



University of Saskatchewan – Graduate Students' Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 2020 (Email Communication)

**Present:** Mery Mendoza (President), Mohammad Wajih Alam (VP Finance and Operations), Chiamaka Ezekwesili (VP External), Alejandra Fonseca (VP Student Affairs), Selena Schut (academic councillor), and Breanne Murray (academic councillor)

**Regrets:** None

**Absent:** None

**1. Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) Fee**

VP Finance and Operations mentioned that the Canadian Federation of Students has indicated the new fee for the 2020/2021 academic year.

- The current CFS fee is \$6.30 / term.
- The new CFS fee will be \$6.35 / term.
- The CFS fee is charged to graduate students, as per our contract with CFS, in the fall and winter terms.
- This increase accounts for increases to the inflation rate, as communicated by CFS.

Move: Selena Schut

Second: VP Finance and Operations

*Vote All in Favour, Motion Carried.*

## 2. UPASS Fee

VP Finance and Operations mentioned that as per GSA's contract with Saskatoon Transit, the UPASS fee is to increase in proportion to the January Saskatoon CPI.

- The Saskatoon January CPI is 2.1 %, as determined by the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics.
- The old UPASS fee is \$111.87
  - \$108.87 is remitted to Saskatoon Transit
  - \$3 is collected as administrative fees of which a portion goes to the University and a portion goes to the USSU for UPASS activation
- The new UPASS fee will be \$114.16
  - $\$108.87 \times 2.1 \% = \$111.16$
  - $\$111.16 + \$3 = \$114.16$
- The UPASS fee is only charged to graduate students in the fall and winter terms.
- There are opt-out criteria outlined in our contract with Saskatoon Transit. Graduate students who fulfill the opt-out criteria may apply for a refund following the timelines and procedures.

Move: VP Student Affairs

Second: President

*Vote: All in Favour, Motion Carried.*