Physiology and Pharmacology Graduate Students’ Council Constitution

Title

All full- and part-time graduate students enrolled in the M.Sc. and Ph.D. graduate programs of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology (herein referred to as the “Department”) at The University of Western Ontario will be officially represented by elected representatives of Department, Faculty, and University committees collectively known as the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology Graduate Students’ Council (herein referred to as the “Council”).

Objectives

1. Open communication
2. Provide structure for replacing graduate student representatives by election.
3. Consolidate graduate student opinions on departmental matters.
4. Provide a place for students to voice concerns to peers and assist in finding solutions.

Represented Committees

1. Departmental Committee
2. Graduate Studies Committee
3. Schulich Committee
4. Society of Graduate Students
5. Social Committee
6. St. Joseph’s Hospital Off Campus Representative
7. Victoria Research Laboratories Off Campus Representative
8. Robarts Research Institute Off Campus Representative
9. Health and Safety Committee
10. Research Committee
11. Outreach Committee
12. Appointments Committee
13. Sports Representative

Elections

1. The Council representatives for the committee positions outline above are to be elected by the graduate student body to hold a term of two years, or until the representative’s graduation, whichever comes first.
2. Candidates may self-nominate or be nominated by a fellow graduate student within the Department of Physiology & Pharmacology.
3. Elections of Committee representatives are to be completed by anonymous ballot at a general council meeting, open to all students in the department, one month prior to the position becoming vacant.
4. Election dates, representatives, and length of terms will be recorded by the Council and disseminated to the graduate student community.
5. The Council is to be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary to be elected by the Council from amongst its members. No individual may hold more than one position on the Executive Committee at any given time.

Terms of Office

1. The Council is to be governed by the Chair of the Council to be elected from amongst its representatives. Candidates for the position of Chair must serve on the Council for at least one year prior to running for election. The Chair will hold a term of two years, or until the representative’s graduation, whichever comes first. The position of Chair may be held for a maximum of two terms.
2. The Chair is to be assisted by the Vice Chair of the Council to act on behalf to the Chair in his or her absence. The Vice Chair is to be elected from amongst its representatives. The Vice Chair will hold a term of two years,
This Constitution has been ratified by a majority vote of the Council on August 26, 2010. Amended April 15, 2014.