



Get Involved with NBCGSS: Your Graduate Student Society!

Who We Are

The Northern British Columbia Graduate Students' Society (NBCGSS) represents all graduate students at UNBC. We advocate for your rights, provide essential services, and build a vibrant graduate student community. With an annual budget exceeding \$300,000, we manage a comprehensive range of services, including health and dental coverage, social events, and professional development opportunities.

Why Get Involved?

- Make a real difference in graduate student life
 - Gain valuable leadership experience
 - Build your professional network
 - Receive competitive compensation
 - Develop transferable skills
 - Shape the future of graduate education at UNBC
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Starting Your NBCGSS Journey

The best way to get involved is to start as a volunteer! Here are some ideas:

1. Watch your UNBC emails and join different UNBC Committees as NBCGSS rep
 2. Attend our events and social activities
 3. Help with event planning and execution
 4. Get to know current board members
 5. Learn about our operations firsthand
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Board Structure

The board includes these key roles:

- Chairperson
- Director of Events and Communication
- Director of EDI and Welfare
- Director of External and Partnerships
- Director of Indigenous Students' Affairs
- Director of Internal and Strategic Management



Staffing Structure at NBCGSS

- The 6 board members are paid at minimum wage, covering up to 30 hours per month.
- 3 office admin positions support the Board of Directors' demands and NBCGSS operations, totaling 30 hours per week.
- All members work with the Executive Director (ED), who is responsible for all operations.

Note: This is a working board, meaning that all board members are part of the change and have equal responsibility to make a difference. If you have the spirit to contribute - apply!

Important Dates and Information

- January: Student Week – Come meet us and ask questions!
 - February: Election nominations open
 - March: Board elections (watch your emails closely)
 - Term: April 1st – March 31st of the following year
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Board of Directors' Role Definitions

(Full definitions available in our policy manual)

Chairperson The Chairperson is the public face of NBCGSS, speaking on behalf of the Society and graduate students, as well as being responsible for overseeing all communications from UNBC departments. This involves providing overall leadership and direction to the board, ensuring the society is moving in the right direction, and representing the society at high-level university functions. The Chairperson is responsible for the execution of Board decisions and serves as the primary spokesperson for the Society.

Director of Events and Communication The Director of Events and Communication is responsible for organizing and executing all society events and managing the Society's communications. This involves overseeing social media accounts and website content, developing and implementing communication strategies, and ensuring effective external communications to students. They are responsible for promoting student engagement and maintaining the Society's public presence across all platforms.

Director of EDI and Welfare The Director of EDI and Welfare is responsible for ensuring equity, diversity, and inclusion in all Society operations. This involves liaising



with UNBC EDI office, Women's Center, and Pride Center, overseeing the Food Bank operations, and managing welfare initiatives. They are responsible for advocating for student well-being and applying an EDI lens to all society operations and programs.

Director of External and Partnerships The Director of External and Partnerships is responsible for the external affairs of the Society. This involves representing the Society at BCFS meetings and external events, developing and maintaining partnerships with external entities, and negotiating discounts and deals for society members. They are responsible for overseeing sponsorship and fundraising initiatives and maintaining relationships with external organizations.

Director of Indigenous Students' Affairs The Director of Indigenous Students' Affairs collaborates with the First Nations Center, organizes events representing Indigenous graduate students, advocates for Indigenous graduate student needs, develops partnerships with Indigenous organizations in Prince George, and fosters understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students while upholding the UNBC motto, En cha huna (Carrier: Respecting all forms of life).

Director of Internal and Strategic Management The Director of Internal and Strategic Management is responsible for overseeing financial operations and budgeting of the Society. This involves developing long-term strategic plans, managing relationships with university administration, and exploring revenue generation opportunities. They are responsible for ensuring the Society's financial sustainability and operational effectiveness. This role also acts as a liaison for connecting different departments at UNBC to NBCGSS for collaborations as well as assisting with long-term goals within the society.

Want to Learn More?

Our current board members are happy to chat about their experiences! Feel free to reach out to:

- Chairperson: gsspres@unbc.ca
- Director of External and Partnerships: gssexternal@unbc.ca
- Director of Internal and Strategic Management: gssdal@unbc.ca
- Director of EDI and Welfare: gssdiversity@unbc.ca
- Director of Indigenous Students' Affairs: gssindigenous@unbc.ca
- Director of Events and Communication: gssevents@unbc.ca
- Executive Director: gssoffice@unbc.ca

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