GRADUATE EDUCATION COUNCIL (GEC)
Supervision and Mentorship Advisory Committee
2026-2027 Membership *revised November 2026*

Ex-officio membership:

Name		Position
Kamran Siddiqui	ex officio (Chair)	Vice-Provost, SGPS
Jamie Baxter	ex officio (Chair)	Associate Vice-Provosts, SGPS
Lauretta Frederking	ex officio (Chair)	Associate Vice-Provosts, SGPS
Mihaela Harmos	ex officio	Postdoctoral Services Coordinator, SGPS
Aisha Haque	ex officio	Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning (or designate)
Megan O'Hara	ex officio	Program Specialist, Graduate Student Life, Student Experience
Melanie Molnar	ex officio	Ombudsperson (or designate)

Elected/Appointed membership:

Name	Term Expires	Constituency	Elected/Appointed By:
Maya Jaishankar	June 30, 2027	Two Graduate Students (1 PhD, 1 Master's)	Graduate Education Council
vacant (1 Master's)	June 30, 2027		Graduate Education Council
Tina Nazemzadeh	June 30, 2028	One Graduate Assistant	Graduate Education Council
Deanna Friesen	June 30, 2028	Six Faculty Members with experience in graduate student supervision, two of whom should be current or recent graduate chairs (or equivalent) with a balance between STEM and non-STEM disciplines	Graduate Education Council
Nicole Campbell	June 30, 2028		
Yvon Verberne	June 30, 2028		
vacant	June 30, 2028		
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vacant	June 30, 2028	One Representative from the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
Robyn Hurley	June 30, 2028	One Representative from Student Wellness/Mental Health Services	School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

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.*