

To whom it may concern:

It has been my pleasure to be in the role of Aboriginal Liaison for the Graduate Students' Association since mid-January. The purpose of this report is to provide you with an update of my activities throughout the year.

Through my short tenure in this position (less than three months at the time of writing), I have pursued many endeavors on campus. I have attended all GSA council meetings and town halls since mid-January, and learned a great deal about the GSA and the greater graduate student population. I have the privilege of meeting with the president and other high ranking administrative members monthly during our 'breakfast with the president' sessions, during which I raised issues of reconciliation and Indigenous student organization. I have focused on the institution's path to Indigenization, working with students to discuss the meaning of Indigenization from our perspective, and providing guidance to various committees on the topic (e.g., the Teaching, Learning and Academic Resources Council, the Learning Charter Revisions Committee, and the Governance Committee). I have also worked to represent graduate students in general at events (such as the Reconciliation Forum in early March and the Aboriginal Achievement Week event) and on committees.

I have also been involved with events taking place in the GSA, by attending social events to get to know graduate students, and helping to select recipients of the GSA awards to be given at the annual GSA Gala (organized by Carolyn Gaspar). I work closely with the Indigenous Graduate Students' Council (IGSC), and much of our work is directly related to Indigenous graduate student experience. With the IGSC, we have given out two \$500 bursaries, hosted a craft fair to showcase local Indigenous talent, organized an extremely successful Aboriginal Achievement Week event, and are in the process of organizing an Annual Steak Night Fundraiser to fund our bursaries for next year.

The work that I do to support and advocate for graduate students seems to permeate most of what I do here at the University of Saskatchewan. I hope that Indigenous graduate students feel well represented. I am working on getting to know the Indigenous graduate student better over my stay in this position. I welcome any questions.

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(Thank you very much)