



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Document 080A

Position Policy Regarding Expansion, Utilization, and Considerations of GSA Space

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1. This Document shall be known as the "Position Policy Regarding Expansion, Utilization, and Considerations of GSA Space"

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 Position Policies may be rescinded prior to the three (3) year term.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 recognizes the current spaces we operate are provided in partnership with Brock University, and that any considerations for future space, whether interim or permanent, will need to be done in conjunction with the institution as one of the GSA's primary stakeholders.
4. The GSA has been seeking additional space on campus since 2017 and began concerted efforts to acquire dedicated space for new programming in 2019. These efforts have evaluated several opportunities across campus and eventually resulted in the New Building Referendum in 2021.
5. The GSA recognizes that it has outgrown its current space, and that it must seek interim space solutions within the campus to support its current and future operations until the new building is completed. It is therefore critical that a commitment to address these needs be made, and that considerations for what space is sought be provided to current and future members of the GSA.
6. The GSA recognizes the limitations of its existing spaces, and the need for space that addresses its current and future needs. The GSA sees the expansion of additional spaces as a critical component to addressing service gaps and the commitments to graduate students outlined in Document 007.

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7. The GSA acknowledges the value of ensuring its spaces are clustered or closely congregated to align services, programming, and other resources for graduate students. While this may not always be possible, the GSA strives to make this vision a reality for any proposed space projects.
8. The GSA shall undertake regular consultations with its members to determine graduate student interests and potential shifts in needs prior to undertaking any space projects.
9. The following provides a list of current space needs as identified through successive feasibility studies and space audits:
 - a. Office/Staff Space
 - b. Event/Programming Space
 - c. Bookable/Drop-in Space
 - d. Graduate Student Club Space
 - e. Restaurant/Bar/Pub Space
 - f. Meeting/Boardroom Space
 - g. Partnership Spaces (including flexible or hybrid workspaces)
 - h. ITS Space
 - i. Rentable/Conference Space
10. The commitments and approach outlined within this document are designed to work collaboratively with Document 081 and in support of the new building by facilitating interim solutions to the GSA's space needs.