



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Document 011B

The Graduate Students' Association Class I – Full Membership Policy

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1. This Document shall be known as the “The Graduate Students’ Association Class I – Full Membership Policy”

Purpose:

2. The purpose of this Policy is to further outline any additional privileges to be conferred on full members of the GSA beyond those provided within Article Four, Section I of Document 001 – GSA Bylaws and Schedule A .
3. This policy shall also outline the structure of transitory membership and the provisional status applied to members outside of the traditional membership corridor.

Definition:

4. Under Article Four, Section I of the GSA Bylaws, Full Members may be any registered graduate student, either full or part-time, at Brock University who has paid in full, per term, the designated membership fee. Membership Dues:
5. The GSA Membership Fee shall be the designated membership fee, and shall be charged per term, at a rate established and adjusted by the GSA Board of Directors, to those classes of membership outlined in the GSA Bylaws.
6. The GSA may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, implement additional fees pursuant to any relevant GSA legislation.

Additional Provisions of Full Membership:

7. Any person wishing to become a full member and maintain this membership as outlined in Article Four of the GSA Bylaws, must be determined to be ‘In Good Standing’.
8. In addition to the language provided in the GSA Bylaws, ‘In Good Standing’ refers to a member whose actions have upheld the core tenants and principles of both the university and the association. A member’s status as ‘In Good Standing’ shall not be affected as a result of minor infractions as they relate to university or association policy, but instead to serious and grievous actions that violate the core tenants and principles of both the university and the association.
9. Any member who engages in conduct unbecoming of a member, who has failed to act in accordance with relevant legislation and has undertaken such actions that are found to be detrimental to the objects, aims and welfare of the Corporation shall be at risk for having their membership rescinded pursuant to Article Four, Section V of the GSA Bylaws, Document 011, and any additional policy or procedure approved by the Board of Directors or Executive



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- Committee Respectively. Such additional documents must not contravene the language established by the GSA Bylaws or Document 011.
10. Any vote to remove the full membership of a member must have a two-stage vote, first by the executive and then by the board of directors. Such a vote must meet or exceed the threshold a set by the appointment vote, (i.e., a unanimous vote to appoint by the Executive and Board of Directors must have a unanimous vote by the Executive and Board of Directors to remove).
 11. Any Full Member that has not met the requirements for membership as outlined in Article Four, Section I of the GSA Bylaws, at the close of registration each term shall be automatically become a Class II Member (Associate).

Statute Privileges:

12. Full Members of the GSA shall be afforded the rights and privileges outlined in Article Four, Section I of the GSA Bylaws.
13. The Board of Directors of the GSA may, through additional policy, establish any additional privileges for full members.

Additional Privileges:

14. In addition to the rights and privileges afforded to Class I Members under Article Four, Section I, Subsection b of the GSA Bylaws, Class I Members shall have the right to:
 - a. Vote in any GSA election or referenda.
 - b. Serve on any GSA established boards, commissions, departments, task forces, and committees,
 - c. Serve as a GSA representative on any academic or administrative committee of the university, pursuant to any additional relevant restrictions,
 - d. Participate in academic, social, and recreational programs sponsored by the GSA,
 - e. Access additional supports, material and information that support the GSA, at reduced or no cost,
 - f. Receive GSA publications, at reduced or no cost, including but not limited to the following:
 1. GSA Handbook/Dayplanner,
 2. GSA Health Plan information,
 3. GSA Transit information,
 4. GSA Newsletter,
 5. Information on associations to which the GSA belongs,
 6. Any additional GSA publications.
 - g. Access additional financial support programs offered by the GSA, either directly or indirectly, at reduced or no cost,



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- h. Receive physical promotional materials and products from the GSA or GSA affiliated organizations, at reduced or no cost,
- i. Receive electronic promotional materials and products from the GSA or GSA affiliated organizations, at reduced or no cost,
- j. To be notified of any change to their membership status associated with a failure to meet the criteria of the membership classification.

Limitations:

1. No right or privilege provided by this policy may contravene those that are provided by the GSA Bylaws. Any contraventions found shall be addressed in accordance with the Article Twenty-Two of the GSA Bylaws.