BOARD OF GOVERNORS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

2025
ELECTION PACKAGE

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' ELECTION 2025
INTERNAL BOARD CANDIDATES' NOMINATION PACKAGE

This section of information is intended for those students who wish to be nominated for the position of Student Representative on the College's Board of Governors. Enclosed you will find information related to the nomination and election process to the College's Board of Governors. The kit includes background on the Board itself, frequency of meetings, general duties of a Board member, a nomination form which must be signed by five nominators and the nominee as indicated, and a brief Questions & Answers document.

The nominations and election process shall be managed by the George Brown College Student Association, using policies and processes as ratified by its Board of Directors. For details regarding the campaigning and voting procedures, refer to the document published by the George Brown College Student Association for elections to their Board of Directors.

Article 3.1 NUMBER OF GOVERNORS

The affairs of the College shall be managed by its Board of Governors. Until changed in accordance with the OCAAT and the *Corporations Act*, the Board of Governors shall consist of not less than seventeen and not more than twenty-five Governors being: (i) The President of the College, by virtue of office, who shall be an ex-officio Governor; (ii) **one student**, one Academic Staff Employee, one Administrative Staff Employee and one Support Staff Employee, each of whom shall be elected by the students or the relevant staff group in accordance with the procedures established by the Board of Governors in consultation with the students or the relevant staff group and set out in a by-law of the Board **(hereinafter referred to as the "Internal Governor(s)"**); and (iii) an even number of Governors (such even number to be determined by resolution of the Board of Governors from time to time and to be not less than twelve and not greater than twenty) (such Governors hereinafter referred to as "External Governor(s)") appointed by the Council, none of whom shall be an employee or a full-time student or a spouse or a same-sex partner of an employee or full-time student of the College

From: The George Brown College By-Law No. 1.0

BOARD FUNCTIONS

The function and the role of the College's Board of Governors can be summarized under four major areas of responsibility:

- To establish the overall goals, objectives, and strategic direction of the College;
- To ensure that the College operates efficiently and effectively;
- To approve policies having College-wide application; and
- To promote effective communication with the College community.

PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

The Student Representative to the Board solicits input from students, represents the interests of students at George Brown College as an internal board member, and communicates information and matters of relevance from the Board to the student body.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Regular attendance at Board meetings
- Membership in the Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) Committee
- Ad-hoc attendance at other meetings as requested or required
- Available for ongoing structured opportunities to meet with students, other Board members, and College management in connection with matters of the Board

SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE/ATTRIBUTES

- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Excellent time management
- Results-oriented

TERM OF OFFICE

September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026.

Article 3.5 Internal Governors who are elected by the students shall hold office for a term of one year, commencing on the 1st day of September in the year of their election. Internal Governors who are elected by the students shall not serve for more than four years consecutively but are eligible for re-election after two years' absence from the Board of Governors for successive terms not to exceed four years in total.

ELIGIBILITY

Only full-time students enrolled in a program at the College and who will continue to be enrolled in such a program during the 2025/2026 academic year may be nominated for internal Governor. They shall possess a passing GPA of 2.75 and must be nominated by five students enrolled on the date the election is called.

A student who graduates prior to the end of the term of office may remain a member of the Board, however, a student who withdraws from the College prior to the end of the term ceases to be a member of the Board.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Governors meets bi-monthly with the exception of the months of July and August. Meetings typically begin at 5:30 p.m. and usually last about two hours. In addition, there are meetings of the standing committees in alternate months to the full Board and a full-day retreat.

STANDING COMMITTEES

There are five standing committees. These are:

- Academic and Student Affairs Committee
- Finance and Property Committee
- Audit Committee
- Governance Committee
- Executive Committee

Each Board member is expected to sit on one of these committees. Each committee may meet bi-monthly with the exception of the months of July and August. Depending on the committee, meetings normally begin either at 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. and usually last approximately two hours.

ELECTIONS PROCESS

Refer to the 2025 Student Association Election Package available from the Student Association office on your campus for a schedule of key dates and appropriate election processes.

MORE INFORMATION

Further information on the Board, the election process or answers to questions may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of Governors at Scott.Berry@georgebrown.ca

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
ELECTION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, AND WHAT DOES BEING A MEMBER ENTAIL?

The Board of Governors makes decisions that touch all levels of College life. Regular meetings are held bi-monthly on a Wednesday. The Board's representatives review and debate everything from the College's annual operating budget to the approval of new programs. Board members also sit on Board committees which may meet bi-monthly to deal with specific issues such as academic and student affairs, property and finances. Members also participate in a number of special College events, such as an annual retreat, and spend several hours each month reading material, preparing for meetings, and talking with fellow Board members or their constituents.

According to a provincial regulation, Board members should represent such diverse areas of the community as organized labour, professional business associations and ethnic groups. One third of these community representatives are appointed to the Board by the Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) and the remaining by the College. There are also elected representatives of faculty, support staff, and administration at the College and one student representative.

WHAT IS THE TERM OF OFFICE?

The new student representative will serve from **September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026**.

WHO CAN RUN FOR ELECTION?

All students who are enrolled in a program of instruction at the College on a full-time basis on September 1, 2025, and who will continue to be enrolled in such a program during the 2025/2026 academic year are eligible to be nominated and to run for election. They must possess a passing GPA of 2.75.

Interested students must complete a nomination package which is available from the Student Association office on your campus.

Nomination Deadlines: Please refer to the 2025 Student Association Election Package for a schedule of key dates.

IS CAMPAIGNING PERMITTED?

Campaigning by candidates is encouraged! Please refer to the 2025 Student Association Election Package for appropriate election processes.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL VOTING TAKE PLACE?

Voting will take place as outlined in the 2025 Student Association Election Package.

WHEN WILL THE VOTES BE COUNTED?

Vote counting will take place as outlined in the 2025 Student Association Election Package.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE BOARD?

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

NOMINATION FORM
FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
2025-26

PART I:

We, the undersigned, wish to nominate _____ as a candidate for the position of Student Representative on the Board of Governors. **Each of us is a full-time student of George Brown College**:

#	NAME	STUDENT ID #	PROGRAM	SIGNATURE
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

PART 2:

I, _____, Student ID # _____ enrolled in _____ Program at George Brown College, verify that I am a full-time student of George Brown College; that I agree to be nominated; that I am eligible to serve on the Board; and that I am able to carry out the duties of a Board member, if elected.

By signing the nomination form, you give consent to the Chief Returning Officer to confirm with the Manager of Information and Student Services your passing GPA is 2.75 or higher.

Daytime Tel. #: _____

_____ _____

Signature Date

PART 3:

Please answer the following question:

What do you feel are the three key issues facing students today? How would serving on the Board allow you to address these issues? (Limit your answer to 300 words or less)

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