated a draft funding proposal that is currently making its way through the Graduate Facilities Council.

FYI & Highlights

- Copyright on campus continues to be a major issue affecting all students, staff, and faculty. The Students' Union VPA, the University of Calgary' Copyright Officer, and the Vice-Provost Libraries and Cultural Resources, and I are collaborating on ways to inform and engage the Graduate community. Copyright, especially with new Canadian Copyright Laws, will continue to affect all students, Teaching Assistants particularly. We are deciding how best to educate and inform to mitigate the risks to our Graduate Community.
- Ensured that proposed and new Graduate Degree programs were cognizant of FGS guidelines around proposals, candidacies, and field of study exams. Any proposal which did not take into account these guidelines were made aware of the issue, prompting revision and eventual approval.

Total Hours

Meetings: 53 hours

Other: 50 hours

Total: 103 hours

Average per Week: 15 hours

Meetings Attended

Meeting name	Day of the Week	Date
Foothills Orientation for Grad Students	Tuesday	4 September
McCaig-Killam Adjudication Committee	Wednesday	5 September
GFC Exec	Wednesday	5 September
Intrasee Discussion for Student Center Revamp	Friday	7 September
Board Meeting	Thursday	10 September
Faculty of Law Orientation for Grad Students	Monday	11 September
GFC Student Academic Appeals Committee	Wednesday	12 September
Awards Oversight Committee	Wednesday	12 September
Meeting with the Ombudsperson and Brit	Thursday	13 September
Continuation of GFC SAAC	Friday	14 September
Board Meeting	Monday	17 September
Appeals Committee	Wednesday	19 September
One-on-one with Brit	Wednesday	19 September
GAPS	Wednesday	19 September
Board Meeting	Monday	24 September
Slide Review	Monday	24 September
GFC Executive Committee	Tuesday	25 September
Meeting with Student	Wednesday	26 September
Board Meeting	Monday	1 October
Copyright Committee Meeting	Wednesday	3 October
Dinner with Dru Marshall	Wednesday	3 October
McCaig-Killam Subcommittee	Tuesday	4 October
FGS Council	Thursday	5 October
Meeting with Student	Thursday	5 October
Meeting with Basem	Friday	6 October
Meeting with Student	Friday	6 October
Board Meeting	Tuesday	9 October
GFC	Thursday	11 October
Meeting with Student	Friday	12 October
Meeting with Brit and Jason	Tuesday	13 October
Meeting with Jaya Dixit	Tuesday	13 October

Meeting with Rachelle – Peer Beyond	Wednesday	17 October
Meeting with Runze – Peer Beyond	Thursday	18 October
Meeting with Students and FGS	Thursday	18 October
One-on-one with Jason	Thursday	18 October
Student Academic Misconduct Appeals Committee meeting	Friday	19 October

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Strategic Plan Pillars

As the Vice President External, part of my job is to ensure the organization is moving forward in accordance with the strategic plan. The GSA's 3-year strategic plan (2016-2019), *Peer Beyond*, can be found [here](#).

Resilience

Create awareness of UCalgary GSA – 2018-2019 Goal

- Increase GSA's exposure to federal, provincial and municipal government
- Increase GSA's exposure to other Associations.

Update: Our GSA is a member of Alberta Graduate Advocacy Council and Calgary Student Alliance and we are moving forward with Federal advocacy as observer members of Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and ThinkGRAD.

Continue improving our relationship with UCalgary Senate

- Increase our participation on Senate events
- Increase GSA's awareness to our community through the Senate

Student Engagement

GSA's Talk Series

- Relaunch of the Talk Series

Update: Through a partnership with the U.S consulate, the we will relaunch our Talk Series with Let's Talk U.S. Midterm Elections event with Marc Hetherington from University of North Carolina, and Nicolee Ambrose, Republican National Committeewoman for Maryland about the issues affecting the U.S. Electorate.

Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Campaign

- Increase awareness of upcoming provincial elections

Update: We are supporting the UCalgary Students' Union on launching a GOTV campaign.

Organizational Learning

Strength advocacy– 2018-2019 Goal

- Increase awareness of graduate student issues by:
 - Increasing advocacy efforts; and
 - Increasing our own understand of issues.

Alberta Graduate Advocacy Council (ab-GPAC) 2018-2019 policy statements

- Tuition and fees: Regulating tuition and fees of graduate programs at Post-Secondary Education Institutions.
- Post-graduation employment: Increase graduate student employability through professional development, entrepreneurship education, and accommodating immigration policy to attract and retain highly-skilled graduates.
- Campus indigenization: on-going.

Update: The chair of 2018-2019 year is Sasha van der Klein (President from UAlberta GSA) and I am serving as vice-chair. We have meetings scheduled for the next weeks with Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) from Alberta and with our Minister of Advanced Education, Marlin Schmidt.

Calgary Student Alliance

- Students' Associations from Calgary formed this group in order to advocate on municipal issues. The chair is Garrett Koehler from SAITSA and Brit Paris is the Vice-Chair.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)

CASA is a national voice for Canada's post-secondary students and advocates on behalf of post-secondary students to the federal government.

Update: Our GSA have been attending CASA as observer member, we are also observing the graduate committee meetings, in which we have been updating policies and research papers. In November we will attend Advocacy Week in Ottawa, in which we advocate to the federal government.

ThinkGRAD

ThinkGRAD is a national group of graduate students' associations. The focus of the group is to share best practices among Graduate Students' Association.

Update: Our GSA attended the last meeting as an observer, in August.

Other Accomplishments

Ongoing Committees

- Tuition and Fees Consultation Committee

- Senate Engagement Committee
 - Mentorship working group
 - Lecture of a lifetime working group
- President's transition implementation working group
- Senate Strategic Plan Working Group
 - Create a new Strategic Plan for UCalgary Senate
- Graduate College Steering Committee

FYI & Highlights

If you or anyone you know has interest on Government Advocacy, please contact me. Some of the ongoing research we have been doing are: Aboriginal Students, International Students and Post-Graduation Employment.

Total Hours

Meetings: 45 hours

Events: 35 hours

Other: 40 hours

Total: 110 hours

Average per week: 22 hours (Vacation from Oct 9th to 16th).

Meetings Attended

Meeting name	Day of the Week	Date
Consulting FGS Website	Friday	September 7
Ab-GPAC - Meeting w/ Alberta Party	Monday	September 10
Senate – Meeting w/ Mavis Clark (Mentorship)	Tuesday	September 11
Senior Leadership Team	Wednesday	September 12
One-On-Ones with Brit Paris	Wednesday	September 12
Meeting with Facilities Exec team	Wednesday	September 12
One-On-Ones with Brit Paris	Friday	September 14
GSA Board Meeting	Monday	September 17
One-On-Ones with Jason	Monday	September 17
Tuition and Fees consultation committee	Monday	September 17
Senate Meeting	Thursday	September 20
Mentorship meeting with Alumni Association and My GradSkills	Friday	September 21
GSA Board Meeting	Monday	September 24
AGM Slide Review Meeting	Monday	September 24
One-one-ones with Anayat (SU VP Ext)	Tuesday	September 25

Senate Engagement Committee Meeting	Tuesday	September 25
GSA Annual General Meeting	Tuesday	September 25
One-On-Ones with Sasha (Chair of ab-GPAC)	Thursday	September 27
Meeting with SU external relations	Friday	September 28
Ancillary rates meetings (Prep for TFCC)	Friday	September 28
Calgary Student Alliance Board Meetings	Friday	September 28
GSA Board Meeting	Monday	October 1
One-On-Ones with the Chancellor	Monday	October 1
College Steering Committee	Wednesday	October 3
One-on-one with Ben Forrest (Quality money application)	Wednesday	October 3
Senate Mentorship Working Group	Wednesday	October 3
Faculty of Graduate Studies Council	Wednesday	October 3
One-On-Ones with Dr. Markus Dann (Civil Engineering GDP)	Wednesday	October 3
One-On-Ones with Mina	Friday	October 5
College executives and Lauren Bell (Senator)	Friday	October 5
College representatives	Wednesday	October 17
ab-GPAC Board meeting	Thursday	October 18

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2018-2019 Goals

Strategic Plan Pillars

As Vice President Student Life, I am committed to ensure that all aspects of my portfolio are in alignment with the GSA's strategic plan. The GSA's 3-year strategic plan (2016-2019), *Peer Beyond*, can be found [here](#).

Resilience

Provide better DGA support

- I have worked with several new DGA executives to strengthen their understanding of their roles as student leaders and to facilitate the transition process.
- I have worked on streamlining the logistics of events booking and event grants and support (in collaboration with the governance coordinator). Therefore, for a DGA/GSG to organize an event, all they need to do is fill out one form on our website that includes everything they need including venue booking.

Secure agreements for the continuing benefit of our students

- I have negotiated and signed our agreement with the conference and events management to secure 120 room bookings for the whole GSA per month – including DGAs and GSGs. This number is to be managed by our staff so we can offer more room bookings for active DGAs and GSGs.
- I am working on finalizing our first agreement with com/media services to secure two free com/media bookings a month for each DGA/GSG. In previous years, we did not have any form of written agreement between the GSA and com/media.

Implement a new collaborative structure for student experience committees

- This year, based on recommendations from the previous board, I have a new structure of the student experience committees. The new structure contains one main committee: Student Experience and Events Committee and this committee includes four subcommittees: Community Engagement and Events, Gender and Sexuality Alliance, Mental Health and Wellness and Newcomers and International Students. This new structure ensures a collaborative approach in all student experience aspects.

Student Engagement

Provide on-ground communication

- This year, in collaboration with the Community Engagement and Events (CEE) Subcommittee, we established a new on-ground communication program called *Building Bridges*. GSA Quality Money funds this project. Simply, each month we have a booth in a specific places on campus providing information about a specific topic with the help of one executive member, volunteers from CEE and the Chair of CEE. Last month, we served 100 students giving them candy and chocolates, sharing information about the health and dental plans. We also had two representatives from our insurance broker *StudentCare* to answer questions.

Crowsnest Hall Graduate Student Lounge – That Grad Space

- I am currently working with the GSA President to prepare for the opening of our new lounge on campus, which is open for every graduate students in the university

Support our remote campuses

- I am communicating with student representatives from Foothills campus and Downtown campus to host social events there in addition to the regular events that have been happening in Foothills previously. The GSA President and Vice President External will be arranging events at the Edmonton campus as well.

Organizational Learning

None this time.

Other Accomplishments

- New events are happening this year including parties, off-campus trips, and new discounted tickets at insanely cheap prices.
- Streamlining the Active Living fees for students who have families. There is a reduced fee for family membership but it is not available online. I had a meeting with the Active Living management and I got the proper information and prices to be shared with students on our newsletter.

Highlights and Upcoming Business

None this time.

Total Hours

Meetings: 125

Other: 56

Total: 181

Average per week: 26

Notes:

Meetings Attended

Meeting name	Day of the Week	Date
Meeting with Tara Christie	Tuesday	September 4
Department of English Orientation	Tuesday	September 4
Geoscience Orientation	Tuesday	September 4
Language (LLAC) Orientation	Tuesday	September 4
Chemical and Petroleum Orientation	Wednesday	September 5
Graduate Orientation kick off	Wednesday	September 5
Math/Stat. Orientation	Wednesday	September 5
Graduate Orientation and ISS orientation and LDL party	Wednesday	September 5
Campus Expo	Thursday	September 6
Residence Master Plan	Thursday	September 6
SEEC chair and vice-chair meeting	Thursday	September 6
Philosophy Orientation	Friday	September 7
Civil engineering Orientation	Friday	September 7
Board Meeting	Monday	September 10
SEEC monthly meeting	Monday	September 10
1 on 1 with the GSA President	Tuesday	September 11
GSA and Facilities Executive Luncheon	Wednesday	September 12
Geomatics Orientation	Tuesday	September 18
GradFest	Tuesday	September 18
Monthly meeting with Jennifer Quinn	Wednesday	September 19
Meeting with Tatianna	Wednesday	September 19
Meeting with VP Internal of Master of Public Policy	Thursday	September 20
Bowling night	Thursday	September 20
Vet. Medicine announcement	Friday	September 21
Campus Mental Health Strategy advisory committee meeting	Friday	September 21
Grad O debrief meeting with FGS	Friday	September 21
Board Meeting	Monday	September 24
Debrief: Grad O	Tuesday	September 25
Monthly meeting with wellness centre	Tuesday	September 25
AGM	Tuesday	September 25
Substance Use Advisory committee	Wednesday	September 26
Community report	Wednesday	September 26
SEEC chairs meeting	Thursday	September 27

Faith and Spirituality Centre dinner	Thursday	September 27
Calgary regional network meeting	Friday	September 28
2019/20 ancillary rates meeting	Friday	September 28
Stampeders Game	Friday	September 28
Board Meeting	Monday	October 1
Events chat with Thao	Monday	October 1
SEEC monthly meeting	Monday	October 1
Coffee morning in LDL	Tuesday	October 2
Exec dinner at Dru's	Wednesday	October 3
Meeting with Lina for hiring events person	Wednesday	October 3
FGS council	Thursday	October 4
Board Meeting	Tuesday	October 9
Pre-interviews meeting with Jason and Chris	Tuesday	October 9
Interview candidate 1 for events coordinator position	Tuesday	October 9
Interview candidate 2 for events coordinator position	Tuesday	October 9
Interview candidate 3 for events coordinator position	Tuesday	October 9
Interview candidate 4 for events coordinator position	Wednesday	October 10
Community Task Force meeting (BSD and off-campus parties)	Wednesday	October 10
General Faculties Council	Thursday	October 11
Diversity Days Planning meeting	Monday	October 15
Tuition Fees Consulting Committee (TFCC) meeting	Monday	October 15
Meeting with the Chair of SEEC	Tuesday	October 16
Active Living and Athletics Committee meeting	Wednesday	October 17
The Aga Khan Honorary Degree	Wednesday	October 17
Meeting with Lorie Tran (new events coordinator)	Thursday	October 18
LDL food tasting	Thursday	October 18
Lunch with Shawn Tomlinson from the Friendship program	Thursday	October 18
Quarterly Brand Orientation	Thursday	October 18

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Strategic Plan Pillars

As Vice President Finance and Services, my activities and undertaken projects must be in alignment with the GSA's Strategic Plan. The GSA's 3-year strategic plan (2016-2019), *Peer Beyond*, can be found [here](#).

Resilience

Health and Dental plan

- As a VP Finance and Services, I usually receive daily emails from graduate students regarding the health and dental plan. I reply to all emails in less than 24 hours, usually two hours. We also had a couple of specific cases in the last months that I have communicated with Studentcare about, and they were solved.
- I also had a couple of meetings with Studentcare regarding our services and the survey sent out to our members.
- We had a booth regarding health and dental plan set up on campus in September to answer students' questions and concerns.

Improve Health and Dental Plan - 2018-2019 goal

- Define a timeline
- Study the current plan
- Involve students as much as possible
- Involve experts
- Define criteria
- RFP process and call for proposal
- Select the best option
- Perform transition

Update: The health and dental plan contract is over next year, and as VP Finance and Services, looking for a new deal in next year is a large part of my job.

- Health and Dental plan is a big project and it widely impacts graduate students; therefore, we first outlined a timeline for the whole project.
- A survey to find out the priority of students was prepared and sent out to students.
- Historical data since 2014 was studied including usage changes and plan changes. Moreover, to understand the theory behind plan changes, I also met Mike, VPFS 2014-15 and President 2015-16.
- I also reached out to the organizations that went to Request for Proposals (RFP) process recently to discuss their experience

- Insurance industry is a complicated industry; therefore, if one wants to make wise decisions, they should have an expert in the loop. We contacted different insurance consultant companies, and finally hired Mercer to help us in RFP process.
- We also established an Ad hoc Committee called the Health and Dental Advisory Committee to help us in this process.
- We also contacted different Brokers to let them know that we are going RFP process.
- We are preparing RFP now, once it is ready, I will send out to different insurance brokers.

Finance Standing Committee

- We recruited our members in two rounds; the first round was in the summer and the second round was in September.
- Terms of Reference (ToR) was provided and got approval of the Board and committee.
- All members were trained, and we had Finance 101 for all members.
- We have had three meetings so far. The income statements of GSA and LDL were reviewed.

Continue to Improve LDL performance-2018-2019 goal

- Increase the benefits
- Optimum Hours of operation
- Manage food costs for highest possible revenue
- Manage labour expenditures for highest possible revenue
- Improve sustainability

Update: In terms of sustainability activities, a study is in progress and the first recommendations will be discussed with LDL manager in November to assess the applicability of the recommendations. Hours of operation is monitored and updated to have optimum operation hours.

Student Engagement

Sustainability Committee

- The chair and vice chair were appointed in July.
- The committee members were appointed in August.
- ToR was reviewed and got the approval of the board and committee.
- An initiative to organize at least six sustainability events was submitted for quality money. Fortunately, the application was successful, and the first event will be the East Calgary Landfill Tour, which is being held October 22.
- We will continue our partnership with the Office of Sustainability. We believe the GSA should be a leader of sustainability activities in the University of Calgary, and we are working to achieve that.

Health and Dental Advisory Committee

- The committee will be an active component in the RFP process.
- The committee members were appointed.
- The agenda for the first meeting, which is being held on October 19 was provided.

- ToR was drafted and will be discussed in the first meeting.

Organizational Learning

None at this time

Other Accomplishments

- Contributed to reviewing and revising the annual report.
- Updating the Emergency Bursary Application to be clearer to students in collaboration with President.
- Part of the sustainability committee are collaborating with the LDL to develop recommendations.

FYI & Highlights

Health and Dental Plan Committee

- Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback regarding Health and Dental Plan.

Total Hours

Meeting:93.5

Others:60

Total: 153.5 hours

Average per week: 21.92 hours

Notes:

Meetings Attended

Meeting name	Day	Date
Health and Dental plan	Tuesday	September 4
One by one meeting	Tuesday	September 4
Geography orientation	Tuesday	September 4
Sociology Orientation	Tuesday	September 4
Psychology Orientation	Wednesday	September 5
History Department orientation	Wednesday	September 5
Orientation	Wednesday	September 5
Health and Dental plan	Wednesday	September 5
CFC Campus and Facilities development subcommittee	Thursday	September 6
Campus Expo	Thursday	September 6
Andrew Farewell party	Friday	September 7

Student Center project Consultation	Friday	September 7
Open house	Friday	September 7
Finance Standing Committee	Friday	September 7
Board meeting	Monday	September 10
Senior Leadership Team	Wednesday	September 12
One by one meeting	Thursday	September 13
34th Alumni Arch Award	Saturday	September 14
Board meeting	Monday	September 17
Health and Dental plan	Monday	September 17
Orientation (ISS)	Monday	September 17
CFC Campus and Facilities Development subcommittee	Tuesday	September 18
Health and Dental plan	Tuesday	September 18
Health and dental plan	Tuesday	September 18
One-on-ones meeting	Friday	September 21
Board meeting	Monday	September 24
Slide review for AGM	Monday	September 24
AGM	Tuesday	September 25
Building bridge	Wednesday	September 26
Meeting with Studentcare	Wednesday	September 26
Sustainability Committee	Wednesday	September 26
Tatianna's farewell	Wednesday	September 26
College Dinner	Thursday	September 27
Finance Standing Committee	Friday	September 28
Calgary Student Alliance Meeting	Friday	September 28
Board meeting	Monday	October 1
Health and dental plan	Wednesday	October 2
Meeting with Linda Dalgetty (VP Finance and services of University of Calgary)	Wednesday	October 2
H&D plan meeting	Thursday	October 4
Faculty of Graduate Studies Council	Thursday	October 4
Board meeting	Monday	October 9
General Faculty Council	Thursday	October 11
H&D dental advisory Committee meeting	Monday	October 15
AL & AC Meeting	Wednesday	October 17
H&D advisory Committee	Friday	October 19
Finance Standing Committee	Friday	October 19