

## SGSU Executive Exit Reports: 2022 - 2023

President (Liam Welsh): As president, I acted as the main communication between graduate students and faculty/administration for the department. I attended departmental meetings to voice the concerns of graduate students as well as discussing our goings on. The main achievement from the past year would be organizing and hosting Graduate Student Research Day. This day highlighted the amazing work of our own graduate students and brought together graduate students from other universities as well. The result was well received, in part due to early planning (started in November) and having a great planning committee. Events hosted by the SGSU were also great successes, due to the amazing executive team.

Vice President (Emily Somerset): As vice president, I viewed my role as a support to the president. The president would delegate tasks to me such as coordinating the merchandise sales in the department and helping out with the welcome park day event for new graduate students. Furthermore, as vice president, I aimed to say yes to most opportunities that were presented to me. For instance, I participated in the comprehensive exam discussion panel, spoke at graduate research day, and volunteered at datafest.

Vice President, Internal (Kathleen Miao): The role of Vice-president, Internal is to ensure compliance of Statistics Graduate Student Union (SGSU) actions to the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU) laws and bylaws, in order to maintain active student union status and to receive funding from the UTGSU. This year, the SGSU constitution was written and ratified. I completed UTGSU training, attended 4 UTGSU assembly meetings, and 1 UTGSU Annual General Meeting. All were necessary to maintain SGSU head grant funding and active student group status from the UTGSU.

Treasurer (Emma Kroell): As treasurer, my role was to apply for the UTGSU Head Grant, reimburse and document the expenses of the Union, and communicate to the rest of the executive committee about our financial standing. In 2022-23, we received \$1,717.99 in Head Grant payments (2 installments) from the UTGSU. The Head Grant wholly supported our operation expenses. We spent \$1,391.95 on various events throughout the year, leaving a surplus of \$326.04 for next year.

First Year Representative (Mandy Yao): As first year representative, I acted as a liaison between the SGSU and the first year PhD students. I made sure that they were informed about (and encouraged participation in) events and activities that the SGSU was organizing and also ensured that the timing of these events and activities did not interfere with exams and deadlines. In addition, I helped out with the merchandise sales in the department this year.

Secretary (Morris Greenberg): As secretary, I took notes during the SGSU meetings, and posted them to the SGSU website. In addition, I helped plan a few of the events (such as the spring pub night).

Academic Liaison (Vedant Choudhary): As academic liaison, I actively promoted scholarship opportunities, and facilitated engagement by organizing watch parties to celebrate and support our colleagues during their thesis defense. I also facilitated an information session for first-year PhD students preparing for their comprehensive exam, providing them with valuable insights from experienced peers and guidance from the Associate Chair of Graduate Studies.

MSc Representative (Alex Valencia): As MSc representative, I acted as a liaison between the SGSU and the Masters students. I reinforced the communications sent on behalf of the SGSU to this group and encouraged the students to actively participate in the events organized by the union. With the help of other PhD students I organized an afternoon with board games and snacks.