

# Bylaws Changes

## TWUGSA

### **SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

At its meeting held on 18th May 2022, it was decided by members of the Executive Council that the following changes be proposed to the bylaws:

**1. TWUGSA student contribution be increased to CA\$5 per credit hour.** TWUGSA

Executive Council has noted that the current contribution was approved in 2004, which was 18 years ago. At the time the Consumer Price Index was 2.1 whereas as of September 2022, it stood at 7.6. This refers to a more than 100% increase in costs during the relevant period. As such, the Council proposes an increase in student fees so as to enable them to better serve students moving forward.

**2. TWUGSA members' leadership grants be increased to reflect the current economic realities.** As noted above, the current leadership grant was approved in 2004, which was 18 years ago. In the interest of equity, it was felt that stipends should reflect this as well as inflationary pressures currently impacting the wider economy. These increases would be as follows and would bring the leadership grants more into alignment with the undergraduate student association:

- a.** President: from \$2000.00 to \$4800 per year.
- b.** Other elected Executive Council Representatives: from \$1500.00 to \$4300 per year.
- c.** Elected Representatives: from \$1000.00 to \$2300 per year.
- d.** Appointed TWUGSA members: from \$500.00 to \$2000 per year.

As per the TWUGSA Constitution, all TWUGSA members must be informed of these changes to the bylaws and given an opportunity vote on their approval. This voting poll will stay open for one week. Please submit your vote by (date).

Thank you!

**-Executive Council, Trinity Western University Graduate Student Association**