



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Press Release

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April 30, 2021 – (St. Catharines, ON)

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On Thursday, April 29, the GSA virtually held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and saw a gathering of current and incoming executive, current and incoming Board members, members of the Program Assembly, students-at-large and GSA staff persons.

This year's AGM was different, not only because it was virtual but because it was a celebration of all the work done over the last year with our first formal Annual Report. Increased institutional representation, organizational restructuring, incorporation of leading practice through the creation of over twenty legislative documents, inaugural Cultural Integration Event Week and Grad-itude Week, and a successful referendum for a new graduate student building are just some of the incredible accomplishments we look forward to sharing with you from the past year.

The AGM also marked a new era of commitment to growth for the organization. These commitments extend to developing a land acknowledgement that gives deeper respect to the original custodians of the lands which the GSA is physically seated upon; a plan for the future, through the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan (Document 007A), solidifying our mission, vision, values and strategic priorities for the next half-decade; as well as the appointment of our first auditors, to improve our financial accountability and transparency to our members.

“Our 2021 AGM capped off a transformational year, one that has moved the GSA forward across a number of different areas that will be critical to our continued success over the next decade”, reflected Christopher Yendt, continuing GSA President. “We have made great strides to improve our efforts in advocacy and service for our members over the twelve months and it is fantastic to see it all come together and be recognized in this way”.

Beyond the approval of the Annual Report and the GSA's first strategic plan the AGM also saw the appointment a new slate of Board of Directors who will serve for the 2021-2022 year. The incoming Directors were selected through a redeveloped recruitment process featuring application, vetting and recommendation by the Governance, Elections, and Nominating Committee, then followed by Board approval before presentation at the AGM.

“While I remain incredibly proud and thankful for the 2020-2021 Board of Directors, I am truly elated for the incoming Board,” shares outgoing-Chair of the Board, Haley Myatt. “They will be coming into a space that has been completely rejuvenated and a space that now has clearest sense of purpose because of new legislation and the Strategic Plan. For this alone, I have the greatest faith in this group in helping guide this organization.”

The 2020-2021 Board of Directors are:

Eric O'Neill, Applied Health Sciences

Alessandra Gabriel, Applied Health Sciences

Amanda Williams, Mathematics and Sciences

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Jacob Medeiros, Mathematics and Sciences

Felisia Milana, Social Sciences

Shealin Murray, Social Sciences

Owen Angus-Yamada, Goodman School of Business.

For more in-depth information on the happenings of this past year, visit [our website] to find our full Annual Report. There, you will also find information on our 2021-2026 Strategic Plan.

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