GSA Council Petition Against Election Fraud

This is a petition to the GSA Council to enact the following changes as per section 98 of the <u>Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA)</u>. The current graduate student population of the University of Alberta is 8466 students. As per the PSLA, <u>we need 10% of the graduate</u> <u>student body to sign this petition</u>, after which we shall "require the council of the student organization to conduct a vote on and implement any resolution pertaining to the affairs of the student organization."

This language makes it clear that the petition shall require the GSA to implement this resolution, regardless of the outcome of their vote.

<u>This link</u> is a compilation of evidence about election fraud, discrimination against Indigenous and domestic students, deliberate interference, and other matters. None of the evidence compiled is confidential.

Only graduate students at the University of Alberta may sign this petition. If you are not a graduate student, please use <u>this In Solidarity petition</u> instead.

Corruption has long found root in the GSA. During the recent budget vote, threats were made against the GSA Council by staff members — non-elected, non-student administrators who have no affiliation to the University or the GSA, except through their employment. These threats were to preserve their position.

This year, you will pay 158\$.

Of that, 89\$ will be paid exclusively to the salaries and direct benefits of staff members. That is a total of 767 163\$. This excludes special expenses at their disposal. In contrast, *ALL* GSA DEOs combined, excluding the AVPL (which is on a different budget paid for by Academically Employed Graduate Student union dues) cost each student 32\$. Together, that is 77% of the entire GSA budget, over a million dollars. The total budget is 1 360 601\$.

This year, the total sum of all GSA expenses that will directly find its way back to students?

13\$

And now, the GSA executives have committed **blatant election fraud** against the first ever Vice-President Indigenous Relations, Tamara Dubé. She is the fourth Indigenous person in history to be elected to the GSA. The third, Nathan Lamarche, currently holds office as the Associate Vice-President of Labour. The second, Benjamin Kucher, held office as the previous Vice-President Student Life. The first, Florence Glanfield, was elected as President nearly 40 years ago.

Instead of welcoming her, the GSA executive have attempted to erase her from her role. The previous GSA administration pursued Kucher until he left his position. Complaints have been filed and a series of defamation attempts have been made against Lamarche for fighting against this election fraud.

Enough is enough.

The signatories of this petition demand the following. If this petition reaches <u>847</u> <u>signatures</u>, these demands become legally binding and must be implemented by the GSA Council as per the Post-Secondary Learning Act.

- 1. Immediately formally recognise Tamara Dubé as the current and legally appointed Vice-President Indigenous Relations as of the 4th of June, 2025.
- 2. Immediately and irrevocably terminate the employment of Cindy Roose (Associate Director) and Dorota Dziekan (Finance Manager and HR Manager).
- 3. Immediately and irrevocably remove from office the President of the GSA, Aashish Kumar; Vice President Academic, Chen Okafor; Chair of the ERC, Elsie Osei; and Vice-Chair of the ERC, Ibrahim Khodabocus.
- 4. If the above individuals refuse to vacate their positions and hand over all workplace materials, documents, data, passwords, and all else related to their positions within the 24 hours following the presentation of this petition to the GSA Council, the GSA immediately authorise the issuance of a court order to remove them from their roles.
- 5. Within 3 calendar months, revise and amend the Bylaws and Policies to protect against future corruption within the GSA, including protections against election fraud and threats and abuse from GSA staff and elected officials.
- 6. Within 3 calendar months, revise and amend the Bylaws and Policies to disband the Appeals and Complaints Board and replace it with a clear and accountable system with multiple levels of checks and balances, and whose decisions may be reversed by a majority vote in council, rather than a single committee whose decisions are deemed "final."
- 7. Within 14 calendar days, publish a public statement from the GSA on the website declaring with evidence that these demands have been met and complied with.
- 8. Given the sum of work already put into the position, immediately make Tamara Dubé financially whole, retroactive to the 4th of June, 2025.
- 9. If at any point over the course of the next year, Nathan Lamarche, the Associate Vice-President of Labour is removed from their position as a result of any complaints filed by or on behalf of individuals listed in this petition, or due to any

advocacy in the fight against election fraud or the other issues listed in this petition, that the decision be immediately reversed and corrected.

Stand with us. Stand with Indigenous Peoples. Stand against election fraud.

If any organisation or student group would like to make an official statement on this matter to be shared with this petition, send an email to nlamarch@ualberta.ca or tdube@ualberta.ca. There is a dedicated question below for individuals wanting to put forward anonymous statements. All statements received will be put into a folder within the evidence folder as we collect them throughout the course of the petition and presented to the GSA Council.

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Email *

Record Idhennig@ualberta.ca as the email to be included with my response

By signing this petition, I affirm that I am a graduate student at the University of * Alberta. (If you are not, please <u>sign this petition</u> instead.)

I am a graduate student at the University of Alberta.

To sign this petition, check the box below. Your email will be recorded for the sole * purpose of the verification and authenticity of the petition; it will not be shared or circulated.

I declare that I am signing this petition and demanding that the GSA Council implement this resolution of our demands.

Please write your name below to sign the petition. *

Your answer

If you would like to write an additional statement, please do so here. These shall be anonymised and presented to the GSA Council alongside the petition.

Your answer

A copy of your responses will be emailed to Idhennig@ualberta.ca.

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