



## UTGSU Civics Committee Meeting Highlights

**Date:** Thurs., October 24, 2013

**Location:** GSU Building (16 Bancroft Ave.), Executive Office

**Time:** 2-4pm (the last hour will be a joint meeting with Research Education and Governance Committee (REG) )

**Chair:** Susanne Waldorf, Civics and Environment Commissioner

**Vice-Chair:** Derek Larson, General Council Member

The first half of the Civics Committee meeting was focused on the work that we are doing to recruit new members to the Civics Committee and engage more students in the work of the UTGSU. The second half of the meeting was held as a joint meeting with the Research Education and Governance Committee (REG) to specifically discuss a post-residency fees campaign.

The Civics Committee posters have gone out and hopefully Susanne will start hearing from graduate students who are interested in joining us/learning more.

The UTGSU AGM was again discussed as a place for letting our general members know how they could get involved in the Union through committee work. Susanne will follow up on this in the Executive and perhaps invite committees and caucuses to give short presentations at the AGM.

### Post Residency Fees Campaign

Since we had decided at the last meeting to create a short video to introduce the concept of post-residency fees to graduate students, we will be creating a script and a storyboard to review at the next meeting.

Since the issue of post-residency fees is so tied up with the work of the Provostial Committee on Graduate Student Funding Support, we have decided to first mobilize around the student demands of that meeting and see where that takes us. As such, we are planning a Town Hall meeting for Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> from noon – 2pm to inform our membership of those demands and where we capture the ways that graduate students want to get involved in pushing for those demands.

The next meeting of the Civics Committee will also likely overlap with REG and be held sometime between Nov. 14-22<sup>nd</sup> (to be scheduled by doodle poll).

If you are interested in joining the committee or would like more information, please contact [civics@utgsu.ca](mailto:civics@utgsu.ca)