

RECOMMENDATION RESULTS AND SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

Council on Student Affairs and Fees | March 2, 2023

Graduate Student Association (GSA) Fee

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* and *Professional* student members vote on the GSA Fee CPI adjustment (not Undergraduates).

Quorum

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**

In Attendance: **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.*

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| Number of Voters: | 3 |
| Ballot Language: | I vote to recommend a CPI adjustment to the Graduate Student Association (GSA) Fee , for the 2023-24 academic school year, which supports programming, services, and facilities. |
| Vote Results YES : | 3 |
| Vote Results NO : | 0 |

RESULTS: *COSAF recommends a CPI adjustment to the GSA Fee in 2023-24*

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Graduate Member Comments

GSA has demonstrated to be a valuable resource to graduate students. Their fee breakdown is comprehensive and demonstrate a need for funding to continue funding travel grants and providing valuable services to graduate students while maintaining minimal overhead costs.

The GSA provides vital resources & support for the student body and deserves to operate to its full capacity as inflation and prices rise.

I personally do not take advantage of these services but do know that they are beneficial to other graduate students on campus (specifically the pantry, Travel awards and Wellness events).