GSA Board
Report to Council for the September 26 Meeting

To: Council Colleagues
From: Ellen Schoeck, Executive Director and Coordinator of the GSA Board
Date: September 15, 2011

Dear Council Members,

The Board reports regularly to Council by listing its agenda items, Motions/agreements and main items of discussion. Motions on Agenda approval and approval of the Minutes are not included unless there were amendments made. Closed session items are not minuted.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Director of Operations, Financial Manager and I will be happy to answer any questions or provide more information at the Council meeting.

August 24 GSA Board Meeting

Main Agenda items: The Board heard a report from the President about a meeting elected officials had with Vice-President Hickey (Facilities and Operations) and his staff to discuss graduate student space. Other matters discussed were representation on the GFC CLE Subcommittee on Attributes and Competencies, a student complaint about office, and the Physical Activity and Wellness Centre (PAW).

Council Remuneration Proposal: Motion to Reserve Monies

Members discussed the proposal at length.

MOTION: THAT the GSA reserve $350 from the Student Group Grant for two student groups in case of successful appeal. Carried.

MOTION: Board moved into closed session to discuss emergency bursary issues.

August 31 GSA Board Meeting

This was a joint meeting with the GSA Budget and Finance Committee regarding audit, with auditor Tom Gee present. Mr Gee explained the audit statements line by line. The GSA is in good shape financially and has made excellent progress in assessing its operations and risks. Final audit will go to Council.

The Board had before them the draft audit. **MOTION:** that the draft audit be accepted and then finalized by the GSA auditor with the editorial changes identified.

Given the inability of BFC to meet quorum, using the administrative authority of GSA Board under Bylaw, the draft audit report will be sent to Council for approval. Auditor Tom Gee will be present at September Council meeting.

September 7 GSA Board Meeting

Main agenda items: Board members discussed meetings with senior administrators, the Labour Liaison Manual, status of the CLE Subcommittee on Attributes and Competencies, PhD Movie screening, office space complaints, the NASA agreement, and AGC.

MOTION: The GSA Nominating Committee members present at the Board meeting **AGREED** to waive advertising for the GFC CLE Subcommittee on Attributes and Competencies as it was deemed urgent to fill the one additional graduate student vacancy.

MOTION: THAT the GSA Board readopt the old GSA logo. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

September 14 GSA Board Meeting

Main agenda items: debrief from all elected officials on their many meetings; interpretation of child care subsidy issue; U-PASS, fall reading week; Vanier scholarships; Senate; PhD Comics movie showing.

Members **AGREED** that with respect to child care subsidy regulations, the second parent must indeed be a student in a credit course.