



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Document 046B

The Graduate Students' Association Executive Eligibility Policy

Name:

1. This Document shall be known as the "Executive Eligibility Policy"

Purpose:

2. The purpose of this policy is to provide clarity on and enhance the Executive eligibility requirements outlined within Article Seven, Section I of Document 001, as well as within Document 040.
3. This document is considered among the relevant policies that may be passed by the Board of Directors to clarify who may be elected to hold one of the positions within the GSA Executive Committee, from Full and Associate members specified within Article Seven, Section IV of Document 001.

Considerations:

4. The passing of this policy shall replace the section of Document 040 concerning candidate eligibility and replace it with a statement referencing this policy.

Definitions:

5. "Co-op" within this policy refers to any work term taken on by a graduate student that exceeds twenty-five (25) hours per week over the course of a single semester.
6. "Officer" refers to any elected member of the GSA Executive, as defined by Document 001.

Eligibility:

7. To be eligible to run for a race, to run a referendum and serve within the GSA Executive, individuals must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age
 - b. Be of sound mind
 - c. Have not declared bankruptcy within the last six (6) years
 - d. Be legally entitled to be Director of a corporation in Ontario and Canada
 - e. Be legally eligible to work in Canada
 - f. Maintain any membership in the corporation for at least one subsequent term of office
 - g. Reside in Ontario, normally within the Niagara Region at the time of election or referendum and for the entire time they hold office
 - h. Not have a co-op term for the entire time they hold office;
 - i. Have not been removed from prior office by the Board of Directors under Article Eighteen of Document 001
 - j. Have not been found, by the Board of Directors, to be ineligible to hold office due to a failure to perform within a previous Officer role, as determined by one or more of their Executive term scorecards

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- k. Comply with any and all qualifications outlined in the Ontario Non-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010, S.O. 2010, c. 15
8. Failure to comply with any of the above stipulations or to disclose any information that may prohibit the GSA Office from completing a full and accurate assessment of an Officer's eligibility to continue to serve shall result in the forfeiture of the role and a declaration of vacancy, followed by a decision by the Board of Directors on next steps to address the vacancy.

Additional Eligibility Requirements

9. At the time of election or referendum, be a registered full or part-time graduate student in good standing at Brock University and a Full Member, as confirmed by the GSA Office

Role Continuance:

10. If an executive role receives no nominations during an election period, the incumbent Officer shall continue to hold office until the Board can facilitate an election or recruitment process to appoint a successor. The incumbent shall hold office until their successor has been appointed and transitioned into the role.
11. The incumbent shall be required to participate in a full transition to their successor as soon as the appointment is confirmed.

Additional:

12. While candidacy is restricted to Full members in good standing, the ability to hold office is broadly limited to any member of the association holding membership for a minimum of one (1) academic term after an election, during a twelve (12) month term of office.
13. This restriction is outlined in Article Seven, Section I, Subsection V, and further supported by Article IV, Section III, Subsection B, which only restricts Honorary Members from seeking nomination or run for office.
14. The Board shall, pursuant to any other relevant GSA legislation, be permitted to appoint Honorary Members to fill any vacancies within the Executive Committee.