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## **GSA Follow-Up Letter to USask Senior Administration**

There is no doubt the past few weeks have been extremely challenging for our students; navigating a shift to online teaching, losing income, dealing with the stresses of self-isolation, and the anxiety over the health and safety of loved ones. Students no longer have access to the university campus and buildings. Students have paid fees into services, such as use of the Physical Activities Complex, but have lost access. Graduate students have been told they cannot access their labs and offices, and as such research and academic progress has come to a standstill.

The Board of Governors met almost **a month ago** to discuss tuition, yet students are still left unsure of what to expect. As we move forward, we will continue to advocate for our students to ensure they do not face further academic or financial stresses. The GSA submitted a letter to the University administration with several asks earlier this month; we continue to look forward to information we can pass on to our students with regards to those asks. In this letter, we request immediate action on the following;

- 1. No tuition increases for the 2020/2021 academic year for both domestic and international students.**
- 2. Tuition relief for graduate students, who must continue to enroll in their programs to maintain their academic status, but are unable to access the university campus.**
- 3. Partial fee refunds for those services that students can no longer access because of university closure, retroactive to the first day of official closures.**

It is unclear when students will have access to campus once again. Students are unsure of how they should plan their next term, or even next year. This is especially true when students have not heard of any real feedback. Financial insecurity threatens our students' academic success and mental well-being. Our students request real input and feedback; it has been almost a month since university closure and our students want answers.

**GSA Executives**