

GRADUATE EDUCATION COUNCIL (GEC)
2025-2026 Membership

Ex-officio membership:

Name		Position
Kamran Siddiqui	ex officio	Chair of GEC, Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
Jamie Baxter	ex officio	Associate Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
Lauretta Frederking	ex officio	Associate Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
Alan Shepard	ex officio	President and Vice-Chancellor
Florentine Strzelczyk	ex officio	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Carolyn McLeod	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, Arts and Humanities
Kevin Mooney	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, Music
Immaculate Namukasa	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, Education
Laura Murray	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, Health Sciences
Anabel Quan-Haase	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, FIMS
Zoë Sinel	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, Law
Darren Meister	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, Ivey
Nica Borradaile	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, Schulich
Lars Rehmann	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, Engineering
Liz Webb	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, Science
Elizabeth Hayden	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, Social Science
Cherin Chung	ex officio	President, Society of Graduate Students
Manoj Medapati	ex officio	President, Postdoctoral Association at Western
Ken Yeung	ex officio	Chair, Senate Committee on Academic Policy
Christy Bressette	ex officio	Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Initiatives), Western University
Opiyo Oloya	ex officio	Associate Vice-President (Equity, Diversity & Inclusion), Western University
Marisa Modeski (designate: Valerie Sarkany)	ex officio	University Registrar, Western University
TBC (designate: Lise Laporte)	ex officio	Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President (International), Western University
Penny Pexman (designate: Jacquie Burkell)	ex officio	Vice-President (Research), Western University
Geoffrey Little (designate: Kim Carson)	ex officio (n-v)	Associate Chief Librarian, Research
Aisha Haque	ex officio (n-v)	Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning, Western University
Meghan O'Hara	ex officio (n-v)	Program Specialist, Graduate Student Life, Western University
	ex officio (n-v)	Associate Director, Careers & Experience, Student Experience, Western University
Jovan Groen	ex officio (n-v)	Director, Academic Quality & Enhancement, Western University
Kathryn Fraser	ex officio (n-v)	Digital Communications Specialist, Office of Associate Vice-President (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion), Western University
Mihaela Harmos	ex officio (n-v)	Postdoctoral Services Coordinator, School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Elected/Appointed membership:			
Name	Term Expires	Constituency (* a member of SGPS)	Elected/Appointed By:
Jacques Lamarche	30-Jun-27	Faculty member*	Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Torin Chiles	30-Jun-27	Faculty member*	Don Wright Faculty of Music
Daniel Ansari	30-Jun-27	Faculty member*	Faculty of Education
Derek Pamukoff	30-Jun-27	Faculty member*	Faculty of Health Sciences
Kamran Sedig	30-Jun-27	Faculty member*	Faculty of Information and Media Studies
Rory Gillis	30-Jun-27	Faculty member*	Faculty of Law
<i>vacant</i>	30-Jun-27	Faculty member*	Ivey Business School
Susanne Schmid	30-Jun-27	Faculty member*	Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry
Dan Langohr	30-Jun-27	Faculty member*	Faculty of Engineering
Doug Woolford	30-Jun-27	Faculty member*	Faculty of Science
Ruramaisi Charumbira	30-Jun-27	Faculty member*	Faculty of Social Science
Angela Mendelovici	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Faculty of Arts and Humanities
<i>vacant</i>	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Don Wright Faculty of Music
<i>vacant</i>	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Faculty of Education
Jasna Twynstra	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Faculty of Health Sciences
Chris Arsenault	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Faculty of Information and Media Studies
<i>vacant</i>	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Faculty of Law
<i>vacant</i>	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Ivey Business School
Kelly Anderson	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry
Remus Tutunea-Fatan	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Faculty of Engineering
Simon Bonner	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Faculty of Science
Andrea Waters	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Faculty of Social Science
Jonathan Vickers	30-Jun-27	Graduate Assistant (or comparable role with responsibility for graduate program administration)	Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Audrey Yardley-Jones	30-Jun-27	Graduate Assistant (or comparable role with responsibility for graduate program administration)	Don Wright Faculty of Music
Can Guven	30-Jun-27	Graduate Assistant (or comparable role with responsibility for graduate program administration)	Faculty of Education
Shayna McKay	30-Jun-27	Graduate Assistant (or comparable role with responsibility for graduate program administration)	Faculty of Health Sciences
Chris Circelli	30-Jun-27	Graduate Assistant (or comparable role with responsibility for graduate program administration)	Faculty of Information and Media Studies

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Susuana Kwaning	30-Jun-27	Graduate Assistant (or comparable role with responsibility for graduate program administration)	Faculty of Law
<i>vacant</i>	30-Jun-27	Graduate Assistant (or comparable role with responsibility for graduate program administration)	Ivey Business School
Susan Simpson	30-Jun-27	Graduate Assistant (or comparable role with responsibility for graduate program administration)	Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry
Kristen Dorey	30-Jun-27	Graduate Assistant (or comparable role with responsibility for graduate program administration)	Faculty of Engineering
Brian Davis	30-Jun-27	Graduate Assistant (or comparable role with responsibility for graduate program administration)	Faculty of Science
Alana Gutkin	30-Jun-27	Graduate Assistant (or comparable role with responsibility for graduate program administration)	Faculty of Social Science
Adam Mohamed	30-Jun-26	Graduate student	Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Ryan Baxter	30-Jun-26	Graduate student	Don Wright Faculty of Music
Dru Sutton	30-Jun-26	Graduate student	Faculty of Education
Karli Chalmers	30-Jun-26	Graduate student	Faculty of Health Sciences
Shannon Scott	30-Jun-26	Graduate student	Faculty of Information and Media Studies
Kaleigh Campbell	30-Jun-26	Graduate student	Faculty of Law
<i>vacant</i>	30-Jun-26	Graduate student	Ivey Business School
<i>vacant</i>	30-Jun-26	Graduate student	Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry
Mohammed Zeraati	30-Jun-26	Graduate student	Faculty of Engineering
Kaitlyn Wade	30-Jun-26	Graduate student	Faculty of Science
Evan Sauve	30-Jun-26	Graduate student	Faculty of Social Science
Dan Smith	30-Jun-26	Affiliate University College	Affiliated University Colleges on a rotating basis (2 year cycles)
Juan Manuel Diaz Villaseñor	30-Jun-26	Postdoctoral Scholar	Postdoctoral Association at Western in consultation with Postdoctoral Services Coordinator of the School
Other Members:			
<i>vacant</i>	Observer (n-v)	King's	
Jennifer Davila	Resource (n-v)	Director of Administration	
Melanie Molnar	Observer (n-v)	Associate Ombudsperson	
Connie Kyle	Resource (n-v)	Administrative Assistant, SGPS	
Marsha Lace	Resource (n-v)	Administrative Specialist, Office of the Vice-Provost (SGPS)	