



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Press Release

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VP, Communications and Advancement Named Deputy President for 2021-2022

In April 2019, members of the GSA voted to amend our Bylaw (at that time Constitution) to revise the responsibilities of members of the executive team and create the role of the Deputy President. The Deputy President was firstly designed through inspiration of leading practices within the sector, but secondly as a model for succession planning. The role ensures that any short-term irregularities can be managed by the member of the team whose skillset(s) were most aligned with the needs of the rest of the executive and the gaps arising within the portfolio. The Deputy President role is not an additional executive position, nor does it receive any additional remuneration.

On June 17, in a meeting of the Executive Committee, Vice President, Communications and Advancement Haley Myatt was nominated and confirmed to fill the role of Deputy President for 2021-2022. The confirmation was then brought forward to the Board of Directors at their monthly virtual meeting on June 24.

"I am thrilled with the confirmation of Haley Myatt as Deputy President for 2021-2022," shares President Christopher Yendt. "Haley's passion and dedication to the GSA is an incredible asset to the organization. Having served in several different roles over the course of her graduate studies, I have personally seen a strong commitment to the mission and vision of Graduate Students' Association."

Since beginning her studies at Brock in Fall 2019, Myatt has served two terms as a Director of the Board, representing the Faculty of Social Sciences, was elected inaugural Chair of the Board of Directors during Winter 2021, and has sat on numerous internal and university-based committees.

"As I enter my third year of work with the GSA, I am ecstatic to deepen my involvement with the additional responsibilities of Deputy President," says Myatt. "I feel a sense of honour and am thankful for the opportunity to help support the GSA, and inherently, support graduate students at Brock more. The GSA has accomplished a tremendous amount in the past two years, and alongside the incredible team we have this year, I know that together we will accomplish greater."

Echoing Myatt, Yendt shares his enthusiasm for the coming year, noting specific excitement to work in collaboration on several shared projects as rolling out the GSA's inaugural Strategic Plan, celebrate the GSA's 20th Anniversary and explore the association's brand connection with the membership.

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