



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

Document 078A

Position Policy Regarding Advancement and Development of the GSA

Name:

1. This Document shall be known as the "Position Policy Regarding Advancement and Development of 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 Position Policies may be rescinded prior to the three (3) year term.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 its commitments within Document 007 regarding both services and community, and the need to expand its scope to further support current students as well as graduate alumni. The GSA seeks to utilize existing infrastructure to leverage organization strength with the aim of providing new opportunities for graduate students and graduate alumni.
4. This commitment will take a number of different forms and may include the following:
  - a. Increased outreach, to former students, to build an engaged network through which the GSA will facilitate additional programming.
  - b. Leveraging both Honorary and Ambassador networks to create a community of champions dedicated to increasing the profile of the GSA and increasing opportunities for graduate alumni.
  - c. Pursuing grant and funding opportunities, including additional fundraising to lessen the financial or other burdens on graduate students.
  - d. Investigating additional governance or organizational opportunities, including but not limited to; achieving charitable status, incorporating a foundation or trust, or dedicated fundraising or membership staff.

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- e. Dedicated correspondence to alumni, including newsletters or magazines, and the maintenance of a database of past graduates and their most up-to-date contact information.
5. Where possible the GSA should seek to partner with the Faculty of Graduate Studies on any issues or opportunities which have overlapping constituencies.