



University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

2025-26 Membership and Representation Report

MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW: OCTOBER 2025 TO FEBRUARY 2026

The GSS's membership breakdown by registration type included:

Semester	On-Campus	Distance	Co-op
May-Aug 2025	1584	945	68
Sept-Dec 2025	1939	1001	115
Jan-Apr 2026*	1816	989	104

*Data current to February 9, 2026. Final data will be reported at the October 2026 AGM.

Our total membership has remained stable across the last 5 years.

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 once again excluded from IRCC visa caps starting in 2026 after a single academic year of inclusion in the visa caps. 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 January 28, 2026, the GSS elected representatives to **50** 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

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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 k'wəns čə?i ʔəy šq'wələq'wən | ČĀNEUEL OL ÍY, ŠKÁLEŽEN | 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

Appointment Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies

2025 REACH Teaching Awards Committee

Executive Director, Co-op education Program

Faculty of Health Council Meeting

Appointment/Reappointment Committee for Associate Dean Academic and Undergraduate Studies

Chemistry Chair Search Committee