



Hi, I'm Tanille and I am running to be your next Graduate Students' Association President! My priority is to create a lasting, positive impact on the graduate student body. I have a clear vision that sets out realistic goals to achieve this purpose. You will find the details on my platform below – to find out more about me, my priorities, and how to get in touch, visit me online at **[tanilleshandro.com](http://tanilleshandro.com)**!

### **Building Financial Sustainability**

- Keep Graduate Students' Association fees fixed.

With tuition and housing prices increasing, graduate students face significant financial burdens that can negatively impact their experience at the University of Calgary. In addition to numerous other expenses, full-time and part-time students pay \$176.84 and \$147.00, respectively, to the GSA. These contributions play an invaluable role in facilitating numerous resources, programs, and support services, but your financial burdens are high enough and you shouldn't have to pay more.

By taking a value-first approach to the management of the GSA's budget, I believe we can continue to offer the same impactful services and resources without increasing this fee. A value-first approach will mean responsibly allocating funds to support effective and meaningful initiatives. To achieve this, I will work closely with the Vice President, Finance & Services to manage GSA funds as well as the Vice President, Student Life to ensure services, programs, and resources are being provided that the student body wants and needs.

➤ Financial transparency

You have the right to know how your money is being spent. I will ensure there is complete transparency surrounding how GSA funds are allocated. The GSA leadership team is accountable to you, the students, and you should be able to see that your money is being used responsibly and having an impact.

➤ Diversify the GSA's revenue streams

Currently, majority of the Graduate Students' Association's operational funding comes from student fees. As a result, the services and resources the GSA is able to provide are directly dependant on those fees and enrolment levels. In order to secure the long-term sustainability and growth of the organization, I will work to diversify our sources of revenue. By reducing the reliance on student funding, we will reduce the burden on students while also ensuring a more stable and consistent funding model for years to come. I will collaborate with the newly elected Vice President, Finance & Services and Vice President, Student Life to continue work started by their predecessors. This includes modifying the GSA's financial investment strategy and exploring sponsorship opportunities that respect the autonomous governance of the GSA.

### **Advocacy**

➤ A collective voice at all levels of government

An important role the Graduate Students' Association plays is functioning as the collective voice that communicates the wants and needs of all Graduate students at the University of Calgary. To have your voice heard by our governments, I will work closely with the Vice President, External to ensure we are influential and active members in both the Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Council (ab-GPAC) and Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

➤ Strengthening Relationships

The second piece of my advocacy strategy is to invest in various strategic relationships with external individuals and organizations. This includes members of the University's Senior Leadership (e.g. President and Vice-Chancellor Ed McCauley, Provost and Vice-President Academic Dru Marshall, and Associate Vice President Government and Community Engagement John Alho); Dr. Robin Yates, Dean and Vice-Provost Graduate Studies; the undergraduate Students' Union; as well as contacts made with Innovate Calgary, Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking, and Creative Destruction Lab-Rockies. I have highlighted each of the aforementioned individuals and organizations as they are of importance to the success of all graduate students. I will cultivate and grow these relationships, along with bridge connections with others who will contribute to a positive impact on the student body.

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