

## **SGSU Executive Exit Reports: 2023 - 2024**

President (Mandy Yao): In my role as president, I led a wonderful executive team to organize social and academic events for the graduate students, with the aims of fostering a sense of community in our department and of providing opportunities to share our research. This includes the annual Statistics Graduate Student Research Day, which showcases the excellent research done by students in our department and gives an opportunity for students from other departments to share their statistics-related research. I also attended department meetings with staff and faculty to advocate for the needs and desires of graduate students and to participate in discussions relevant to the success and future of the department. Finally, I acted as a liaison between the department staff and faculty and the graduate students and was responsible for all the communications sent on behalf of the SGSU to the graduate students.

Vice-President (Yovna Junglee): As the Vice-President, I organised the Pub Night, a social event held every year to give the opportunity to graduate students to socialise outside of the office. The aim of the event is to foster a stronger sense of community within the graduate student body. I was also in charge of ordering merchandise for the graduate students. The UoT library made a few mistakes when placing the order with the manufacturer. This could have perhaps been avoided by limiting the number of choices (design/type/color) available and thus facilitating the ordering and distribution process. Finally, I represented the SGSU at all the Graduate Students Union (GSU) meetings.

Vice-President, Events (Marco Antonio Gallegos Herrada): As Vice-President, Events, I actively participated in brainstorming event proposals and attended the PhD town hall meeting on behalf of SGSU. I attended events like Board Game Nights, Pancake Day, and SGSU Beach Day to provide organizational and logistical support. Additionally, I listened to students' academic concerns and offered emotional support by sharing my experiences as a current PhD student.

Secretary (Pak Hop Chan): As the secretary, I maintained the SGSU website and updated it regularly throughout the year. Several enhancements were made to the website, which includes an event highlight section. The aim is to encourage graduate students in the department to make use of the website to stay updated with our latest events. I also provided minutes to executive meetings and ensured that they are accessible to graduate students. Besides, as a part-time role, I had been a makeshift photographer to capture special moments in SGSU events.

Treasurer (Kathleen Miao): In 2023-2024, the SGSU received \$1,902.36 from the UTGSU in head grant payments. (As of Aug, 29, 2024): We spent a total of \$2,285.53 on various events throughout the year, funding social events like Pub night, Park day, various games and movie nights, and holiday celebrations. We operated at a loss of \$383.18, as intended since the SGSU has been operating at a surplus for several years. We incurred a \$0.12 surplus from misrounding of merchandise payments, which we operated at-cost and on a volunteer basis (cost of merch to SGSU: \$1701.78, payments accepted from purchasers: \$1,701.90). Our closing balance in our bank account is \$6,030.74.

Academic Liaison (Konstantinos Christopher Tsiolis): In my role as academic liaison, I listened to students' concerns regarding graduate courses, teaching assistantships, the structure of the graduate programs, and the supports available to them. These were then relayed to the President for discussion at the department meeting. In addition to this responsibility, I assisted the other executives in organizing and obtaining food for events throughout the academic year (e.g., Movie Night, Game Nights, Super Bowl Event). I also served as Chair during one of the sessions at Research Day.

First Year Representative (Maggie Zhai): n/a

MSc Representative (Bernard Miskic): In my role as MSc Representative, I made sure there was clear and efficient communication between the MSc Statistics student's needs and the department. Some of which included feedback to how the MSc program can be improved in the future and other program related questions which I was requested to relay to the department. Along with this, I made a great effort to notify MSc students of any activities the SGSU would host to nourish a sense of involvement for all. Lastly, I had both minor and major involvement in organizing SGSU activities throughout the school year. Some of which include Park Day, Movie Night, Board Game Nights, Pancake Day, Lunar New Year Celebration Day, and more!