GRADUATE EDUCATION COUNCIL (GEC)
Professional Development Advisory Committee
2026-2027 Membership *revised October 2026*

Ex-officio membership:

Name		Position
Jenny Richmond-Bravo	ex officio (co-Chair)	Graduate Professional Development Coordinator, SGPS
Jamie Baxter	ex officio (co-Chair)	Associate Vice-Provosts, SGPS
Lauretta Frederking	ex officio	Associate Vice-Provosts, SGPS
Kamran Siddiqui	ex officio	Vice-Provost, SGPS
Mihaela Harmos	ex officio	Postdoctoral Services Coordinator, SGPS
Heather Wakely	ex officio	Director, Leadership & Learning, Student Experience (or designate)

Elected/Appointed membership:

Name	Term Expires	Constituency	Elected/Appointed By:
Patience Emieaboe	June 30, 2027	Three Graduate Students (1 PhD, 1 research Master's, 1 professional Master's)	Graduate Education Council
Shawn Casado	June 30, 2027		Graduate Education Council
vacant (1 professional Master's)	June 30, 2027		Graduate Education Council
Jason Chew	June 30, 2028	One Graduate Assistant	Graduate Education Council
Constanza Burucua	June 30, 2028	Two Program Chairs	Graduate Education Council
Gerald McKinley	June 30, 2028		
Lars Rehmann	June 30, 2028	Two Associate Deans-Graduate	Graduate Education Council
Elizabeth Webb	June 30, 2028		
Jenny Foley	June 30, 2028	At least three expert advisors from Student Experience and Centre for Teaching and Learning	School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
Mandy Penney	June 30, 2028		
Meghan O'Hara	June 30, 2028		

Additional non-voting members (as required)

Name		Position
Marsha Lace		SGPS Staff Resource

*** Every effort must be made to have an equitable and transparent process for identification of candidates, to ensure breadth of disciplinary representation and that the elected/appointed members reflect Western's commitment to Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Decolonizing-Indigenization.*