



Dear University of Toronto Graduate Students,

The University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU) Executive Committee recognizes the importance of unionized staff in a student union, and the roles in which Staff plays in supporting our Members and enriching their academic and personal experience. Our staff are integral to maintaining institutional knowledge of the university, providing necessary services distributed through the union and retaining a sense of continuity within our fast paced environment.

We, the UTGSU Executive Committee, support the staff of the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) and their right to be in an equal and safe workspace. We strongly believe that maintaining a collaborative and respectful environment allows our organization to consistently produce exceptional services, and continuous support for each of our Members. We view the UTSU's Health and Dental Plan Coordinator (Maria Pilar Galvez) and the Clubs and Service Groups Coordinator (Vita Carlino) as vital unionized roles that enhance student life, and we are severely disappointed with the UTSU decision to terminate these two individuals and eliminate their positions.

As such, the UTGSU Executive Committee stands in solidarity with CUPE 1281 and calls on the graduate community to voice their support for student-worker solidarity.

In solidarity,

The UTGSU Executive Committee