

What's It All About?

Congratulations! You have been elected as a rep to the GSU for the next twelve months. Welcome.

This manual will explain many of the ins and outs of GSU Activities: for example, what is a course union, how often does Council meet, what are your responsibilities?

What is the GSU? Briefly, the GSU is the student organization that represents the more than 14,000 full and part-time graduate students at the U of T and OISE. Virtually every Department, Centre and Institute at the U of T has a course union, which is our name for a student council. Every one of the more than 80 course unions sends a rep to the GSU Council. You're one of them.

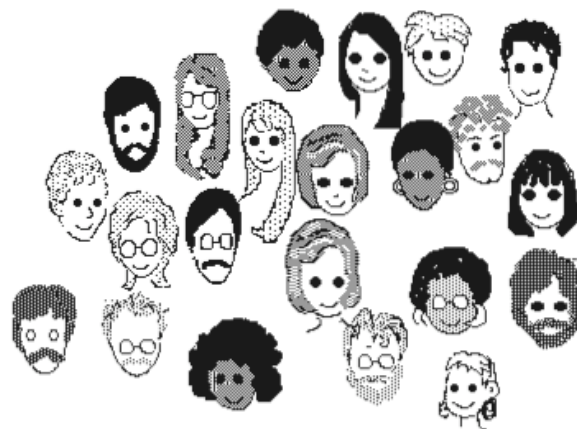
The GSU provides a wide range of services for graduate students, including:

- a pub, a restaurant, and a gymnasium
- FREE International Student Cards
- supplementary health insurance
- funds for course union activities
- political representation at all levels of University government
- assistance in appeals and bursary applications
- lobbying efforts at the federal and provincial levels for improvements in educational quality and financial aid.
- **an annual Survival & Dayplanner Handbook.** Have you seen it yet? It is available in your departmental office or we have copies in the GSU Building.

Where are We?

The GSU building is located at the end of Bancroft Avenue, west off Huron at the western edge of the Earth Sciences Centre. Feel free to drop by and chat with the Exec and staff. Our offices are usually open from 9 to 5 every weekday and are located behind the gym in the north end of the GSU - there are signs everywhere and it's a small building, you'll find us.

Use us as an information centre. If we can't help, we can send you to someone who can. If there are things you would like to see the GSU do, let us know. Just call us at 978-2391 or 978-6233.



GSU Staff

The GSU Staff is on hand in the Back Office and Basement Lounge during the week to help students with a wide variety of services.

978-2391 or 6233

• **Wendy Crolla, our Communications Co-ordinator,** is responsible for our website, e-mail listservs and GSU Digest, as well as Grad Escapes, orientation, administrative tasks, & working with the Executive & GSU Council. wendy@utgsu.ca

• **Rose Da Costa, the Resource Co-ordinator,** works with the executive organizing CFS and GSU campaigns and services, helps students with academic and financial concerns (including appeals and grants), monitors the University's Governing Council and sub-committees, runs GSU elections and sits on various GSU sub-committees. rose@utgsu.ca

• **Charlotte Reeve, our Fieldworker,** is responsible for Course Union funding, organization, and constitutions, as well as appeals, special grants & conference funding, & working with the Exec and Council reps. charlotte@utgsu.ca 978-8464 or 2391

• **Shain Dhalla is our Health and Dental Plan Insurance Administrator** health@utgsu.ca or call **978-8465**

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