

2025-26 Appeals Committee Annual Report

October 27, 2026 AGM

Membership

Chair: Eleanore Todd (Director of Finance)

Vice-Chair: Hannah Brown (The Director of Internal/University Relations)

2025-26 members:

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| • Wyatt Maddox | • Amélie Cazalais | • Jaqueline Rutherford |
| • Jessica Li | • Chloë Farr | (Finance and Benefits |
| • Marcela Zamudio | • Frances Armas | Coordinator), ex- |
| • Liam Mihalynuk | • Cam Thiessen | officio, non-voting |

2026-27 members:

- Jonah Ma
- Jaqueline Rutherford (Finance and Benefits Coordinator), ex-officio, non-voting

Thank you very much for all of the members time and effort in their work on this committee.

Duties of the Committee

The roll of this committee is to adjudicate GSS members' appeals related to the mandatory extended health and dental plans and universal bus pass program, based on if there has been administrative unfairness and/or extenuating circumstances. This ensures that we are protecting graduate students and the GSS against insurance fraud. The committee also compiles and reports any member input on the extended health and dental plan and universal bus pass program that it receives.

Overview of Work Completed

The committee met for regular meetings and all appeals were heard within the timelines outlined in our policies. Jaqueline Rutherford was in charge of drafting all response letters to appellants; these were then reviewed and signed off by the Chair.

From April to September 2026, two (2) appeals were received and reviewed.