



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Document 081A

Position Policy Regarding Commitment to a Future GSA Building

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1. This Document shall be known as the "Position Policy Regarding Commitment to a Future GSA Building"

Jurisdiction:

2. The Graduate Students' Association, in accordance with Document 010 – The Graduate Students' Association Legislative Framework Policy, may enact legislation known as "Position Policy", which shall:
 - a. Policies may also be used as a statement to provide Board an opportunity to take a stance on an issue that affects graduate students, but one in which it is felt that a piece of policy passed by Board would have a greater effect as opposed to a simple motion.
 - b. "Position Policies" are written statements or stances held by the GSA on any issue that falls within its mandate, as outlined in relevant GSA Legislation.
 - c. Position Policies are the responsibility of the Executive Committee, who may create, uphold, and pursue them but Board reserves the authority to review and advise on all Position Policies.
 - d. Unlike all other policies, which are reviewed but remain in effect until they are amended or redacted by Board, any Position Policy shall expire (3) years from the day it is passed, at which time they can be renewed. Position Policies may be rescinded prior to the three (3) year term.

Statement:

3. In March 2021 over 70% of GSA members voted in favour of establishing a dedicated ancillary fee to fund the GSA's vision for a new building on the main campus of Brock University. Principally, the GSA commits to the following in the pursuit of a new building and a home to call our own:
 - a. The building will be centrally located within the main campus.
 - b. The building will reflect the GSA's commitments, within Document 007 to equity and inclusion.
 - c. The building will reflect the GSA's commitments, to indigenization, decolonization, and reconciliation.
 - d. The GSA will meaningfully engage indigenous partners from across the Brock Community to reflect the organizations commitments outlined above.
 - e. Construction of the new building will commence within ten years of the passing of the referendum (by March 2031).
 - f. The commitments outlined within this policy will be reflected within any future revisions of Document 007.
 - g. Collection of the New Building Levy will only be activated for a new building, not interim renovations, or other space considerations.

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- h. Discussions of space utilization will include key campus partners, primarily the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS).
 - i. The GSA will ensure all design considerations for space account for potential growth and increased or changing demand for service. The building should be designed with the potential for future expansion in mind, to be flexible and adaptable for a minimum of forty years post construction.
 4. The following outlines general considerations programming within future space within the new building that should be taken into account:
 - a. Office Space
 - b. Event Space
 - c. Bookable Space for graduate students
 - d. Graduate Student Club Space
 - e. Restaurant Space
 - f. Bar/Pub Space
 - g. Meeting/Boardroom Space
 - h. Partnership Spaces (including flexible or hybrid workspaces)
 - i. ITS Space
 - j. Rentable/Conference Space