



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Document 046D

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 – Graduate Students' Association ("GSA") Elections and Referenda Policy.
3. This document is considered among the relevant policies that may be passed by the Board of Directors ("the Board") to clarify who may be elected to hold one of the positions within the 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 Executive, as defined by Document 001.

Eligibility:

7. To be eligible to run for a race, to run Referenda and serve within the Executive, individuals must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of election or appointment
 - b. Have not been found under the *Substitute Decisions Act, 1992* or under the *Mental Health Act* to be incapable of managing property
 - c. Have not been found to be incapable by any court in Canada or elsewhere
 - d. Have not declared bankruptcy within the last six (6) years
 - e. Legally entitled to be Director of a corporation in the province of Ontario under the Ontario Not-For Profit Corporations Act
 - f. Be legally eligible to work in Canada
 - g. Be a registered graduate student at Brock University and Full Member of the GSA at the time of their election or appointment and maintain Full or Associate membership in the corporation for at least one following term of office, Spring and/or Fall term



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- h. Reside in Ontario, normally within the Niagara Region at the time of Election or Referenda and for the entire time they hold office
 - i. Not have a co-op term for the entire time they hold office;
 - j. Have not been removed from prior office, including committee representation, by the Board under Article Eighteen of Document 001
 - k. Have not been found, by the Board, 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
 - l. Not be employed by Brock University. This does not include graduate students employed as Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant.
 - m. Not be a member, director, employee or serve in any capacity of authority on another graduate students' association or undergraduate students' association
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 on next steps to address the vacancy.

Additional Eligibility Requirements

- 9. At the time of Election or Referenda, 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 GSA 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 a.vii, and further supported by Article Four, Section III, Subsection B, which only restricts Honorary Members from seeking nomination or run for office.



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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, subject to Document 013 – The Graduate Students' Association Honorary Membership Policy.