To: GSA Council  
From: Sasha van der Klein  
Date: October 20, 2017  

Dear Council Colleagues,  

On September 27, 2017, the GSA Board, according to GSA Bylaw and Policy, named the following graduate students to serve on the GSA Negotiating Committee (GSA NC), in addition to myself (as Chair) and the GSA Vice-President Academic, Firouz Khodayari (as Vice-Chair), Beth Richardson (Cell Biology, former GSA Councillor, and GSA LRC member) and Dasha Smirnow (GSA Councillor-at-Large, Business PhD, GSA LRC member, and GSA BFC member). Continuity from the GSA LRC, background knowledge of its members, and representation from a diversity of departments/faculties were considered by the GSA Board in naming those students to the GSA NC.  

As reported in the GSA Labour Relations Committee (GSA LRC) report, following a Pre-Bargaining Town Hall on September 26, 2017, the GSA NC met jointly with the GSA LRC on October 10 to discuss the feedback received at this town hall and to review elements to include in the GSA’s next draft of the Opening Position for the upcoming round of collective bargaining.  

I am happy to answer any questions.  

Respectfully,  
Sasha van der Klein, GSA Vice-President Labour and Chair of the GSA NC