Appendix XIII Policy Revision Form

Instructions:
The purpose of this form is to present proposed policy amendments or additions in an explicit and standard manner. Members of the Graduate Student Society of UBC Vancouver wishing to make policy amendments or additions for Council approval must use this form. Consultation with the Code and Policy Committee is strongly recommended to ensure that the language and style reflects that of the current policy manual. The Committee can be emailed at cpcom@gss.ubc.ca. As per bylaw 13.1.4 and policy 1.2.1, notice of a proposed policy amendment or addition must be posted on the Society’s website and emailed to all Council members at least seven days prior to the motion at Council. For assistance with putting forms on the website, you may contact Communications and Marketing Director at communications@gss.ubc.ca.

Date: May 8, 2019
Submitted by: Katharine Sedivy-Haley, Chair of Code & Policy Committee

What type of change is this?
Amending an existing policy
Addition of a new policy
Removal of a policy

Original Policy #: 8.9.1.b and 8.9.1.c

New Policy # (if applicable): same

Proposed Revised Policy:

8.9.1.b Create and develop programming that supports the well-being of graduate students, including mental, emotional, environmental and financial health.
8.9.1.c Oversee the annual Society Orientation, advise how to improve it, and endeavour to provide welcoming events for students entering at all academic terms.

Rationale Behind Proposed Changes:

The Strategic Plan specifies that Services Committee is responsible for “Engag[ing] graduate students in an inclusive environment through programming and services on intellectual, social, physical, environmental, financial, emotional, and mental well-being,” improving upon the Orientation, and holding Orientation at multiple academic terms subject to feasibility. CPC has determined that the current Terms of Reference for Services do not adequately encompass the different types of wellbeing to be supported, or the goal to improve on Orientations and their availability. Services approves of these proposed changes.