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# POLICY<sub>for</sub> GSIC

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THE SOCIETY OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

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## **5.10 Graduate Student Issues Committee**

### **5.10.1 Ratified**

August 22, 2019

### **5.10.2 Mandate**

As per Bylaw 2.9.4.1, the Graduate Student Issues Committee (GSIC) is a standing committee (Bylaw 2.9.5.10) of the Society, the mandate of GSIC is to monitor, assess, and respond to issues pertaining to the quality and accessibility of graduate education.

### **5.10.3 Article I: Membership**

5.10.3.1. The Graduate Student Issues Committee (GSIC) shall have:

5.10.3.1.1. An Official Liaison, who shall be the Vice-President Advocacy, and who shall be a non-voting member of the committee in compliance with Bylaw 2.9.3.2 and 2.9.3.3.

5.10.3.2. The GSIC will elect:

5.10.3.2.1. A Chairperson, who shall:

5.10.3.2.1.1. be elected from amongst the committee members;

5.10.3.2.1.2. act in compliance with the Duties of the Chairperson (Bylaw 2.9.2);

5.10.3.2.1.3. and fulfill the duties in Bylaw 2.9.5.11.1;

5.10.3.2.2. A Deputy Chairperson (if applicable), who shall assume the duties of the Chairperson at the discretion of the Chairperson or the committee or in the absence of the Chairperson.

5.10.3.3. A membership limit, as per Bylaw 5.5.3.1.3., set at 13 voting members, including the Chairperson.

5.10.3.4. All voting members of the GSIC shall be full and associate members of the Society nominated to the committee by the Society's Council.

### **5.10.4 Article II: Committee Management**

5.10.4.1. The GSIC will act in accordance with Bylaw 2.9.3.5 and 2.9.3.7 to determine quorum, Bylaw 2.9.3.9 to manage and maintain attendance, and committee membership, and Bylaw 2.9.4.2.1 to count votes.

5.10.4.2. Voting Policies

5.10.4.2.1. Aside from the scheduled meetings, online voting is also permitted on the condition that it is for correcting spelling, grammar, or wording mistakes on motions. Voting members shall be given one (1) business day to respond to an online vote, at

which point the vote shall be considered concluded. If any voting member objects to business being voted on online, the voting shall be prohibited for that particular piece of business.

- 5.10.4.2.2. Committee members (including the Official Liaison, Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and ex-officio members) can hold up to three (3) proxies.
- 5.10.4.3. Non-committee members may attend as non-voting guests if invited by the chair. Committee members may also request that non-committee members attend as non-voting guests.
- 5.10.4.4. As per Bylaw 1.6.5. the Chairperson and voting members may serve no more than 12 consecutive months without being ratified for a new council year.
- 5.10.4.5. Respectful Abandonment: In the event of the failure of a voting member of the committee to attend two meetings during their term either in person or by proxy, the Chairperson may remove the member from the committee in accordance with the protocols listed in Bylaw 2.9.3.9.

## **5.10.5 Article III: Operations**

- 5.10.5.1. The GSIC shall maintain a record of issues pertaining to graduate students through an online survey.
- 5.10.5.2. The GSIC shall research the causes, possible solutions and recommendations for the issues found from the survey.
  - 5.10.5.2.1. The committee will share findings with the student body (SOGS members) at events and on the SOGS website throughout the academic year.
  - 5.10.5.2.2. The committee would survey the student body if all the issues collected from the previous survey have been looked into. Else, the committee can only survey students at maximum of once every three (3) years.
- 5.10.5.3. The committee shall follow the term cycle of Vice-President Advocacy as per Bylaw 2.8. At the end of each cycle, the Chairperson is responsible, with the aid of committee members, for drafting a document outlining:
  - 5.10.5.3.1. the issues tackled during the committee's research cycle;
  - 5.10.5.3.2. the efforts done towards resolving the issues or stating alternatives to accommodate graduate students;
  - 5.10.5.3.3. any unresolved issues;
  - 5.10.5.3.4. recommendations to the Vice-President Advocacy for continual work on unresolved issues or issues unmet during the committee's cycle.
- 5.10.5.4. In accordance with Bylaw 2.9.5.10.4, the GSIC shall select non-executive members of the Society to be dispatched as delegates to general meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students.