



## University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union Executive Reports to Council January 2017

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- A) Executive Committee and General Council Meeting
- I attended the UTGSU Annual General Meeting on December 6th
  - I attended the December General Council/Board of Directors Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>
  - I attended the final UTGSU Staff and Executive Committee Meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>
  - The UTGSU Office was closed December 19<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - I attended the Staff and Executive Committee Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>
  - I was on vacation during the Staff and Executive Committee Meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>
- B) Other UTGSU Committee, Levy Group and Caucus Meeting Highlights  
No Meetings took place during this time
- C) University of Toronto Governing Bodies and Other Engagement Highlights
- I. Meeting with Dean of School of Graduate Studies  
December 14<sup>th</sup>  
I attended a meeting with the Academics and Funding Commissioner 1&2, the Finance and University Governance Executive and the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. We discussed updates on student funding initiatives took a tour of the new SGS building (63 St. George St).



January 18<sup>th</sup>

I met with the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and am pleased to report that we have finalized an agreement for FREE SUMMER GYM MEMBERSHIP to Hart House for graduate students. We are working on extending this deal to the Athletic Centre as well. Details of what this process will look like are to come. In addition, we discussed new departmental initiatives to support graduate students through financially incentivizing candidacy, as well as opening up eligibility for scholarships allowing those in unfunded programs to be eligible for more graduate scholarships and bursaries. Furthermore, we are finalizing a 'best-practices' guide for supervisors, and have begun to discuss the creation of a 'best-practices' guide for programs and departments.

II. Meeting with Vice Dean of School of Graduate Studies

January 10<sup>th</sup>

I met with the Vice Dean of the School of Graduate Studies to negotiate funding for Graduate student intramurals. We have finalized a deal in which the UTGSU and SGS provide FREE INTRAMURALS for graduate students.

D) Other Meetings, Issues, Significant Events and Information Highlights

I. UTGSU Winter Week of Welcome

January 17<sup>th</sup>

The UTGSU hosted a Winter Week of Welcome for Incoming/Returning Graduate Students with multiple events. I attended and assisted with the clothing swap/drive in the UTGSU gym.