

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society 2024 SAGM Bylaws for Amendment

The Bylaw and Policy Committee recommends the following changes for ratification at the 2024 Semi-Annual General Meeting:

2.5 Cessation of membership:

Current Language:

- a. Membership in the Society shall cease when a member is no longer registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, with the exception of:
 - iv. Members of the Executive Board, who shall continue to be members of the Society until expiry of their current term of office, provided that they are registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies or in a concurrent graduate/undergraduate program or are members under Bylaw 2.2 for the first nine months of their term of office.

Proposed language change:

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 - iv. Members of the Executive Board, who shall continue to be members of the Society until expiry of their current term of office, provided that they are registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies or in a concurrent graduate/undergraduate program or are **full** members under Bylaw 2.1 for the first nine months of their term of office.
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2.8 Membership in good standing:

*no current language

Proposed Language:

Members will be considered to be in good standing, as outlined within the Societies Act, if they adhere to all definitions outlined above for their membership class. This includes the definition of a student as per the Societies Act.

4.7 Schedule of Elections and Referenda:

Current Language:

c. Polling Period

i. Polling shall begin no less than thirty-five (35) days after notice of an election has been given

Proposed language change:

c. Polling Period

i. Polling shall begin no less than twenty-one (21) days after notice of an election has been given.

8.1 Purposes of the Executive Board:

Current Language:

c. Hire and supervise employees of the Society.

Proposed language change:

8.1 Purposes of the Executive Board:

c. Hire and supervise the Executive Director of the Society.

9.1: The Executive Board, in addition to any duties imposed by the *Societies Act*, SBC 2015, c. 18 shall:

Current Language:

f. Hire and supervise management staff of the Society

Proposed language change:

f. Hire and supervise the Executive Director of the Society

12.3 Leave of Absence may be granted to an Executive Board director provided that the Executive Board is given a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice. Remuneration will be suspended for absent periods and may be reallocated to a replacement member for the duration of the absence.

Current Language:

- a. Leaves of absence may be granted for no longer than four (4) months by the Executive Board.
- b. Replacement appointments for up to a cumulative one (1) month will be made at the discretion of the Executive Board.
- c. Replacement appointments for greater than a cumulative one (1) month will be made at the discretion of Grad Council.
- d. Replacement members will assume all incumbent responsibility and authority of the position they take.
- e. In the event that the Chair requires leave, a member of the Executive Board shall assume all incumbent responsibility and authority and a replacement may be appointed for the Executive Board member's position. Grad Council shall determine which Executive Board member shall assume the role of Chair in the event of disagreement.

Proposed language change:

12.3 Any Executive Board director who is not a member of the Society in accordance with bylaw 2.1, 2.5(a)iv, and 8.3b shall be deemed to have resigned.

- 12.4 Leave of Absence may be granted to an Executive Board director provided that the Executive Board is given a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice. Emergency leaves of absence will be considered on a case by case basis by the Executive Board and Stipend Review Committee and will be limited to two (2) weeks. Remuneration will be suspended for absent periods and may be reallocated to a replacement member for the duration of the absence.
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14.6 Signing Authority:

Current Language:

a. The signing officers of the Society shall be the Chair, the Director of Finance, and the Executive Director.

Proposed language change:

a. The signing officers of the Society shall be the Chair, the Director of Finance, **the Operations and Services Manager**, and the Executive Director.