GSA Labour Relations Committee (GSA LRC)
Report to GSA Council for the 20 April 2020 Meeting

To: GSA Council
From: Shanawaz Mohammad
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Dear GSA Council Colleagues,

I would like to thank all academically-employed graduate students who attended the Labour Town Hall on 19 March 2020, and to all who filled out our Google Feedback form regarding the GSA Collective Agreement bargaining priorities that was available 12-30 March 2020. The GSA LRC met on 2 April 2020 to review the feedback we received and to set the bargaining mandate for the next round of collective bargaining with the University that will start this spring for the new collective agreement will take effect September 2020. The bargaining mandate has been sent to all current academically-employed graduate students to vote upon for approval. If the majority of those who vote are in favour of our bargaining mandate, the GSA Negotiating Team (GSA NT) will build the opening position based on this mandate. The next step will be to send the opening position to the University to commence negotiations.

In closing, there are still some vacancies on the GSA LRC that will be advertised shortly to academically-employed graduate students. I ask you all to encourage your academically-employed graduate student colleagues to consider applying to serve on the GSA LRC.

I am happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,
Shanawaz Mohammad, Vice-President Labour and Chair of the GSA LRC