GRADUATE EDUCATION COUNCIL (GEC) 2026-2027 Membership *revised October 2026*		
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)
Constanza Burucua	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
Alan Miller	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, Law
Martha Maznevski	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
Godwin Arku	ex officio	Associate Dean-Graduate, Social Science
Matheus Sanita Lima	ex officio	President, Society of Graduate Students
Juan Manuel Diaz Villasenor	ex officio	President, Postdoctoral Association at Western
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
TBC (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: Valerie Oosterveld)	ex officio	Vice-President (Research), Western University
Geoffrey Little (designate: Jennifer Green)	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
Heather Wakely	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:**
John Nassichuk	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
vacant	30-Jun-28	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
Ruramisai 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
vacant	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Don Wright Faculty of Music
vacant	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
vacant	30-Jun-27	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Faculty of Law
Daniel Clark	30-Jun-28	Graduate Chairs (or equivalent from non-departmental faculties)*	Ivey Business School
John Di Guglielmo	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
Linda Meloche	30-Jun-28	Graduate Assistant (or comparable role with responsibility for graduate program administration)	Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Erin Woolnough	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
Jason Chew	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
vacant	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
Tarryn Andrews	30-Jun-27	Graduate student	Faculty of Arts and Humanities
McKenna Jennings	30-Jun-27	Graduate student	Don Wright Faculty of Music
Antonia Yip	30-Jun-27	Graduate student	Faculty of Education
Jana Bataineh	30-Jun-27	Graduate student	Faculty of Health Sciences
Jasmine Proctor	30-Jun-27	Graduate student	Faculty of Information and Media Studies
Kaleigh Campbell	30-Jun-27	Graduate student	Faculty of Law
Katelyn Helka	30-Jun-27	Graduate student	Ivey Business School
Hannah Gray	30-Jun-27	Graduate student	Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry
vacant	30-Jun-27	Graduate student	Faculty of Engineering
Mia Yamoa	30-Jun-27	Graduate student	Faculty of Science
John Hutchenreuther	30-Jun-27	Graduate student	Faculty of Social Science
vacant	30-Jun-28	Affiliate University College	Affiliated University Colleges on a rotating basis (2 year cycles)
vacant	30-Jun-27	Postdoctoral Scholar	Postdoctoral Association at Western in consultation with Postdoctoral Services Coordinator of the School
Additional non-voting members (as required):			
Melanie Molnar	Observer	Ombudsperson	
Connie Kyle	Resource	Administrative Assistant, SGPS	
Marsha Lace	Resource	Administrative Specialist, Office of the Vice-Provost, SGPS	