



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

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Board Member of the Graduate Students' Association Policy

Name:

1. This Document shall be known as the "Board Member Policy"

Scope:

2. Board members are volunteers as identified in the Ontario Corporations Act, 1990 and the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act, 2017 (ONCA). They are recruited through an annual process of recruitment and elections according to Brock University Graduate Students' Association Bylaw and Board recruiting policies as well as organization procedures.
3. Board procedures relating to the general conduct of the GSA are contained with GSA's Legislative Documents.

Board Policy Governance:

4. The Board of Directors of the GSA adopts a Board governance framework that is focused on Financial Oversight, Visioning, Strategic Planning, Policy, Strategic Goals, and Generative Thinking.

Purpose:

5. The Board is involved in making decisions that define the vision and mission of the GSA, its strategic objectives, priority populations, the organizational values, the strategic priorities and the future course for GSA. It establishes the legal, ethical and financial boundaries within which the Executive and Staff must operate to achieve the mission and strategic goals.
6. The Board defines the roles and responsibilities as well as communication lines between Board, Board Committees, Executive and Staff.

Term:

7. All Board Members, both elected and ex-officio of the GSA are elected/appointed to one-year terms and may seek reelection to a maximum of six (6) consecutive terms. Members shall be eligible to return to the Board after a one (1) year hiatus. Ex-officio staff directors shall be exempt from this provision.
8. Terms shall normally run from May 1st to April 30th of the following year.

Accountability:

9. A GSA Board Member shall be accountable to the membership of the GSA. Board members are also accountable to federal, provincial, municipal government funding bodies and any other group that provides financial assistance to the organization.



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Roles and Responsibilities:

10. Individual Board Members are required to uphold the roles and responsibilities outlined in Document 015 – The Graduate Students' Association Board of Directors Policy, alongside those specified within relevant municipal, regional, provincial and federal legislation.
11. As directors may be elected or appointed on behalf of specific constituencies, they are likely to carry perspectives that will inform the board during its deliberations on issues pertaining to graduate students. However, as members of a governing body, directors are required to make decisions that are in the best interests of the association, not those of their specific constituencies.

Compliance:

12. Beyond the relevant legislation noted in Section 10 of this policy, Directors of the Board are also required to comply with the following legislation:
 - a. Document 112 – Board Conflict of Interest Procedure
 - b. Document 113 – Board Confidentiality Procedure
 - c. Document 114 – Board Solidarity Procedure
 - d. Document 115 – Board Member Sanctions Procedure
 - e. Document 117 – Minute Taking and Records Retention Procedure
 - f. Document 118 – In-Camera Proceedings Procedure
 - g. Document 119 – In-Camera Records Retention Procedure
13. Beyond complying with the legislation outlined in Section's 10 and 12 of these documents, Directors shall indicate their compliance annually by signing Document 116 – Oath of Confidentiality and Compliance Policy. Copies of these agreements shall be kept on file by the GSA for a period not less than seven (7) years.