

HUNTER YAWORSKI

FOR EXECUTIVE LABOUR OFFICER



ABOUT ME

My name is Hunter Yaworski, and I am a Master of Arts student in the Department of Geography. My research critically analyses federal and provincial environmental policy and how publics are consulted. My undergraduate degree (BSc) in Anthropology and Geography was also completed at the University of Calgary.

As AVP Labour and VP External, I fought tirelessly for the rights and wellbeing of all students that belong to our community. I advocated to multiple levels of government for indexed tri-council funding, against harmful immigration policy targeting international students, and fought against the harmful bill 18. I advocated for increases to minimum funding for thesis based students, and helped win a new collective agreement with pay increases and better protections for students. I will continue to fight for all graduate student workers as Labour Officer

EXPERIENCE

- **VP EXTERNAL, GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (2024-2025)**

Responsible for government relations, advocacy of the GSA. Participated tuition and fee's consultation, federal, provincial, and municipal advocacy. Served on CASA's Graduate advisory committee, and federal policy committee. Served on the Calgary Student Alliance.

- **AVP LABOUR/CHAIR, GRADUATE LABOUR UNION (2023-2024)**

Official Representative of the Graduate Labour Union, oversaw the functioning of the GLU Committee, helped students through the workplace grievance process, member of the bargaining committee for the GSA

- **PRESIDENT, GEOGRAPHY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (2023-2024)**

Represented geography graduate students to the geography department, lead organizing of transdisciplinary events such as as GEOGSA's (famous) annual writing retreat

- **VICE CHAIR INTERNAL, GRADUATE LABOUR UNION (2022-2023)**

Prepared Budgets, chaired meetings, acted as Chair in their absence.

- **SPOKESPERSON, YYC SOLIDARITY (2022-PRESENT)**

Conduct news interviews, official representative for YYC Solidarity

PLATFORM

ORGANIZE!

While we are not currently in collective bargaining, our GSA needs to prepare for the future to get the strongest deal possible.

We can achieve this by:

1. Workplace education on our campus to better understand our rights and responsibilities as workers, importance of a unionized workplace, and how to organize
2. Begin preparing for collective bargaining via a steering committee to better understand issues we face now, not later
3. Ensure we have adequate training for stewards and membership so they can best help their workplace, empower themselves, and be prepared for job action if needed

A WORKER LED ASSOCIATION

The Graduate Student Association is not just a student association. We are also your Union.

I will:

1. Work with our Vice President to ensure labour issues are brought forward in our municipal, provincial and federal advocacy work
2. Assist our Executive Academic Officer in navigating the ambiguous (and imaginary) boundaries separating labour and academics
3. Work alongside our officers at large to ensure events, workshops, and engagement with members adequately address the needs of student workers

CREATE A MORE ACCESSIBLE ELECTED COUNCIL

Student leadership is a sacrifice of time, effort, and in some cases, funding. Our association needs to ensure its elected council is accessible to all graduate students to help it grow.

We will:

1. Work to create more opportunities for students to get involved in their union
2. Review workloads of elected council positions and committees to ensure no student has to sacrifice their well being or research to fight for their fellow students
3. Seek to secure funding so students relying on TAs, RAs or other jobs can participate in their union without fear of losing a paycheck

REVIVE OUR STEWARDS COUNCIL AND JOINT LABOUR COUNCIL

Graduate student workers can help shape the association and how it fights for its workers.

We will:

1. Expand on the existing stewards program. A steward for every department to advocate for you and your colleagues to your Union and to your University.
2. Meet with and coordinate with our fellow campus unions: AUPE, TUCFA, PDAC, and the SU