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Unofficial results see U-Pass go through for Graduate Students 83% vote in favour of UPass

Edmonton – The University of Alberta Graduate Students' Association's elections and referendum were held yesterday with results showing a strong majority in favour of the Universal Bus Pass (UPass). 1951 ballots were cast with 83% of voters in favour of the transit pass referendum.

The current proposal for the UPass would provide all graduate students with unlimited use of the Edmonton Transit System, St. Albert Transit System and Strathcona Transit during the Fall and Winter terms for \$75 per term (please see the GSA UPass website for other conditions and terms <http://www.gsa.ualberta.ca/GSA/Members/VPCOM/upass>)

GSA President Christine Delling explains that “students at the University of Alberta have been working on a UPass agreement for many years. The referendum results show that these efforts were justified.”

Executive elections also took place with the following unofficial results:

President – Julie Charchun

Vice President Academic - Tooraj Farajzadehasl

Vice President Operations & Services - Guofan (Robin) Hao

Vice President Labour Relations – Jen Landry

Vice President Communications - Matthew Robertson

All election and referendum results will remain unofficial until the GSA Council approves the election process as valid on March 12, 2007.

The University of Alberta Students' Union will be next to go to referendum on March 7th and 8th, and Grant MacEwan Students' Association will be the final group to vote on the UPass on March 21st and 22nd.

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The Graduate Students' Association at the University of Alberta represents over 6,000 students.

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