

**Minutes
GSA Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 2010
4:45 pm, UMSU Council Chambers**

Meeting called to order at 4:53pm.

Andy Bonar apologised for not having a printed agenda.
Approve the agenda as orated.

1. Approval of Council Chair
Motion
BIRT Alan McGreevy be approved as Council Chair.
Vahedi/Ek
No opposition. Carried.

At this time the Chair was handed over to **Alan McGreevy**.

Chair **McGreevy** welcomed speakers from UMWEF to make a presentation for their Special Project Grant application for the 2010 International Student Prairie Conference on Environmental Issues.

2. Approval of the March 24, 2010 GSA Council Meeting Minutes
Motion
BIRT the minutes of the March 24, 2010 GSA Council Meeting be approved.
Kelley/Ostadrahimi
No Opposition. Carried.
4. Business Arising From the Minutes
None
5. Executive Reports
 - a) President **Bonar** reported. See attached report
 - b) Vice-President Internal **Kelley** reported. See attached report.
Gradzette: There is one more issue to be printed in May.
Finance Committee:
Motion
BIRT the GSA Council approve a Special Projects Grant for \$500.00 to UMWEF for their 2010 International Student Prairie Conference on Environmental Issues.
No opposition. Carried.

Mallory Richard made a presentation for the History GSA regarding their Special Projects Grant application for the Keewatin Country Conference.

Motion
BIRT the GSA approve a Special Projects Grant for \$500.00 to History GSA for their Keewatin Country Conference.
No opposition. Carried.

Department Grants:

Discussion on three of the Health Science Departments not receiving the full Department Grant, due to poor attendance.

Motion

BIRT the second Department Grant disbursement of 2009-2010 be approved as presented.

In favour – 19

Opposed – 9 (Labine and eight proxy votes from HSC)

Carried.

Bylaws Committee: The new bylaws have been reviewed by the lawyer and are ready for approval by Council. **Kelley** thanked everyone on the committee for the past two years for all of their hard work.

President **Bonar** thanked Trish for her hard work heading the Finance Committee this past year.

c) Vice-President External **Moustafa** reported on Campaigns Committee. See attached report.

d) Vice-President Academic – **Nawrot** reported. See attached report. GSA Awards and Teaching Award Nominations

Motion

BIRT the following be named as the Awards Committee:

Social Science: VPA: Peter Nawrot (Chair)

President: Meaghan Labine

HSC Rep: VPHSC: Pawan Sharma

Senator: Raja Chakraborty

FGS: Dr. Karen Jensen

Professional Studies: Engineering: Shahab Shokrzadeh

Professional Studies: Architecture: Kelly Wojnarski

Natural & Ag Sciences: Soil Science: Taryn Dickson

Professional Studies: Biosystems Engineering: Jake Xu

Motion

BIRT the previous motion be rescinded, due to not enough members.

Taillieu/Bonar

No opposition. Carried.

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President: Meaghan Labine

HSC Rep: VPHSC: Pawan Sharma

Senator: Raja Chakraborty

Dean of FGS or Designate: Dr. Karen Jensen

Professional Studies: Engineering: Shahab Shokrzadeh

Professional Studies: Architecture: Kelly Wojnarski

Professional Studies: Biosystems Engineering: Jake Xu

Natural & Ag Sciences: Soil Science: Taryn Dickson

Grad Student: Education: Aiman Syed

Nawrot/Brady

No opposition. Carried.

e) Vice-President Health Science **Labine** reported. See attached report.

f) Senators

Senator1 **Gonsalves** reported. See attached report.

Senator2 **Ostadrahimi** had nothing to add.

Senator3 **Vahedi** had no report.

g) Joint Committee on GSA/HSGSA Operations & Relationships
Executive at Large Aaron **Glenn** reported. See attached report.

Motion

BIRT the GSA Council accept the newly presented Health Sciences Bylaw.

President **Bonar** thanked **Glenn** for the work of the GSA/HSGSA Committee over the past year.

Motion

BIRT we table the motion until the next council meeting to give everyone time to look it over.

Labine/Gonsalves

Discussion about how the Committee's work over the past year would be in vain if the motion was rescinded.

In favour – 12

Opposed – 14

Motion to table Defeated.

Motion

**BIRT Bylaw IV. Health Sciences Caucus Bylaw be amended to:
Bylaw IV. Health Sciences Bylaw, as per the attached report.**

Moved by Glenn

Abstained: Labine and eight proxy votes from HSC.

Motion Carried.

IDR Committee

Neil Moore reported. See report attached.

Thank you to Neil for his work at Chair of the IDR Committee.

6. Other Business

Motion regarding fee increases to graduate students at U of M.

Whereas the University of Manitoba central administration and Faculty of Graduate Studies are proposing massive graduate continuing fee increases to the Council on Post-Secondary Education.

Whereas the proposal would see continuing fees more than triple over the next three years using the following model:

Current continuing fees: \$633/year

Proposed Sept 2010 fees: \$1000 (increased by \$367/year)

Proposed Sept 2011 fees: \$1500 (increased by \$867/year)

Proposed Sept 2012 fees: \$2000 (increased by \$1367/year)

Whereas the Faculty of Graduate Studies only made the GSA aware of such a proposal on April 22nd, 2010 and the University is reported to be submitting its

proposals for increased tuition to the Council on Post-Secondary Education by the end of April, meaning there is no possibility of a thorough consultation.

Whereas the Graduate Students' Association has consistently opposed massive tuition/continuing fee increases in the past, including the complete rejection of proposals to radically increase graduate student tuition in 2007 – a position which was supported by the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council.

Motion

BIRT the GSA reconfirms its opposition to increases in continuing fees, ancillary fees, international differential fees or tuition.

BIFRT the Executive be directed to send letters to the Dean of Graduate Studies, the President of the U of M, the Minister of Advanced Education and the Secretary of the Council of Post-Secondary Education stating the opposition of graduate students to the proposed increases to continuing fees, and any other increases to continuing fees, ancillary fees, international differential fees and tuition.

BIFRT that the Executive be directed to establish a campaign against the proposed increase in continuing fees and work with other student groups, faculty councils, UMSU and other campus and community allies in opposition to the massive tuition increases being proposed at the University of Manitoba.

Labine/Gonsalves

Unanimously in favour. Carried.

Matt **McLean**, new president of CUPE 3909 presented CUPE 3909 Opposition to Continuing Fee Hikes, attached.

Heather **Laube**, incoming president of UMSU said there are many groups who will not support these fee increases.

Incoming GSA President **Meaghan Labine** will send out letters with the GSA's position on the fee increases as per the above motion.

GSA Representative on CUPE 3909

Incoming VPI Farhoud **Delijani** has been asked to sit on CUPE 3909.

Autonomy

Outgoing president **Bonar** has not received the finalized Autonomy agreement from our lawyer Jeff Palamar of Taylor McCaffrey. There is no need to be covered under the UMSU act.

7. General Announcements

a) Council members are reminded that their term is one year from the day they were selected as Council member by their departmental GSA.

b) Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday, May 26th, at 4:45pm in the UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass Bldg.

8. Adjournment

Motion

BIRT the meeting be adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Bonar/Nawrot

No Opposition. Carried.

**Attendance – GSA Council
April 28, 2010
4:45 pm
UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass Bldg.**

| GSA Executive | Name | Signature |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| President | Andy Bonar | Present |
| VP Internal | Trish Kelley | Present |
| VP Academic | Peter Nawrot | Present |
| VP External | Mohamed Moustafa | Present |
| VP Health Sciences | Meaghan Labine | Present |
| Executive-at-Large | Aaron Glenn | Present |
| Senator1 | Liz Gonsalves | Present |
| Senator2 | Majid Ostadrahimi | Present |
| Senator3 | Arman Vahedi | Present |
| Council Chair | Alan McGreevy | Present |
| Office Manager (Non-voting) | Ruth Prokesch | Present (Non-voting) |
| Councillors | Name | Signature |
| UMSU (Non-voting) | Mitch Tripple Heather Laube | Present (Non-voting) Present (Non-voting) |
| CUPE 3909 (Non-voting) | Matt McLean | Present (Non-voting) |
| Agric & Food Science | | |
| Agribusiness & Agric. Economics | Jason Jones | Present |
| Animal Science | Jessica Brady | Present |
| Biosystems Engineering | Jinke Xu Mahesh Sivakumar | Present Present |
| Entomology | | |
| Food Science | Roniele Cordeiro | Present |
| Plant Science | Tyler Guerrieri | |
| Soil Science | Rotimi Ojo Taryn Dickson | Present Regrets |
| Architecture | | |
| Architecture | Steven Berry Dan Dufault | |
| City Planning | Lauren Lange | Present |
| Interior Design | Tamara Nyysola | Regrets |
| Landscape Architecture | Kelly Wojnarski | Present |

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| Arts | | |
| Anthropology | Jeniva Donalessen | |
| Classics | | |
| Economics | | |
| English, Film & Theatre | Joel Hughes | |
| French, Spanish & Italian | | |
| German | | |
| History | Tamara Fleming | |
| Icelandic Studies | | |
| Linguistics | | |
| Native Studies | | |
| Philosophy | Wes McPherson | |
| Political Studies and Public Administration | Justin Jones | |
| Psychology | | |
| Religious Studies | Matt Sheedy | |
| Slavic Studies | | |
| Sociology | Tim Melnyk | Regrets |
| Canadian Studies St. Boniface | | |
| Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice | | |
| Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice | Peter Karari | Regrets |
| Management | | |
| Management 1 (MBA) | | |
| Management 2 | Muralidharan (Murli) Ek | Present |
| Education | | |
| Curr: Hum. & Soc. Sc. | | |
| Curr: Math & Nat Sc | | |
| Curr: Teaching & Learning | | |
| Educ. Admin & Foundations | | |
| Educational Psychology | | |
| Educ. Adm. Fnd. & Psy | | |
| Faculty based PhD | | |
| Educ. St. Boniface | | |
| Engineering | | |
| Civil | Qiuyan Yuan | |

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Electrical & Computer | Shabnam Shahfar | |
| Mechanical & Manufacturing | Shahab Shokrzodeh | Present |
| Environment | | |
| Geography & Environment | Sally Wong | Present |
| Geological Sciences | | |
| Nat Resources Inst | Maggie Sliwinski | Present |
| Disability Studies | | |
| Food & Nutr Sciences | | |
| Interdisciplinary | | |
| Human Ecology | | |
| Clothing & Textiles | | |
| Family Social Sciences | Tammy Taillieu | Present |
| Human Nutritional Sciences | Danielle Stringer | Regrets |
| Law | | |
| Law | | |
| Music | | |
| Music | | |
| Nursing | | |
| Nursing | Jenny Shnitka | |
| Phys Ed & Rec Studies | | |
| Recreation Management & Kinesiology | Pavithra Rajan | Present |
| Science | | |
| Biological Sciences | Cheryl Klassen | Present |
| Chemistry | Taras Babiak | |
| Computer Science | | |
| Mathematics | | |
| Microbiology | | |
| Physics & Astronomy | Neil Moore | Present |
| Statistics | | |
| Social Work | | |
| Social Work | Curtis Stevens | |
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| HSGSA Departments | | |
|---|--|----------------------|
| Pharmacology & Therapeutics | Ngoc On Meaghan Labine (Proxy) | |
| Immunology | Ivan Landego Meaghan Labine (Proxy) | Present |
| Pathology | Tamara Young Meaghan Labine (Proxy) | Present |
| Human Anatomy and Cell Science | Leilanie Clayton | |
| Physiology | Sijo Joseph | |
| Medical Physics (Non-Voting) | Krista Chytk | Present |
| Medical Microbiology | Melissa Herman Meaghan Labine (Proxy) | Present Regrets |
| Pharmacy | Daryl Fediuk Meaghan Labine (Proxy) | Present |
| Occupational Therapy & Medical Rehabilitation | Danean Herdman Meaghan Labine (Proxy) | Present Regrets |
| Community Health Sciences | Natalie Riediger Meaghan Labine (Proxy) | Present Regrets |
| Biochemistry & Medical Genetics | Joy Armestead Meaghan Labine (Proxy) | Present |
| Oral Biology | Sai Prasad Pydi | |
| Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery | | |
| Orthodontics | | |
| Periodontics | | |
| Physicians Assistant Program | Peter Wojciechowski | |

Report

From: Andy Bonar, President
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: 2010-04-28
Re: April Meeting of Council

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND OFFICE HOURS

Meetings Attended:

- 2009-04-05 University of Manitoba Budget Advisory Committee
- 2009-04-07 Meeting with Reeh Taylor
 - Met with the lawyer to go over the revised copy of the bylaws
- 2010-04-07 Senate Meeting
- 2010-04-15 Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation Meeting
- 2009-04-19 University of Manitoba Budget Advisory Committee
- 2009-04-19 University of Manitoba Board of Governors meeting
- 2010-04-21 GSA Executive Meeting re: Health Plan
 - Met with Drew Martin of C&C Insurance Consultants regarding a potential new health plan.
- 2010-04-23 GSA Executive Committee Meeting
 - We met to prepare for the party
- 2009-04-27 Finance Committee Meeting
 - We met to approve travel grants, special project grants, and the spring Departmental grant disbursements
- 2010-04-28 GSA Executive Meeting
 - We met to prepare for the Council Meeting
- 2010-04-28 GSA Council Meeting

Meetings Missed

Office Hours:

Tuesday: 1:00-3:00pm and by appointment.

ROSE AND OARS

While the majority of the ideas that had come out of the optimization committees have not had a foreseeable negative impact on graduate students, there is one that indirectly affects many of our members. A proposal is before the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation to change all 6-credit hour courses into 3-credit hour courses. In special cases, exemptions would be made for courses that are deemed to pedagogically require the term-spanning model. While this would mainly impact undergraduate courses, the proposal presents an increase to the workload of grader/markers and teaching assistants as well as a potential reduction in paid hours. The GSA is working closely with CUPE on this issue.

THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET

The Budget Process is underway, and while I cannot talk specifically about the numbers, it does appear that faculties across the board will be working with baseline budget cuts. This means that faculties will need to find ways to come up with more money in order to continue operating as they normally operate (or cut items from their baseline budgets).

The Faculty of Graduate Studies has, once again, proposed an increase to the Continuing Fees. However, this is not directly related to the budget cuts—FGS proposes this every year to the incoming GSA Executive. The incoming Executive should have no problem dealing with this issue, should they wish to fight it, as the past three Executives were all able to deny increases to the Continuing Fees.

Report

From: Trish Kelley, Vice-President Internal
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
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Meetings Missed

2010-04-21 GSA Executive Meeting

- I was away in Vancouver

Office Hours:

Monday: 1:30-3:30pm and by appointment.

Missed on April 12 and 19 - I was away.

GRADZETTE

There is only 1 more issue of the Gradzette this year! The editors are always looking for new content, so if you have any story ideas, contact them at gradzette@umgsa.ca.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met to discuss conference travel grants in April, totalling \$. The total amount we've awarded as travel grants this year is \$50915.21 of a budget of \$65,000.

We discussed donations and a special project grant.

Special Project Grants

Donations

The Finance Committee reviewed the Departmental Grant Disbursement Applications.

BIRT the 2nd Department Grant disbursement be approved as presented.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The new bylaws have been reviewed by the lawyer and are ready for approval by council!
Thanks to everyone on the committee for the past 2 years for all of your hard work.

Report

From: Mohamed Moustafa, Vice-President External
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: 2010-04-28
Re: April Meeting of Council

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND OFFICE HOURS

Meetings Attended:

2010-04-27 GSA Finance Committee Meeting
2010-04-28 GSA Executive Meeting

Meetings Missed

2010-04-21 Meeting with the insurance company

Office Hours:

Thursdays: 11:00-1:00pm and by appointment.

EVENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS

Highlights:

- GSA/CFS relation discussions.
- GSA Research fair.
- Health Insurance.
- GSA Website and Email support.

Website:

The website is updated weekly by Majid and me. If you have any concern about it, please let us know.

Email: vpe@umgsa.ca , senator2@umgsa.ca,

To: GSA Council
From: Meaghan Labine – VP-HSC
Date: April 28th, 2010

Meetings Attended

GSA Exec meeting – April 28th, 2010
HSGSA Executive meeting – April 27th, 2010
Meeting with MB Premier – April 23rd, 2010
Premier Prep meeting – April 22nd, 2010
Meeting with Dean of Graduate Studies – April 22nd, 2010
Health Plan meeting – April 21st, 2010
RH Awards Reception at Presidents' house – April 19th, 2010
HSGSA AGM – April 16th, 2010
HSGSA Spring it up Social – April 16th, 2010
Spring it up prep meeting – April 15th, 2010
HSGSA Executive Committee meeting – April 13th, 2010
Meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education – April 9th, 2010
Prep meeting with Minister – April 4th, 2010
Faculty of Medicine Council meeting – April 7th, 2010
HSGSA Executive meeting – April 1st, 2010
HSGSA By laws committee Meeting – March 29th, 2010
HSGSA Bylaws Committee Meeting – March 25th, 2010
Faculty of Medicine Accreditation Task Force – March 25th, 2010
ROSE and OARS Town Hall meeting – March 25th, 2010
GSA Council meeting – March 24th, 2010
PA Progress Committee meeting – March 19th, 2010
Internal Development and Review Committee meeting – March 18th, 2010
Memorandum of Understanding meeting – March 16th, 2010
HSGSA Executive Meeting – March 16th, 2010
HSGSA Council Meeting – March 11th, 2010
Faculty of Medicine Executive Committee meeting – March 10th, 2010

Meetings missed

GSA Exec meeting – April 24th, 2010

Office hours – Thursdays 11-1 HSGSA Office
Missed April 22nd, 2010

Report:

Meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education

To address the proposed drastic increases in tuition for professional programs at the UofM, myself and members of UMSU met with the Minister of Advanced Education (Diane McGiffard) to discuss the impact that these increases would have on students and enrolment.

Meeting with the Dean of Graduate Studies

This meeting was called to address the potential increase to graduate continuing fees for Sept 2010. It was indicated that central administration is pushing heavily to get the proposal sent to, and approved by COPSE (committee on post-secondary education). The dean assured me that 100% of the increases would be going back to students in the form of bursaries and scholarships. Due to the obvious problems associated with this proposal, upon request, the Dean agreed to allow the GSA to create a graduate student committee to work with the FGS to better develop the scholarship program. To date, two town-hall meetings are scheduled for May 4th, which will allow students the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback to FGS on the new proposal before being implemented. Tuesday, May 4th: 9:30-10:30am, Fort Garry Campus, E3-270 Engineering Bldg

Tuesday, May 4th: 12-1pm, Bannatyne Campus, Theatre D Basic Medical Sciences Bldg

Meeting with the Premier

This meeting was intended to address the broader concerns facing post-secondary institutions in the coming year. Due to the meeting being very short, only two primary concerns were raised with the Premier; 1) The affect that increased fees will have on enrolment, and the negative impact it will have on students in the coming year. 2) International student fees and allowing international students to automatically receive Manitoba health insurance for free while attending university.

ROSE & OARS Town Hall meeting

In order to get a little more insight into the process of ROSE and OARS that is taking place at the university, I attended the town hall meeting. Over two hundred were in attendance; however there were no other GSA representatives. The President was very vague about the process and how it will impact the university and students. The issue of student fees was addressed in addition to job security for administrative staff and service personnel, and UMFA voiced that they were not in support of raising fees, nor cutting jobs.

HSGSA AGM

During our AGM we had 15 HSC students in attendance aside from HSGSA executive members. We approved changes to the HSGSA by-laws and constitution, and provided an overall summary of the work done by the HSGSA over the past year.

HSGSA Spring it Up

Following the AGM, we had our annual Spring it Up social event in which over 90 students attended. So far this has been our most successful social we have had all year. Activities included a relay race, trivia and door prizes.

Professional development workshops

How to write a research paper – April 29th, 2010

TIPS workshop – May 20th-21st, 2010

How to manage stress and anxiety workshop - Pending

Transition Period

To ensure that new incoming HSGSA executive team is well prepared to start their term at the beginning of May, we have begun the shadowing period which extends until May 1st.

Making final changes to Memorandum of Understanding

At the University of Manitoba there is an issue with graduate students, supervisors and graduate committees not being aware of their rights and responsibilities as it relates to mentoring graduate students. To ensure a greater level of consistency throughout the graduate program within the Faculty of Medicine, we have drafted the Graduate Student Memorandum of Understanding which outlines the basic parameters of what is expected of all graduate students, their supervisors and their committees while enrolled in the program. By understanding what is expected, it will be easier for graduate students to know their rights, and have a platform from which to build. Currently the document is being revised by the various graduate departments within the Faculty of Medicine, and we hope to have the document completed and in use for September 2010.

Report

From: Liz Gonsalves, Senator
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: 2010-4-26
Re: April Meeting of Council

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND OFFICE HOURS

Meetings Attended:

2010-04-05 Student Senate Caucus Meeting

- Met to prepare for Senate Meeting – prepared 2 questions for submission to the Senate

2010-04-07 Senate Meeting

- Majority of decisions were with regard to recommendations of SCIE

2010-04-23 Student Senate Caucus Meeting

- Transition meeting to discuss strategies to encourage attendance for incoming student senators; Looked at standing issues like International College and strategic planning to create a starting platform for incoming members

Meetings Missed:

2010-03-24 GSA Executive Meeting/GSA Council Meeting

- Unable to attend due to illness

2010-04-21 Student Insurance Information Presentation to GSA Executive

- Did not attend due to academic priorities

Office Hours:

Fridays: 13:00 – 15:00

2010-04-23 Arrived 30 minutes late

- Missed the bus (13:30 – 16:45)

Report

From: Peter Nawrot, Vice-President (Academic)
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: April 28, 2010
Re: Council Report

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended and Missed:

St. Paul's College Baccalaureate Ceremony – April 25, 2010.
Meeting with the Premier and Minister of Post- Secondary Education – April 23, 2010.
Faculty of Graduate Studies Executive Meeting – April 23, 2010 – cancelled and moved to May 31, 2010.
Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting – April 21, 2010.
RH Awards Reception - April 19, 2010.
Heath Sciences Spring It Up Social – April 16, 2010.
Information on Proposed Tuition Increase Town Hall Meeting (Asper School of Business) - April 7, 2010.

MISSED:

Canadian Federation of Students – Manitoba Provincial Executive Meeting – April 1, 2010.

GSA Awards and Teaching Award Nominations

The GSA Awards committee will be meeting with in the next week weeks to deliberate the award applications. Council will need to extend the term of the current committee membership into the month of May 2010. Ms. Karen Jensen, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Mr. Shahab Shokrzadeh from the Department of Engineering will be added as members of the GSA Awards Committee, to further diversify the committee membership.

Meeting with the Premier and Minister of Post- Secondary Education

This was an important meeting because it allowed for student representatives to speak directly to the Premier about issues that matter to students. Graduate student grants and the need for funding was discussed along with the proposed fee increases for graduate students. As of this date, the government has not received any funding increase proposals from the University of Manitoba. The Premier committed to not allow increases that exceed current government policy on the one hand but on the other hand he stated, along with the Minister of Post Secondary Education, that each case will be reviewed on its own individual merit. The Premier also stated that COPSE will be given an additional mandate of exploring and regulating ancillary fee increase which have been used in past to counterbalance and subsidize the tuition increase.

The Premier was made aware of the following regarding Graduate Student continuing fees and expressed a concern that these proposed fees are an increase of 58% within the first year. Within 3 years the proposed increased would total 216% in continuing fees alone.

Current continuing fees: \$633/year

Proposed Sept 2010 fees: \$1000 (increased by \$367/year) - 58% increase

Proposed Sept 2011 fees: \$1500 (increased by \$867/year) - 137% increase

Proposed Sept 2012 fees: \$2000 (increased by \$1367/year) – 216 % increase

Basic insured health services for international students was also discussed and will require further consultation and meeting with the Provincial Minister of Health.

The Premier is amicable to working with student groups so that students graduate from their programs in a timely way and choose Manitoba as their home and place of employment. The Premier expressed that by implementing a summer work experience program related to studies whereby students can earn a university credit and money. Employers would receive government incentives to participate in such a program.

Information on Proposed Tuition Increase Town Hall Meeting (Asper School of Business)

Dean Feltham of the Asper School of Business conducted several student consultation town hall meeting regarding the proposed tuition increases within his department and faculty. To regain and maintain the competitiveness of the Asper School of Business the Dean is proposing a tuition increase of \$15, 000 for the Master's of Business and Administration (MBA) program, phased at \$5,000 per year commencing in the fall of 2010.

Many graduate students are upset and unsettled by the timing of this announcement (during exam period) and the rate of increase; 26% and within a 3 year period MBA student will have seen an increase of 76%.

Students did not feel the Town Hall Meeting was a consultation of students, but rather an information session. Students also challenged the Dean on holding a student referendum if he truly wanted to know what students wanted from their school. International students expressed concern of being able to afford such increases because many rely on their communities for support to attend school and increases are especially difficult in having to convert from indigenous currencies to the Canadian Dollar.

Advocacy:

Strictly confidential.

For general questions or information concerning advocacy, or to book an appointment to see me, please e-mail vpa@umgsa.ca. To book an appointment by phone, please call 474-9181. Members are also welcome to stop in during office hours, listed below.

Office Hours:

Wednesdays: 0900-1100 Hrs.

| Department Name | Committee | Council | | | # of Students | | | (-) | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------|--------|-----|---------------|-----|--------|---------------------------------|-------------|--|
| | | Attend | Attend | 90% | FT | PT | Amount | Penalties | Total | |
| Natural Resources Institute | Campaigns | 100% | 73 | 4 | 375 | | | 375 | | |
| Asper Graduate Student's Associat | IDR | 100% | 103 | 77 | 707.5 | | | 707.5 | | |
| Agribusiness and Agricultural Econ. | IDR | 100% | 26 | 1 | 132.5 | | | 132.5 | | |
| Political Studies and Public Admini | Bylaws | 75% | 36 | 17 | 222.5 | | | 222.5 | | |
| Sociology | IDR | 100% | 35 | 7 | 192.5 | | | 192.5 | | |
| Community Health Sciences | HSGSA Bylaws | 100% | 44 | 25 | 282.5 | | | 282.5 | | |
| Biochemistry and Medical Genetic | HSGSA Finance | 100% | 36 | 1 | 182.5 | 25% | 136.88 | Attended 2/4 Council Meetings | 500 | |
| Department of Occupational Thera | HSGSA Electior | 100% | 100 | 0 | 500 | | | 500 | | |
| Pharmacology and Therapeutics | HSGSA IDR | 80% | 19 | 0 | 95 | | | 95 | | |
| Pharmacy | Research Days | 100% | 19 | 0 | 95 | 25% | 71.25 | Attended 2/4 Council Meetings | | |
| Department of Physiology | Ed Kroeger Aw | 100% | 48 | 4 | 250 | 25% | 187.5 | Attended 2/4 Council Meetings | | |
| Immunology | Research Days | 100% | 18 | 0 | 90 | | | 90 | | |
| Physics and Astronomy | IDR | 100% | 44 | 0 | 220 | | | 220 | | |
| History Graduate Students Associa | Campaigns/IDf | 60/100% | 48 | 5 | 252.5 | | | 252.5 | | |
| Biosystems Engineering | Bylaws | 75% | 40 | 3 | 207.5 | | | 207.5 | | |
| Graduate Student's Nursing Associ | Bylaws | 60% | 34 | 45 | 282.5 | | | 282.5 | | |
| Medical Microbiology | HSGSA Electior | 100% | 80 | 0 | 400 | | | 400 | | |
| Human Nutritional Sciences | Campaigns | 75% | 28 | 1 | 142.5 | | | 142.5 | | |
| Biological Sciences | Bylaws | 80% | 56 | 8 | 300 | | | 300 | | |
| Department of Soil Science | Elections | 100% | 21 | 2 | 110 | | | 110 | | |
| Kinesiology and Recreation Manag | Campaigns | 100% | 14 | 8 | 90 | | | 90 | | |
| Department of Landscape Architec | Campaigns | 100% | 53 | 0 | 265 | | | 265 | | |
| English, Film and Theatre | Finance | 75% | 45 | 3 | 232.5 | | | 232.5 | | |
| Mechanical and Manufacturing Engi | Engineering | 100% | 91 | 2 | 460 | 25% | 345 | Did not fulfill committee req's | | |
| Department of City Planning | | 100% | 41 | 3 | 212.5 | 25% | 159.38 | Did not fulfill committee req's | | |
| Electrical and Computer Engineeri | Finance/Bylaw | 100% | 121 | 30 | 680 | | | 680 | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | 6680 | |

Report

From: Joint Committee on GSA-HSGSA Operations and Relationship

To: GSA Council

Date: April 28, 2010

Re: Final Report

Summary of Meetings and Activity

December 8, 2009

This was the first meeting for a number of committee members and there was a new committee chair. We reviewed what had been accomplished by the previous committee, reviewed the original mandate and planned a course of action.

January 13, 2010

The committee came up with the following recommendations regarding the GSA-HSGSA relationship:

1. Stipulate that 30% of all Health Sciences graduate student fees be allocated to the HSGSA operating fund.
2. That a \$9000.00 general HSGSA honorarium line be added to the GSA budget.
3. Change wording on HSGSA budget presentation requirements so that the budget presented to GSA Council in May and November every year.
4. Include all HSGSA finances in the annual GSA audit.
5. Add non-executive members to the GSA and HSGSA IDR committees.

April 7, 2010

Decided on a plan of action to implement the recommendations. It was decided to put forward a motion to GSA Council to amend current GSA Bylaw IV (Health Sciences Caucus Bylaw). Some additional amendments to the bylaw were discussed at the April 7th meeting. Between the April 7th meeting and April 20th the committee drafted, discussed, and amended the bylaw via email.

The present and amended bylaws are appended to this report.

IV. HEALTH SCIENCES CAUCUS BYLAW

1. The departments at the Health Sciences Campus, including graduate programmes in Dentistry, Medicine, and Medical Rehabilitation, are constituted into a body which shall be known as the "Health Sciences Caucus" of the Graduate Students' Association.
2. The Caucus shall be comprised of such membership as they should determine from time to time as being necessary for the functioning of the Caucus.
3. The Caucus shall elect a graduate student as President who will act as their representative to the Graduate Students' Association, and (until the 2004 GSA General Election) as Vice-President (Health Sciences Campus) of the Association.
4. Caucus shall have authority for dispersal of departmental allocation funds for all Health Sciences Departments, subject to the provisions of the Bylaws of the Health Sciences Caucus.
5. The Caucus shall receive a separate disbursement for the day-to-day operations of the Caucus to be allocated in an annual budget:
 - a. The budget shall contain allocation monies to ensure:
 - i. the continued operation of the GSA Health Sciences Campus Office;
 - ii. funding of elections for positions as specified by the Bylaws of the Health Sciences Caucus;
 - iii. costs of materials related to the effective representation of graduate students on committees on the Health Sciences Campus;
 - iv. costs of events, social or otherwise, hosted by the Health Sciences Caucus;
 - v. any other items as determined by the Health Sciences Caucus to be included in the budget passed by that Caucus.
 - b. Notwithstanding Bylaw IX (5)a, funding initiatives involving both the GSA and the Health Sciences Caucus may be considered at the discretion of the GSA and its Health Sciences Caucus.
 - c. The budget for the Health Sciences Campus will be set at the beginning of each fiscal year and a copy forwarded by the Vice-President (HSC) to the Executive Committee of the GSA as a report for information.

6. The representative of the Caucus shall be entitled to cast the written proxy votes, or in person votes, equivalent to the total number of departmental representatives from the Health Sciences departments as listed at the Offices of the Graduate Students' Association.

7. The first instance, concerns of individual departments at the Health Science Campus regarding the operation of the Caucus shall be referred back to the Caucus for examination. The Graduate Students' Association reserves the right to examine any serious concerns raised by Caucus members as to the utilization and disbursement of funds allocated to the Caucus.

HEALTH SCIENCES BYLAW

1. Members of the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) within the departments at the Health Sciences Campuses, or members within other departments who are primarily located on Health Sciences Campuses, shall be constituted into a body known as the "Health Sciences Graduate Students' Association" (HSGSA).
2. The HSGSA shall be entitled to draw from the GSA annual budget a sum of \$9,000 or a value equal to the honorarium set for the GSA President, whichever is greater, to use for the honoraria of HSGSA Executive Members.
 - a) The per-annum salary amounts for each HSGSA Executive Member shall be set by the HSGSA as specified in the Constitution of the HSGSA.
 - b) No Executive Member of the GSA currently receiving a GSA honorarium shall be allowed to draw remuneration from these monies.
 - c) Amounts shall be paid by the GSA in 12 equal monthly installments for all HSGSA Executive Members who are paid on a per-annum basis.
 - d) Payment of honoraria is subject to payment of CPP and EI to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) in accordance with CRA regulations. T4 statements will be issued by the GSA to each HSGSA Executive Member in accordance with CRA regulations.
3. The HSGSA shall have authority for approval of disbursement of departmental allocation funds for all Health Sciences Departments, subject to the provisions of the Bylaws of the HSGSA.
4. The HSGSA shall receive a separate disbursement for day-to-day operations equal to 30% of all GSA student fees paid by members of the HSGSA
 - a) Additional funding initiatives involving both the GSA and the HSGSA may be considered at the discretion of the GSA and the HSGSA.
 - b) The budget for the HSGSA shall be set by the HSGSA and the Vice-President (Health Sciences) shall present the budget to the Graduate Students' Association Council as a report of information in May and November.
 - c) The finances of the HSGSA shall be included in any financial audit performed on the GSA.
5. Departmental representatives of the HSGSA shall be entitled to cast proxy votes on specific motions at GSA Council by emailing their votes to the GSA Council Chair and the Vice-President (Health Sciences) no less than one hour before the start of the relevant meeting of the GSA Council.
 - a) The Chair shall distribute the motions coming forward at the next meeting of GSA Council no less than seven days prior to the Council meeting.

- b) In order to submit a proxy vote by email, HSGSA departmental representatives shall provide their names, departments, email addresses and authorizing signatures to the Fort Garry Office of the Graduate Students' Association.
 - c) In the event that a proxy vote has been cast by an HSGSA departmental representative on a specific motion and that motion is amended at Council, the proxy vote on the amended motion may be cast by the Vice-President (Health Sciences) or designate.
6. The GSA Internal Development & Review Committee shall be able to request, directly from the HSGSA, any publicly available documents or open minutes from any council, committee or general meeting of the HSGSA that it deems relevant for the evaluation of the performance of the Vice-President (Health Sciences).
- a) The GSA Internal Development & Review Committee shall include a seat to be filled by an HSGSA Councilor or designate who is not a member of the HSGSA Executive Committee, as chosen by HSGSA Council.
 - b) The HSGSA Internal Development & Review Committee shall include a seat to be filled by a GSA Councilor or designate who is not a member of the GSA Executive Committee, as chosen by GSA Council.
7. The first instance of concerns of individual departments of the HSGSA regarding the operation of the HSGSA shall be referred back to the HSGSA for examination. The GSA reserves the right to examine any serious concerns raised by HSGSA members as to the utilization and disbursement of funds allocated to the HSGSA.
8. Any amendment to the Health Sciences Bylaw shall either be made by ratification by both GSA and HSGSA Councils or by ratification at a General Meeting of the GSA.

Internal Development and Review (IDR) Committee Report

From: Neil Moore (chair of sub-committee)

To: GSA Council

Date: Apr. 28, 2010

Re: Second Executive Review

Members of the IDR sub-committee:

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| Neil Moore (Chair) | Physics & Astronomy |
| Jeremy Funk | Management |
| Dan Lockery | Electrical Engineering |
| Tim Melnyk | Sociology |
| Curtis Sawatzky | Agribusiness & Agricultural Economics |
| Krista Chytyk | Physics & Astronomy (Health Sciences Designate) |

Meeting:

Apr. 26, 2010.

The Review Process:

-The review period is Jan. 27, 2010 to present, although office hours are reported from Jan. 1, 2010 onward. Nine individuals are reviewed here. They are:

Andy Bonar (President)

Trish Kelley (Vice-President Internal)

Mohamed Moustafa (Vice-President External)

Peter Nawrot (Vice-President Academic)

Meaghan Labine (Vice-President Health Sciences Campus)

Majid Ostadrahimi (Senator)

Arman Vahedi (Senator)

Liz Gonsalves (Senator) – **appointed at Jan. 27 GSA Council meeting**

Aaron Glenn (Executive-At-Large)

-I was responsible for determining as many attendance numbers as possible for all positions. This was done mostly through meeting minutes.

-Krista Chytyk, the Health Sciences designate, provided HSGSA-related numbers.

-The meeting on Apr. 26, 2010 was for everyone to review attendance numbers and polish our final report.

-Office hours were determined with a logbook maintained by the Office Manager (exception: Vice-President Health Sciences Campus). Only days where the Office Manager was in the office are considered in this report.

Andy Bonar: President

Office Hours:

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| Held: | 13 |
| Regrets: | 1 |
| Absent: | 2 |

Executive Council (Chair):

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| Present: | 4 |
| Regrets: | 0 |
| Absent: | 0 |

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| GSA Council: | 2/2 |
| AGM: | 1/1 |

Other Committees:

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| Finance Committee: | 2/3 |
| Bylaws Committee: | 1/1 |
| Senate: | 3/3 |
| Senate Executive (Assessor): | 2/2 |

Additional Comments:

- Attendance and written reports are both quite good, as usual.
- The one Finance Committee absence was due to a conflict with another meeting.

Trish Kelley: Vice-President Internal (VPI)

Office Hours:

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| Held: | 10 |
| Regrets: | 4 |
| Absent: | 0 |

Executive Council:

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| Present: | 4 |
| Regrets: | 0 |
| Absent: | 0 |

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| GSA Council: | 2/2 |
| AGM: | 1/1 |

Other Committees:

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| Finance Committee (Chair): | 3/3 |
| Bylaws Committee (Chair): | 1/1 |

Additional Comments:

- Office hour regrets were due to travel or illness.
- Attended the National Graduate Caucus AGM.

Mohamed Moustafa: Vice-President External (VPE)

Office Hours:

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| Held: | 11 |
| Regrets: | 1 |
| Absent: | 1 |

Executive Council:

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| Present: | 4 |
| Regrets: | 0 |
| Absent: | 0 |

GSA Council:

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| AGM: | 2/2 |
| | 1/1 |

Other Committees:

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| Finance Committee: | 3/3 |
| Bylaws Committee: | 1/1 |

Additional Comments:

- The research fair in early Feb. was an ambitious initiative which was executed well.
- Attended the National Graduate Caucus AGM.

Peter Nawrot: Vice-President Academic (VPA)

Office Hours:

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| Held: | 12 |
| Regrets: | 0 |
| Absent: | 2 |

Executive Council:

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| Present: | 2 |
| Regrets: | 1 |
| Absent: | 1 |

GSA Council:

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| AGM: | 2/2 |
| | 1/1 |

Other Committees:

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| Awards (Chair): | 0/0 |
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Additional Comments:

- The President has taken over Senate responsibilities from the VPA.
- We are concerned that the Awards Committee has not met yet.
- We intended to report FGS meeting attendance, but requests for minutes went unanswered.
- Efforts to secure a speaker have fallen through.

Meaghan Labine: Vice-President Health Sciences Campus (VPHSC)

Executive Council:

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| Present: | 4 |
| Regrets: | 0 |
| Absent: | 0 |

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| GSA Council: | 2/2 |
| AGM: | 1/1 |

HSGSA Committees:

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| HSGSA Executive (Chair): | 5/5 |
| HSGSA Council (Chair): | 3/3 |

Additional Comments:

From the HSGSA IDR Committee Report:

Meaghan has consistently exceeded expectations as President of the HSGSA in both attendance/ participation in meetings and in the initiative she takes. Office hours (Thursdays, 11-1 or 12-2) were held consistently throughout the year. Meaghan also took over office hours at times when other executive members were not able to. Meaghan has done a great job in keeping the HSGSA councillors apprised of events at main campus and the GSA. She has taken an active role in student affairs and new initiatives, including an alternative to cancelling the shuttle bus, the student Christmas hamper collection and delivery, various workshops and seminars and the student memorandum.

Majid Ostadrahimi: Senator

Office Hours:

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| Held: | 3 |
| Regrets: | 6 |
| Absent: | 3 |

Executive Council:

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| Present: | 1 |
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| Regrets: | 3 |
| Absent: | 0 |
| GSA Council: | 1/2 |
| AGM: | 0/1 |
| Other Committees: | |
| Senate: | 1/3 |
| Finance Committee: | 2/3 |

Additional Comments:

- Nearly all regrets and absences were due to travel to Iran from late Jan. to early Mar.
- Office hours and Senate attendance have been non-existent for the month of April.

Arman Vahedi: Senator

Office Hours:

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| Held: | 10 |
| Regrets: | 1 |
| Absent: | 2 |

Executive Council:

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| Present: | 2 |
| Regrets: | 2 |
| Absent: | 0 |

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| GSA Council: | 2/2 |
| AGM: | 1/1 |

Other Committees:

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| Senate: | 3/3 |
| Senate Executive: | 2/2 |

Additional Comments:

- Attendance has improved since the first review.
- Written reports have improved marginally but are still too brief.

Liz Gonsalves: Senator (Jan. 27 onward)

Office Hours:

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| Held: | 6 |
| Regrets: | 0 |
| Absent: | 0 |

Executive Council:

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| Present: | 3 |
| Regrets: | 0 |
| Absent: | 0 |

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| GSA Council: | 0/1 |
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| Other Committees: | |
| Senate: | 1/3 |

Additional Comments:

- The first Senate meeting was quite close to when Liz took up office.
- The second Senate absence was due to a scheduling conflict.
- Has been attending Student Senate Caucus meetings regularly.
- March's Council meeting was missed due to illness.

Aaron Glenn: Executive-At-Large

No Office Hour Commitment

Executive Council:

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| Present: | 4 |
| Regrets: | 0 |
| Absent: | 0 |

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| GSA Council: | 2/2 |
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Other Committees:

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| Joint GSA/HSGSA Committee: | 1/1 |
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Whereas the University of Manitoba central administration and Faculty of Graduate Studies are proposing massive graduate continuing fee increases to the Council on Post-Secondary Education.

Whereas the proposal would see continuing fees more than triple over the next three years using the following model:

Current continuing fees: \$633/year

Proposed Sept 2010 fees: \$1000 (increased by \$367/year)

Proposed Sept 2011 fees: \$1500 (increased by \$867/year)

Proposed Sept 2012 fees: \$2000 (increased by \$1367/year)

Whereas the Faculty of Graduate Studies only made the GSA aware of such a proposal on April 22nd, 2010 and the University is reported to be submitting its proposals for increased tuition to the Council on Post-Secondary Education by the end of April, meaning there is no possibility of a thorough consultation.

Whereas the Graduate Students' Association has consistently opposed massive tuition/continuing fee increases in the past, including the complete rejection of proposals to radically increase graduate student tuition in 2007 – a position which was supported by the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council.

BIRT the GSA reconfirms its opposition to increases in continuing fees, ancillary fees, international differential fees or tuition.

BIFRT the Executive be directed to send letters to the Dean of Graduate Studies, the President of the U of M, the Minister of Advanced Education and the Secretary of the Council of Post-Secondary Education stating the opposition of graduate students to the proposed increases to continuing fees, and any other increases to continuing fees, ancillary fees, international differential fees and tuition.

BIFRT that the Executive be directed to establish a campaign against the proposed increase in continuing fees and work with other student groups, faculty councils, UMSU and other campus and community allies in opposition to the massive tuition increases being proposed at the University of Manitoba.

CUPE 3909 Opposition to Continuing Fee Hikes

The motion below was passed by the CUPE 3909 executive on Wednesday, April 28th in opposition to the FGS/University proposed increases to continuing fees. Our motion was based on the motion that VP HSC Meghan Labine was introducing to the GSA Council.

Whereas the University of Manitoba central administration and Faculty of Graduate Studies are proposing massive graduate continuing fee increases to the Council on Post-Secondary Education.

Whereas the proposal would see continuing fees more than triple over the next three years using the following model:

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Whereas the Faculty of Graduate Studies only made students aware of such a proposal on April 22nd, 2010 when the Dean met with the President-elect of the GSA and the University is reported to be submitting its proposals for increased tuition to the Council on Post-Secondary Education by the end of April.

Whereas the Graduate Students' Association has consistently opposed massive tuition/continuing fee increases in the past, including the complete rejection of proposals to radically increase graduate student tuition in 2007 – a position which was supported by the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council.

Whereas CUPE 3909 has consistently opposed increases to tuition, continuing fees, international differential fees and ancillary fees as both a social justice issue and because any fee increases undermines the wages earned by our members who are graduate students.

BIRT CUPE 3909 reconfirms its opposition to increases in continuing fees, ancillary fees, international differential fees or tuition.

BIFRT the President be directed to send letters to the Dean of Graduate Studies, the President of the U of M, the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Advanced Education and the Secretary of the Council of Post-Secondary Education stating the opposition of CUPE 3909 to the proposed increases to continuing fees, and any other increases to continuing fees, ancillary fees, international differential fees and tuition.

BIFRT that CUPE 3909 work with our allies on campus and in the community, including but not limited to the GSA, UMSU, and labour unions in opposition to these continuing fee increases in particular, and all other increases to tuition, ancillary fees and international differential fees.

