

COSAF Report | Recommendations & Comments

Review: Graduate Student Association (GSA) Fee

February 20, 2024

Action Item #2024-055

GSA Fee Background

The GSA fee referendum was originally voted on by graduate students to support GSA programming, services and facilities (operational costs, not capital). The 2022-23 fee is \$20.08 per quarter. COSAF is the oversight board with regards to recommending a CPI adjustment to the fee each year.

Only COSAF *Graduate* student members vote on the GSA Fee CPI adjustment.

Quorum Met

Per the Council on Student Affairs and Fees Bylaws: *Voting on issues associated with CPI for fees must have a quorum, defined as half the voting membership, rounded up to the nearest number.*

Total Graduate Voting Members: **3**

Fee Review Participation: **3**

Quorum was met at **100%** attendance

GSA Fee CPI Recommendation

Per the Council on Student Affairs and Fees Bylaws:

*Recommendations for CPI adjustments on Campus Based Fees must pass by **66%**, rounded to the nearest number.*

GSA Fee CPI for 2024-25	
YES	3
NO	0
Yes 100%	

RESULTS: COSAF recommends a CPI adjustment to the GSA fee in 2024-25

Graduate Voting & Alternate Member Comments

The GSA document was descriptive and provided a thorough outline of the allocation of fees.

There is comprehensive reasoning behind an increase to the GSA fee. It is my belief that the GSA fee supports very valuable programming and services for graduate students which those students rely on. For these reasons, I support an increase to the GSA fee.

GSA events are crucial for social activities of graduate students.

I support the CPI adjustment for GSA. They were very helpful in understanding the shifts in budget priorities and transparent in their process. Suggestions for future work: - A coordinator for GSA reps, to ensure every group has (an) active GSA rep(s) - A transparent place for everyone to access the budget - More targeted program delivery.