



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Press Release

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GSA Board of Directors Appoints New Leadership for Remainder of 2021-2022 Term

On September 30, at its monthly virtual meeting, the Board of Directors nominated and appointed a new Chair and Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2021-2022 operating year; Amanda Williams was appointed Chair and Jake Medeiros has been appointed Vice-Chair. This is Williams' second term with the Board of Directors and Medeiros' first term. Williams previously sat as Vice-Chair from May to September 2021.

Since moving into a leadership position in May, Williams has held strong focus on contributing to graduate student experiences by advocating for and representing their needs: "I'm excited to see where this year's team takes us, as our Strategic Plan gives a strong framework for developing services and events that benefit students, now and in the future."

Williams' predecessor, Felisia Milana, steps down from duties with the Board as she is set to be amongst the graduating cohort this Fall. Previously serving as the Board's inaugural Vice-Chair then Chair, Milana entered each of these roles with ambition and determination to create strong community and maintain stability within the Board.

"Over the past five months, we have really benefited from having Felisia as our Board Chair," shares GSA President, Christopher Yendt. "From my position, the Chair is a critical role within our organization, maintaining a strong relationship between the Board and Executive. Her leadership was instrumental in the development of the first Board orientation program, as well as the Board's involvement in the monthly updates of our Strategic Action / Annual Plan. While we will definitely miss her in the role, we know that wherever she lands, they will benefit from her involvement, insight, and experience."

The Board of Directors, alongside the Executive Committee and staff, wish Milana the best in near ventures.

This meeting not only saw the appointments of new Board leadership, but was the first meeting within the Fall semester, marking additional recruitment efforts to fill the few remaining seats.

"I, along with the other members of the Executive team, are grateful for all the efforts of the Board to ensure accountability and transparency while supporting our ongoing efforts to complete all of our Year One goals in our [Strategic Plan](#)," says Yendt. "If strategic management, finance, and planning are passions of yours, being involved with our Board is a great way to gain experience that will translate well to future employment opportunities."

Currently, there is an ongoing recruitment for Directors from the Faculty of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences, and the Faculty of Humanities. If you are interested in the potential of representing your faculty, please email gsaed@brocku.ca for more information.



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