



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Document 073B

Position Policy Regarding Student-Faculty and Student-Supervisor Ratios

Name:

1. This Document shall be known as the "Position Policy Regarding Student-Faculty and Student-Supervisor Ratios"

Jurisdiction:

2. The Graduate Students' Association, in accordance with Document 010 – The Graduate Students' Association Legislative Framework Policy, may enact legislation known as "Position Policy", which shall:
 - a. Policies may also be used as a statement to provide Board an opportunity to take a stance on an issue that affects graduate students, but one in which it is felt that a piece of policy passed by Board would have a greater effect as opposed to a simple motion.
 - b. "Position Policies" are written statements or stances held by the GSA on any issue that falls within its mandate, as outlined in relevant GSA Legislation.
 - c. Position Policies are the responsibility of the Executive Committee, who may create, uphold, and pursue them but Board reserves the authority to review and advise on all Position Policies.
 - d. Unlike all other policies, which are reviewed but remain in effect until they are amended or redacted by Board, any Position Policy shall expire (3) years from the day it is passed, at which time they can be renewed. Position Policies may be rescinded prior to the three (3) year term.

Statement:

3. The Graduate Students' Association believes that student-faculty ratios must be maintained at or below their 2019-2020 levels, and that current student-supervisor ratios provided across the institution must not be impacted by budgetary decisions in order to meet ministry mandated tuition reductions. Such adjustments are, in the view of the Graduate Students' Association, detrimental to the learning environment at Brock University as well as the opportunity to develop both student researchers as well as foster a culture of research at the institution.