



Brock University Graduate Students' Association
Meeting of the Members

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Annual General Member's Meeting Package



SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Graduate Students' Association – Annual General Members Meeting Thursday, October, 2026

The following summarizes Motions to be presented at their assigned agenda item. This does not encompass all motions which may be presented at the meeting.

- **Motion to approve the Agenda for the Annual General Members meeting of October 22, 2026**
- **Motion to approve the April 16, 2026 Annual General Members Meeting Minutes**
- **Motion to approve the 2026-2027 GSA Board of Directors Recommendations**
- **Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Audited Financial Statements**
- **Motion to approve the Appointment of Auditors for 2026-2027**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date	October 22, 2026	Chair: A Roshni Jose Vice Chair: Jessica Goddard-Polly
Duration	2:30 – 3:30 <i>p.m.</i>	Deputy Presiden/Secretaryt: E. Obijiaku Recording Secretary: J. Kemp
Location	Virtual Meeting - Teams / Meeting ID & Passcode: Sent upon RSVP	

TIME/DURATION	ITEM	TOPIC	LEAD	INFORMATION	DISCUSSION	DECISION/MOTION
2:30 p.m.	1.0	Items for Introduction				
5 min	a.	Call to Order & Welcome	A. Roshni Jose	X		
	b.	Conflict of Interest		X		
	c.	Land Acknowledgement		X		
	d.	Establishment of Quorum		X		
	e.	Comments from the Chair		X		
2:35 p.m.	2.0	Items for Approval				
2 min	a.	Agenda of Annual General Meeting – October 22, 2026	A. Roshni Jose	X	X	X
3 min	b.	Minutes of Special General Meeting – April 16, 2026	A. Roshni Jose	X	X	X
15 min	c.	2026-2027 Board of Directors Recommendation	E. O’Neill	X	X	X
20 min	d.	2025-2026 GSA Annual Financial Audit, presented by DDL	E. O’Neill	X	X	X
5 min	e.	Appointment of Auditors for 2026-2027	E. O’Neill	X	X	X
3:25 p.m.	3.0	Conclusion				
2 min	a.	Next General Meeting, <i>April 15, 2027</i>	A. Roshni Jose	X		
3:27 p.m.	4.0	Adjournment				X

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MINUTES

Graduate Students' Association

Special General Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2026
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. EDT
Virtual Meeting

Attendees – Executive Team:

Mario Berro (President)
Philip Akoje (VP, External & University Affairs)
Ibrahim Adefolu (VP, Student Life & Equity)
Katarina Chataway (Executive Director)
Jenna Kemp (Communications & Events Coordinator) – Recording Secretary

Attendees – Board of Directors Representatives:

Eric O'Neill (Chair)
Daniel Krowchuk (Vice-Chair)
Valerie Pagnotta
Reid Ball
Larissa Lobo
Andrew Bossert
Zahra Karimi Valoojerdy
Anna Roshni Jose
Liao Zixuan
Tanima Ferdous
Jessica Goddard-Polly

Attendees – General Membership:

Tamara Tait
Ben Johnson
Naomi Davis
Karyssa Jade
Erika Savage

Regrets:

Jianan (Max) Xu
Mo Ahsan Ahmad
Huma Khalid
Rosemary Ezea

1.0 Items for Introduction

- a) **Call to Order & Welcome (E. O'Neill)**
Quorum met and meeting called to order at 2:31 p.m.
- b) **Conflict of Interest (E. O'Neill)**
- c) **Land Acknowledgement (E. O'Neill)**
- d) **Establishment of Quorum (E. O'Neill)**
Established by E. O'Neill at 2:31 p.m.
- e) **Comments from the Chair (E. O'Neill)**

2.0 Items for Approval

- a) **Agenda of Special General Meeting – April 16, 2026 (E. O'Neill)**

Motion to approve the Agenda for the Special General Meeting occurring on April 16, 2026

Moved by T. Tait
Seconded by M. Berro
Approved by general consent

- b) **Minutes of Annual General Meeting – October 23, 2025 (E. O'Neill)**

Motion to approve the minutes from the Annual General Meeting occurring on October 23, 2025.

Moved by A. Roshni Jose
Seconded by M. Berro
Approved by general consent

- c) **2026-2027 Board of Directors Recommendation (M. Berro)**
Omnibus motion to approve them all.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Board of Directors Recommendation

Moved by M. Berro

Seconded by L. Zixuan

Approved by general consent

Mario commented on everyone that wants to serve on the GSA board of directors for the upcoming year and thanks past board members who served this year.

d) 2025-2026 GSA President's Annual Report (M. Berro)

M. Berro provided a reflection on his past term as GSA President.

4.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 2:39 p.m.

Moved by E. O'Neill

Approved by general consensus; meeting concludes.

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Board of Directors 2026-2027 – Director Recommendations

Submitted By: Board of Directors

Date of Motion: Thursday, October 22, 2026

Below are the applicants that are coming forward for recommendation by the Board of Directors, whereas the Board has determined that the following applicants have met the requirements for serving as a director.

The following notes, written by the applicants, offer an introduction to their interest in serving on the Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 year.

Applied Health Sciences

Sharmin Chowdhury (Master of Arts in Applied Health Sciences)

I am a Master of Arts student in Applied Health Sciences at Brock University with a background in nursing, research, teaching, and community engagement. I am interested in serving as an At-large Director on the GSA Board because I am passionate about student advocacy and contributing to a positive graduate student experience.

Currently, I work as a Graduate Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant, roles that have strengthened my leadership, communication, collaboration, and problem-solving skills. Before joining Brock, I worked as a nursing educator and researcher, supporting students and collaborating with diverse teams in academic and healthcare settings. These experiences have given me insight into the importance of representation and effective decision-making.

As an international graduate student, I bring a unique perspective on the opportunities and challenges graduate students may encounter. I would be honored to contribute to the GSA's initiatives, support student voices, and help strengthen the graduate student community at Brock University.

Samantha Damile (Master of Arts in Applied Health Sciences)

My name is Samantha Damile, and I am interested in serving on the GSA Board of Directors for the 2026–2027 academic year. I am entering my second and final year of the Master of Applied Health Science program at Brock University, with a focus on Nursing research. Through my roles as a Teaching Assistant, Peer Assistant with the Black Student Success Centre, former Residence Don, Community Assistant, BIPOC Residence Programming Assistant, and President of the Brock Ghanaian Association, I have developed strong experience in student support, advocacy, inclusive programming, leadership, and team collaboration. I am passionate about strengthening graduate student belonging, improving access to resources, and contributing to decisions that support diverse student needs. I would be honoured to bring my perspective, commitment, and campus leadership experience to the Board and contribute meaningfully to the GSA's work.

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Humanities

Oluwatosin Orodian (PhD Student Interdisciplinary Humanities)

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors as a representative of the Faculty of Humanities at Brock University. As a PhD student in Interdisciplinary Humanities and an international student, I understand many of the challenges graduate students face, including balancing academic responsibilities, work, family life, financial pressures, and personal well-being, especially in an unfamiliar environment.

My background in teaching, research, communication, and student support has helped me develop strong interpersonal and leadership skills. Having studied and worked across different academic and cultural environments, I value inclusion, collaboration, and respectful representation. I am passionate about creating a supportive graduate student community where students feel heard, represented, and connected.

If selected, I will advocate for student well-being, stronger communication between students and university leadership, and initiatives that support academic, professional, and personal growth for humanities graduate students. Thank you for considering my application.

Mathematics and Sciences

Victoria Fletcher (PhD Biological Sciences)

As a current Ph.D. candidate in the biological sciences program, I am writing to express interest in serving on the GSA board of directors for the upcoming 2026-27 term. Specifically, I am seeking to apply for the Faculty of Math and Science's representative seat.

I have thought often about the conversations I have had with other graduate students regarding the needs of my peers and my deep ties to Brock. These discussions have truly highlighted the importance of strong, accessible representation that reflects and listens to the diverse needs of our community. Through these experiences, I have developed a deeper appreciation for the role the GSA plays in advocating for student concerns, fostering collaboration, and creating inclusive spaces for engagement.

As a representative, I would aim to strengthen communication between students and leadership, ensure concerns are effectively voiced, and contribute to initiatives that support both academic and well-being across disciplines.

Gabby Corriveau (Master of Science in Biological Sciences)

My name is Gabrielle Corriveau, and I am a second-year Master of Biology student. I am excited to apply for the At-Large position on the Graduate Student

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Association Board of Directors. As a former member of the Brock University Students' Union (BUSU) Board of Directors, I have developed experience in student governance, advocacy, and leadership that has prepared me to contribute to the GSA.

Throughout my time as a student representative, I worked to support and advocate for students on issues including food insecurity, menstrual equity, and environmental sustainability. These experiences strengthened my commitment to fostering a supportive campus community. I am passionate about advancing inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility and ensuring that student voices are heard in decision-making processes. I would welcome the opportunity to serve and advocate for graduate students through the Graduate Student Association.

Social Sciences

Amy Wilson (Master of Arts in Child and Youth Studies)

Hello, I am Amy Wilson, a returning MA student in Child and Youth Studies, and I am ready to bring both passion and purpose to the GSA Board of Directors this year. Graduate school is a unique journey of big triumphs and equally big challenges. Having to navigate this journey, I am deeply committed to energetic student advocacy that genuinely enhances our day-to-day experience. I am eager to dive into the inner workings of GSA and Brock administration to help bridge gaps and amplify student voices. Organization, and communication are my mainstays, meaning I am fully ready to hit the ground running for our monthly board and committee meetings. It would be a privilege to represent my peers, bring diverse perspectives to the table, and help build a vibrant, inclusive, and supportive graduate community.

Ally Negus (Master of Arts in Critical Sociology)

My name is Ally Negus. Masters of Arts in Critical Sociology. I am excited to put my name forward for the Brock Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Board because I am passionate about supporting and advocating for the graduate student community. Throughout my time at Brock, I have actively participated in numerous GSA events and have taken on several part-time student roles that have strengthened my understanding of student needs and the importance of effective representation.

These experiences have given me the opportunity to engage with students from diverse backgrounds, promote student advocacy, and contribute positively to the Brock community. As a member of the GSA Board, I would be committed to listening to graduate students, representing their interests, and helping ensure their voices are heard in decisions that affect their academic and student experience.

I am eager to make a meaningful difference by working collaboratively with fellow Board members to enhance opportunities, strengthen student engagement, and support initiatives that benefit graduate students across Brock University.

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Goodman School of Business

Emma Dombek (Graduate Diploma in Business Administration)

My name is Emma Dombek, and I am a graduate student at the Goodman School of Business pursuing an MBA, following my undergraduate degree in Biomedical Sciences. I chose to pursue business education to broaden my understanding of organizations and develop a perspective that bridges science and business.

Throughout my academic, professional, and community experiences, I have worked with people from diverse backgrounds in a variety of settings, including coaching children, planning charity events, working in a homeless shelter, and supporting clinical initiatives. These experiences have taught me the importance of communication, empathy, collaboration, and understanding different perspectives.

I see the Graduate Students' Association Board of Directors as an opportunity to bring these experiences into a new role by listening to and representing the graduate student community. I would be excited to contribute my perspective, support my peers, and help strengthen the graduate student experience at Brock.

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The 2025-2026 Audited Financial Statements are available upon request.

To request, please contact execdirector@brockgsa.ca.

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2026-2027 Auditor Recommendation

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Date of Motion: Thursday, October 22, 2026

As brought forward by the 2026-2027 Board of Directors, the recommendation presented is to appointment of DiPaolo DiPietro & Little (DDL) as the 2026-2027 Financial Auditor.

DDL is a local firm, based in St. Catharines since 1999, that has experience working with non-profit organizations, very familiar with Brock University and employs Goodman students in co-op opportunities.