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UGSW FINANCIAL REPORT: INTRODUCTION

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The 2010–2011 academic year has been a significant year for the development of the Union of Graduate Student Workers at the University of New Brunswick. At the end of Fall term 2010 the collective negotiations of the UGSW’s bargaining team came to an end with the signing of our first collective agreement with the University of New Brunswick. The UGSW’s Executive has since faced a continuing challenge through the Winter and Summer terms of 2011 as the implementation of the collective agreement and the development of the infrastructure and personnel required to conduct the affairs of our union became our chief priority.

Through the cooperative efforts of the UGSW Members and Executive, the Public Service Alliance of Canada’s Regional Representatives and Staff, and an interest free infrastructure development loan from the PSAC, the UGSW now has a functioning office facility and a technologically enabled Executive Committee. These developments have enabled the UGSW to effectively move forward representing the interests of our Members in their workplaces and to develop links to other Unions in the region and beyond. Executive participation in the 5th Triennial PSAC Atlantic Convention, a PSAC Directly Chartered Local Conference, and other PSAC Union training events has been made possible through funding provided by the PSAC. These experiences have significantly contributed to the UGSW Executive’s ability to represent its members and conduct the business of the Union.

In the coming academic year our Union faces continuing challenges concerning member engagement and representation. However, with the infrastructure required to meet these challenges at hand and an engaged Executive, these persistent challenges for all unions in the academic sector will be overcome. The 2011–2012 academic year is the last full year before our Union must begin to engage in the collective bargaining process. As such it presents both an excellent opportunity for our members to engage in union development activities and a clear opportunity for our Union Executive to reach out to our Members in order to capture their voice looking forward to new negotiations with our Employer.

These general union development goals and the reporting of the UGSW financial details that follow are submitted and moved for your approval.

In Solidarity,

Gregory Ericson
UGSW Treasurer (2010–2011)