



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

### **Press Release**

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### **GSA Board of Directors Appoints New Leadership for 2021-2022**

In previous years of operation, the role of Chair and Vice-Chair of the GSA Board of Directors were filled by the President and the Deputy President respectively. In January 2021, after the successful enactment of the new [Board Leadership Policy \(Document 017A\)](#), the GSA Board of Directors elected its inaugural independent Chair and Vice-Chair; their terms concluded on April 30 at the end of the 2020-2021 Board's year.

“Since becoming President in 2019, we have sought to separate the role of President from the role of Chair to reflect leading practice in the sector. It also differentiates the work of the Board from the Executive team more clearly, ensuring critical accountability for our members,” reflects Christopher Yendt. “I’m delighted to have been a part of this transformational change, and to further work alongside a group of incredible graduate student leaders.”

On May 20, at its virtual annual orientation, the Board of Directors elected Felisia Milana as Chair and Amanda Williams as Vice Chair for 2021-2022. Milana and Williams are returning Directors, having both served on the Board during 2020-2021. Milana was also the inaugural Vice Chair of the Board of Directors from January to April 2021.

“My first year on the Board was a beneficial experience as I was able to build intellectual connections with the Board and Executive teams”, shares Milana. “As I am now the second Chairperson of the GSA Board, I hope to continue this role’s strong beginning in maintaining stability and organization. From orientation, the 2021-2022 Board seems eager to represent the GSA and I anticipate this ambition will only grow stronger as the year continues.”

With similar eagerness and excitement, Williams reflects on her experience and the year ahead: “While working with the GSA, my hope has been to contribute to graduate student experiences by advocating for and representing the needs of my peers. 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. I’m honoured to be working as Vice Chair of the Board.”

On May 27, Milana and Williams kicked off the year for the Board of Directors, conducting its first virtual meeting of 2021-2022. While this meeting marked the first for the year, this meeting also marked ongoing recruitment efforts to fill the few remaining seats left on the Board. “As we continue to have vacancies within certain faculties [on our Board], I encourage students to consider applying for a position and to reach out for more information if they remain uncertain,” says Milana.



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Currently, there is ongoing recruitment for Directors from the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Humanities. If you are interested in the potential of representing your faculty, please email [gsaoffice@brocku.ca](mailto:gsaoffice@brocku.ca) for more information. To learn more about the role and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, [click here](#).

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