

2025-2026 Appeals Committee Semi-Annual Report

March 3rd, 2026 – SAGM

2025-2026 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
- Wyatt Maddox (GRC)
- Bernardo Leite (GRC)
- Jessica Li (GRC)
- Marcela Zamudio (GRC)
- Liam Mihalynuk (GRC)
- Chloë Farr (GRC)
- Frances Armas (GRC)
- Amélie Cazalais (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.

From September 2025 to February 2026, six appeals were received and reviewed.