**Union of Grad Student Workers (UGSW)**

**PSAC Local 60550**

**2nd Vice President**

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Since UGSW’s last AGM on October, the rate of bargaining sessions was slowed down manly due to employer’s unavailability. This fact was mentioned in bargaining update meeting held in November to members. Considering submitting of final proposals for non-monetary packages, I as a part of bargaining team was involved in investigation and research procedure of producing a reasonable and logical monetary package. On the other hand, as part of new articles, better communication tools for reaching members is planned. I was representative of the bargaining team in dealing with ITS (UNB’s IT services section) in order to ensure feasibility of local’s proposal.

Expanding the steward network is also part of local’s mandate and I tried to reach out and meet with new members and raise their interest in being involved in union which resulted into singing many new cards since last AGM. Attending United Labour Council meeting was another part of my union activities during the period.

Regards,

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