

# 2024-2025 Appeals Committee Semi-Annual Report

*October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – AGM*

## 2024-2025 Membership (Checks and Balances Committee members)

Chair: **Maggie Lawton** (Director of Finance)

Vice-Chair: **Sarah Roberts** (Director of Internal Affairs)

- Abby Fleck (GSS Health and Dental Coordinator), non-voting
- Luke Montgomery (GRC)
- Yukio Jamieson Burns (GRC)
- Dhwani Sura (GRC)
- Gillian Leach (GRC)
- Jenna Mehlmann (GRC)
- Liam Mihalynuk (GRC)
- Mary Ann Sing (GRC)

## Duties of the Committee

The committee reviews and formally votes on appeals to the fees charged for services provided by the Graduate Student's Society (GSS), including both the Health and Dental Insurance, and the UPass. Decisions are based on GSS policies and specific directions from the insurer, in which favorable decisions may be granted on solid grounds of administrative unfairness and/or extenuating circumstances.

## Overview of Work Completed

The committee met for regular meetings throughout the beginning of the academic year and into the new calendar year. All appeals were heard within the timelines outlined in our policies. Abby Fleck was in charge of drafting all response letters to appellants; these were then revised and signed off by the Chair. One change to the response letters was to make more clear the committee decision behind the approval or denial of the appeal; this was achieved through more clear language and highlights to specific policies when appropriate.

From April to August 2025, four appeals were received and reviewed.