GSA VICE- PRESIDENT LABOUR
REPORT TO COUNCIL FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

To: Council Colleagues
From: Tamara Korassa, VP Labour
Date: September 11, 2011

Hello Councillors!

I hope the new academic term and the beginning of fall is going well with everyone.

Since the last Council meeting, my calendar has been filling up as meetings and committees start up again after their summer breaks.

I attended the **GSA Orientation** and it is my opinion that it was a great success. My thanks go out to the office staff for the excellent job that they did in organizing and executing the event.

LRC has not met as we are waiting to have our new LRC members confirmed at the September Council meeting. Once these members are confirmed, we will begin meeting and make finishing touches to the **Labour Liaison Program** and seek to implement the pilot project in the coming months.

The Negotiations Committee will not be meeting this year to discuss negotiations as the CPI the university is using is 1.45%. The total **compensation increase** for graduate students in the 2012-2013 year will be 2.0%. This means that the compensation above the increase of what will likely be the approved tuition increase (will not be done until the Board of Governors votes later this fall) will be 0.55%. This is good news for graduate students.

I have spent some time meeting with students as the beginning of a new term often brings new questions about the Collective Agreement and pay entitlements. I remind Council that if you hear of any issues in your departments to send your students to me if they need any help.

I have followed up with Mazi Shirvani, Dean of the FGSR, about the Graduate Student Funding Task Force. Mazi assured me that the task force was a priority and we look to be meeting again sometime in the coming fall days.

The next couple of weeks are filled with new committee meetings and relationship-building with various units on campus. I look forward to updating you on the progress of those meetings in October.

Cheers!

Tamara Korassa

Meetings attended between August 12 and September 15

Date	Meeting
August 17	GSA Board
August 24	GSA Board
August 31	GSA Fall Orientation
September 7	GSA Board
	Meeting with Student
September 8	Departmental Orientation (Law)
September 9	Meeting with a student
September 13	Meeting with Vice-President Finance
September 14	GSA Board
September 15	RO 101