

GRADUATE
STUDENT SOCIETY
UBC VANCOUVER

Constitution

Last revision: May 2012

1. Name

The name of the Society is "Graduate Student Society of UBC Vancouver".

2. Purposes

The Purposes of the Society are:

1) to promote the role of post-secondary, and in particular graduate, education, and to encourage increased participation by members of the community in post-secondary education at the University of British Columbia by seeking the removal of remaining non-academic barriers to participation in post-secondary education including, but not restricted to, the following objectives:

(a) the removal of financial barriers to post-secondary education at the University of British Columbia, through the elimination of excessive and unreasonable tuition fees, and the provision of adequate student scholarships, bursaries, loans and other financial aid, in order that no student of academic merit be denied access to post-secondary education due to financial considerations,

(b) the attainment of full proportionate representation of women, First Nations, and members of ethnic groups involved in post-secondary education at the University of British Columbia,

(c) the removal of physical barriers that prevent full access of the physically handicapped to facilities at the University of British Columbia, and the provision of appropriate services to enable the learning impaired to participate in post-secondary education at the University of British Columbia,

(d) the provision of adequate and affordable housing for members of the University of British Columbia community, and

(e) the provision of adequate and affordable childcare for members of the University of British Columbia community;

2) to promote the principle and practice of graduate student representation at all levels of decision making at the University of British Columbia, and on all agencies or other bodies which deliberate on the affairs of graduate students;

3) to serve as a center of communication among graduate students at the University of British Columbia, and in particular, to promote interdepartmental activities within the University;

4) to provide, maintain and operate the Thea Koerner House Graduate Student Centre as a center for the recreation and convenience of graduate students at the University of British Columbia;

- 5) to provide appropriate support for graduate students involved in academic disputes with the University of British Columbia, and to promote the formation of an independent academic judiciary, with appropriate graduate student representation, constituted solely to deliberate upon and resolve disputes of an academic nature at the University of British Columbia;
- 6) to do everything incidental and necessary to promote and attain the foregoing purposes;
- 7) to carry out the foregoing without purpose of gain for its members; and
- 8) to use any and all profits or accretions to the Society for the promotion and attainment of the foregoing purposes.

3. Locality of Operation

The operations of the Society are to be carried on chiefly at the University of British Columbia. This provision shall be unalterable.