



GSA Political Director

Job Title: GSA Political Director

Reports To: GSA President

Job Status: Casual Staff

Wage: 20 hours per week at \$32.00 per hour

Duration: April 2019 – December 2019

Primary Responsibilities

The Political Director will work under the leadership of the GSA President to enhance the advocacy efforts of the GSA. The Political Director will collaborate and consult with Council, Councilors and existing communities of students (such as departmental associations and student clubs) to develop and implement strategies to mobilize students in response to OSAP cuts, the SCI, and the existential threat the SCI poses to student representation. The Director will simultaneously develop strategies to influence the provincial government for reinstatement of the previous status quo with regards to OSAP and ancillary fees. The efforts of the Political director will prioritize graduate students at the University of Waterloo.

Implementations of the strategies will include:

- Organizing and engaging students in an open, accessible forum for the horizontal exchange of information within and between graduate student communities on political issues
- Organizing campaigns across all levels of university community to increase awareness of GSA's relevance
- Collaborating with other graduate student associations and external groups
- Building a volunteer team of canvassers
- Planning rallies, pickets and marches
- Facilitating media interviews to raise awareness on political issues and efforts of the GSA
- Publishing an Op-Ed on the GSA's position and achievements and the need to exist
- Creating and executing a plan for fundraising and other political initiatives

Qualifications

- Campaign management experience
- Advocacy experience
- Experience in grassroots activism and social movement
- Excellent public speaking and communication skills
- Strategic planning and critical thinking skills
- Experience in project management
- Experience in building networks of volunteers
- Fundraising experience
- Experience in coalition building is an asset
- Knowledge of Ontario and Canadian education legislation; e.g. Opt-Out legislation

Nature and Scope

Level of Responsibility:

- Senior leadership, reporting to the GSA President

Decision-Making Authority:

- Decision-making authority as assigned in this job description and as otherwise delegated from time to time by the GSA President

Physical and Sensory Demands:



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- Minimal demands typical of a senior position operating within an office environment
- Attention to detail, report writing, public speaking, and multiple meetings some of which may require travel to off campus sites

Working Environment:

- Exposed to stress and pressure associated with senior level responsibilities
- There may be unusual hours or schedules, and multiple tight deadlines beyond one's control