



## **Brock University Graduate Students' Association**

### **Document 082A**

#### **Issue Bylaw – Regarding Student-Faculty and Student-Supervisor Ratios**

#### **Name**

1. This Document shall be known as the “Issue Bylaw – Regarding Student-Faculty and Student-Supervisor Ratios”

#### **Jurisdiction**

2. The Graduate Students' Association, in accordance with Document 010A – Legislation of the Graduate Students' Association Bylaw, may enact legislation known as “Issue Bylaws”, which shall:
  - a. Be the responsibility of the Executive Committee, who may create, uphold and pursue them but Council/Board reserves the authority to review and advise on all Issues Bylaws,
  - b. Provide a statement or stance relating to an issue that affects graduate students, that is requires a more comprehensive approach then a motion by either the executive committee or the board of directors,
  - c. Act as statement or stance held by the GSA on any issue that falls within its mandate, as outlined in the constitution,
  - d. Be reviewed on an ongoing basis, but remain in effect until they are amended or redacted by Council/Board, and,
  - e. Automatically expire three (3) years after initial approval.

#### **Statement**

3. The Graduate Students' Association believes that current campus student-faculty ratios must be maintained and that current student-supervisor ratios provided across the institution must not be impacted by budgetary decisions in order to meet ministry mandated tuition reductions. Such adjustments are, in the view of the Graduate Students' Association, detrimental to the learning environment at Brock University as well as the opportunity to develop both student researchers as well as foster a culture of research at the institution.