



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Document 076A

Position Policy Regarding Indigenization within the GSA

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1. This Document shall be known as the "Position Policy Regarding Indigenization with the GSA".

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 Position Policies may be rescinded prior to the three (3) year term.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 GSA acknowledges that Indigenous peoples and their lands can serve to remind us at Brock University that our great standard of living is directly related to the colonial legacy which has significantly impacted Indigenous peoples.
4. The GSA understands that colonialism is an ongoing affair, and we must build upon our awareness of our present participation within it, as well as find meaningful ways to support contemporary shifts towards decolonization.
5. The GSA respects the long history and cultural traditions of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, and we are committed to maintaining and building relationships based on the principles of solidarity, respect, reciprocity, and collaboration in the spirit of indigenization at Brock University.
6. The GSA emphasizes the importance of taking daily actions towards learning and spreading awareness of contemporary moves towards decolonization by standing as allies to the original stewards of the land and to support, empower, and amplify the voices of Indigenous communities in their ongoing struggle against colonial systems of oppression.