



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

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Membership Provisions of the Graduate Students' Association Bylaw

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1. This Document shall be known as the "Membership Provisions of the Graduate Students' Association Bylaw"

Purpose:

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to outline any additional privileges to be conferred on various membership classes beyond those provided within Article Four, Section's I, II, and III of Document 001 – GSA Constitution and Pursuant Articles.

Definition:

3. Under Article Four, Section I of the GSA Constitution, Full Members may be any registered graduate student, either full or part-time, at Brock University who has paid in full, per term, the designated membership fee.
4. The GSA Operating Fund shall be the designated membership fee, and shall be charged per term, at a rate established and adjusted by the GSA Board of Directors.

Additional Privileges Afforded to Full Members of the GSA:

5. In addition to the rights and privileges afforded to Full Members under Article Four, Section I, Subsection b of the GSA Constitution, Full Members shall have the right to:
 - a. Serve on any GSA established boards, commissions, departments, task forces, and committees,
 - b. Serve as a GSA representative on any academic or administrative committee of the university, pursuant to any additional relevant restrictions,
 - c. Participate in academic, social, and recreational programs sponsored by the GSA,
 - d. Access additional supports, material and information that support the GSA, at reduced or no cost,
 - e. Receive GSA publications, at reduced or no cost, including but not limited to the following:
 1. GSA Handbook/Dayplanner,
 2. GSA Health Plan information,
 3. GSA Transit information,
 4. GSA Newsletter,
 5. Information on associations to which the GSA belongs,
 - f. Access additional financial support programs offered by the GSA, either directly or indirectly, at reduced or no cost,
 - g. Receive physical promotional materials and products from the GSA or GSA affiliated organizations, at reduced or no cost,



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- h. Receive electronic promotional materials and products from the GSA or GSA affiliated organizations, at reduced or no cost,

Additional Privileges Afforded to Associate Members of the GSA:

6. In addition to the rights and privileges afforded to Associate Members under Article Four, Section II, Subsection b of the GSA Constitution, Associate Members shall have the right to:
 - a. Become Full Members, upon the payment, in full, of the GSA membership fee and conference by the GSA Office.
 - b. Be appointed to and serve on committees of both the GSA and the University, provided that those committees require a graduate student representative and not a graduate students' association representative.
 - c. Receive GSA publications, including but not limited to the following:
 1. GSA Health Plan information,
 2. GSA Transit information,
 3. GSA Newsletter,

Additional Privileges Afforded to Honourary Members of the GSA:

7. In addition to the rights and privileges afforded to Honourary Members under Article Four, Section III, Subsection b of the GSA Constitution, Honourary Members shall have the right to:
 - a. Access all public minutes of Annual General Meetings (AGM's) and Special General Meetings (SGM's) of the GSA,
 - b. The right to attend and speak, at the discretion of the Chair, at all public meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee,
 - c. Access to all public minutes of the GSA, including minutes of the Board and Executive,
 - d. Participate in academic, social, and recreational programs sponsored by the GSA,
 - e. Receive promotional materials and products from the GSA or GSA affiliated organizations,

Additional Provisions of all Members of the GSA:

8. Any person wishing to become a member and maintain membership in one of the classes of membership outlined in Article Four of the GSA Constitution, must be determined to be 'In Good Standing'.
9. In addition to the language provided in the GSA Constitution, 'In Good Standing' refers to a member whose actions have upheld the core tenants and principles of both the university and the association. A member's status as 'In Good Standing' shall not be affected as a result of minor infractions as they relate to university or



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association policy, but instead to serious and grievous actions that violate the core tenants and principles of both the university and the association.

10. Any member who engages in conduct unbecoming of a member, who has failed to act in accordance with relevant legislation and has undertaken such actions that are found to be detrimental to the objects, aims and welfare of the Corporation shall be at risk for having their membership rescinded under Article Four, Section V of the GSA Constitution.

Limitations:

11. No right or privilege provided by this Bylaw may contravene those that are provided by the GSA Constitution. Any contraventions found shall be addressed in accordance with the Article Twenty-Two of the GSA Constitution.