OGE is still very much involved in handling of the Emergency Hardship funding requests (which can be found [here](#)). So far, there have been roughly 230 requests for funding, most of which have been met for a total of $256 thousand. This mainly consisted of requests for housing, rent, utilities, moving and travel initially.

Since mid-March the requests have been COVID-19 related, including loss of funding, tuition fees, general support, food/groceries, and payment of account balances so that students may graduate. Currently these requests are being filled within 1 to 2 weeks, unless there are extenuating circumstances. The requests that involve loss of a paid opportunity are being forwarded to the School Dean’s Office.

The GSC Executive Committee will have an additional meeting to improve communication with the Office of Graduate Education, as currently only the GSC Officers have meetings.