

## The A4SE Petition – Grad Student Resolutions at a Glance!

These Resolutions aim to compel the SUO to recognize the Graduate Students' Association as an independent institution and establish the legal and financial relationship between the two institutions

Note: This document is just a subjective explanation and interpretation of the original petition and has no legal value. Any legal interpretation of the Resolutions shall only be based on the original petition, dated August 25th, 2024, that can be found here:

[https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_38lKA4ysfxz1VvU](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_38lKA4ysfxz1VvU)

**Resolution 4 Summary:** Graduate students at UBCO recently created a Graduate Students' Association. Typically, graduate students pay fees to the SUO, but the SUO hasn't been fairly spending these fees on services graduate students use. This Resolution will require the SUO to give the fees it collects from graduate students + around 10% (which is the percentage of the student population made up by graduate students at UBCO) of its revenue from other sources to the Graduate Students' Association. Fees paid by undergraduate students would *not* go to the Graduate Students' Association. This Resolution doesn't prevent the SUO from negotiating another deal with the Graduate Students' Association if agreed by both parties.

### Resolution 4 Full Text (Ordinary):

*Whereas* Graduate Students have established a new Society, and

*Whereas* Graduate Students are entitled to a share of the SUO revenue commensurate with their population, and

*Whereas* the SUO, for many years, has failed to ensure that Graduate Students' fees are spent on services that Graduate Students use, then

*Be it resolved*, the SUO shall offer the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) at the University of British Columbia Okanagan funding in the form of:

1. a lump sum of \$400,000 to be paid in four \$100,000 yearly installments, with the first installment paid by the end of January 2025; and
2. additional yearly funding, for as long as SUO collects fees from graduate students, no less than: the sum of total operation fees, as defined in Bylaw III-3(a), collected from graduate students by the SUO each year; and

3. additional yearly funding, for as long as SUO collects fees from graduate students, no less than: a percentage of the SUO's total revenue minus operating fees, UPass fees, Health and Dental Fees, and Media Fund fees commensurate with the percentage of the graduate student membership of the SUO.

The SUO may not request any commitments from the GSA in exchange for this funding. The SUO shall formalize the aforementioned terms in a binding contract offered by the end of December 2024 to the GSA to be signed by both parties. The aforementioned terms shall only be modified if a formal secondary offer is proposed by the GSA to be signed by both parties.

**Resolution 5 Summary:** Since there is now a Graduate Students' Association, The SUO can stop providing some of the services it is offering to graduate students. This Resolution will dissolve the Graduate Student Committee. It will also change the Constitution so that the SUO will be only responsible for representing undergraduates. However, since graduate students will still be members of the SUO and some services (like Health and Dental or UPass) will be shared, it is important to have a number of grad students proportional to their population on the SUO Board. This Resolution will also ensure that two Graduate Student Representatives are on to the SUO Board of Directors.

**Resolution 5 Full Text(Special):**

*Whereas* Graduate Students have established a new Society, and

*Whereas* Resolution 4 on the SUO offering funding to the GSA has been approved, and

*Whereas* the SUO should not have parallel responsibility in representing graduate students, and

*Whereas* Graduate Students are entitled to representation in proportion to their population, then

*Be it resolved*, the SUO shall dissolve the Graduate Student Committee by striking out Bylaw XVIII-4(f) "a Graduate Student Committee that shall be responsible for providing the Board of Directors with recommendations on various internal and external affairs based on graduate student input." and relevant Regulations.

*Be it further resolved*, the SUO Constitution Article 2:

"The purposes of the Union shall be:

- a. to direct, coordinate, and promote the activities of the students of the institution;
- b. to promote artistic, literary, educational, social, recreational, charitable, and sporting activities for the advancement of the interests of its members and of others;

- c. to represent students, receive complaints, and investigate problems and decisions that affect students;
- d. to serve as a medium of communication between the students of the institution and the governing bodies of the institution.”

shall be amended by adding the word “undergraduate” before the word “student” in Articles 2(c) and 2(d) so that the amended Articles 2 shall read:

“The purposes of the Union shall be:

- a. to direct, coordinate, and promote the activities of the students of the institution;
- b. to promote artistic, literary, educational, social, recreational, charitable, and sporting activities for the advancement of the interests of its members and of others;
- c. to represent undergraduate students, receive complaints, and investigate problems and decisions that affect undergraduate students;
- d. to serve as a medium of communication between the undergraduate students of the institution and the governing bodies of the institution.”

*Be it further resolved, Bylaw VII-2:*

“The voting members of the Board of Directors shall be composed of the following:

- a) five (5) Executive Committee Directors;
- b) four (4) Director-at-Large Directors; and
- c) eight (8) Faculty Representatives as follows:
  - i. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences in a program leading to an Arts & Social Sciences;
  - ii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences in a program leading to a Science;
  - iii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Management;
  - iv. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Applied Science;
  - v. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Health and Social Development;
  - vi. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Education;
  - vii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies; and
  - viii. one (1) Faculty Representative from the College of Graduate Studies.”

Shall be amended by crossing out item c)viii and adding item d) “two (2) Graduate Student Representatives appointed by the Graduate Students’ Association” so that that Bylaw VII-2 shall read:

“The voting members of the Board of Directors shall be composed of the following:

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  - iv. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Applied Science;
  - v. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Health and Social Development;
  - vi. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Education;
  - vii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies; and
- d) two (2) Graduate Student Representatives appointed by the Graduate Students' Association"