



University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

# 2025-26 Membership and Representation Report

## MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW: MARCH TO SEPTEMBER 2025

The GSS's membership breakdown by registration type included:

Semester	On-Campus	Distance	Co-op
May-Aug 2025	1584	945	68
Sept-Dec 2025*	1938	993	113
Jan-Apr 2026	TBD	TBD	TBD

\*Data current to October 5, 2025. Final data will be reported at the March 2026 SAGM.

Our total membership has remained stable across the last 5 years (despite membership shifting primarily to registering off-campus in 2020-22). UVic has expanded their graduate programs in the Faculty of Health, particularly the Nurse Practitioner program and Island Medical's physiotherapy and speech-language pathology programs. These program expansions account for only a 1-2% increase in total membership.

As most readers will be aware, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has made changes to international student visa requirements and availability. Graduate students were included in IRCC visa caps starting in 2024. The GSS does not distinguish between international and domestic students within our membership, so we do not include reports on the composition of our membership within these reports.

## REPRESENTATION REPORT

The GSS has a mandate to increase graduate student representation on all decision making and advisory bodies around the University Of Victoria.

As of September 30, 2025, the GSS elected representatives to **52** committees around the UVic in the 2025-26 academic year\*. A full list of these committees appears below to document the breadth of work conducted by GSS representatives around our University community and on issues relevant to graduate students. This list represents countless of hours of volunteer time put in by our members to ensure graduate student interests are being represented wherever important decisions are being made.

\*Please note that some committees, in particular the Senate Committees, serve for terms that do not align with the academic year, such as July-June.

## DECISION MAKING AND ADVISORY BODIES WITH GSS REPRESENTATION IN 2025-26

- FGS Council - Executive Committee
- FGS Council - 2 Members
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- UVSS Liaison
- Clubs Council
- Ombudsperson Council
- Orientation Advisory Committee (2)



Provincial GSSBC Executive Committee  
Victoria Regional Transit Commission's Student Transit Advisory Committee  
Graduate Fee Reduction Appeals Committee  
UVic Integrated Steering Committee for Climate Sustainability Action Plan  
VP Research Advisory Committee  
Campus Planning  
Mandatory Temporary Medical Insurance Opt Out Appeals Committee  
Faculty of Science EDI Council  
Faculty of Graduate Studies Council – Faculty of Human and Social Development or Division of Medical Sciences  
Childcare Advisory Committee  
Appointment Committee for the Associate Vice-President Research  
Society for Students with a Disability Graduate Students Representative  
Campus Overdose Prevention and Response Committee  
Associate Dean Administration Research and Creative Activity Search committee  
UVic - Accessibility Committee  
Health Promotion and Outreach Committee  
Graduate Student Societies of BC (GSSBC)  
Gordon Head Community Association  
FGS Equity Review Working Group  
Appointment Committee Associate Dean, FGS  
Residence Dining Advisory Committee  
Working Group on Islamophobia and Anti-Palestinian racism  
Senate Committee on Academic Standards  
Senate Committee on Appeals  
Senate Committee on Awards  
Senate Committee on Continuing Studies  
Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching  
Senate Committee on Libraries  
Senate Committee on Planning  
Faculty of Social Science Dean's Advisory Forum on Indigenization  
Nəcəmaat kʷəns čeʔi ʔaʔ šqʷeləqʷən | ČĀNEUEL OL ÍY, ŠĀÁLEŽEN | Work together with a good heart and mind (Award for Decolonization and Anti-Indigenous Racism)  
Faculty of Graduate Studies Council – Faculty of Business, Education, or Law  
Search Committee to appoint the Executive Director, Co-operative Education Program and Career Services  
Appointment Committee for the Dean of Humanities  
Appointment Committee for the Dean of Social Science  
Appointment Committee for the President and Vice-Chancellor  
Student life Grant Committee  
Convocation Committee  
Harry Hickman Alumni Award in Teaching and Educational Leadership  
Gilian Sherwin Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching  
FGS Grad Supervision Policy Review



UVic Accessibility Committee

Multifaith Service Advisory Committee (MFAC)

Faculty of Graduate Studies Council – Faculty of Fine Arts, Humanities, or Social Science

Library External Review committee