



## **Brock University Graduate Students' Association**

### **Document 077A**

Position Policy Regarding the GSA's Social Media Communities and Online Presence

#### **Name:**

1. This Document shall be known as the "Position Policy Regarding the GSA's Social Media Communities and Online Presence".

#### **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 Position Policies may be rescinded prior to the three (3) year term.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 aims to create online spaces that are welcoming and encouraging for current graduate students, alongside community members at large, on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn. To create such spaces, we ask all users, regardless of graduate student status at Brock University, to treat each other with respect.
4. The GSA will not tolerate and reserves its right to delete, under the full extent that each respective social media platform allows, any post or comment that contains harassment, personal attacks, encouragement/suggestion of illegal activity, or that are derogatory, defamatory, or vulgar towards Brock students, GSA staff, other organizations or other individuals. The GSA will not allow discriminatory comments against or be intolerant of race, culture, appearance, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or age, physical or mental disability or any other status.