

NOTICE 2: VP Duties

7.1 Executive Committee

(a) The Executive Committee of the Local shall consist of the President, two Vice-Presidents from Unit 1 ("1st Vice-President Unit 1" and "2nd Vice-President Unit 1"), one Vice-President from Unit 2 ("Vice-President Unit 2"), one Vice-President from Unit 3 ("Vice-President Unit 3"), the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chief Steward, The Equity Officer, and the Membership Outreach Officer.

(b) Any member in good standing of the Local at the time of election may be elected to any position on the Executive Committee, except for the Vice-President positions and the Equity Officer. In order to stand for election to the position of Vice President, the candidate must be a member of the unit they seek to represent. For Unit 1, candidates for the position of 1st Vice-President Unit 1 must be enrolled in Graduate Studies at Brock University at the time of the election/appointment, **and they must remain a member of the Graduate Student Association for the duration of their tenure**. Only members from the equity-seeking groups enumerated in Appendix B may be elected as the Equity Officer.

7.4 Duties of the Vice-Presidents

(a) The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in the administration of the Local.

(b) In the absence of the President one of the Vice-Presidents shall assume the duties of the President until such time as the President is able to resume her or his duties. The executive shall determine which Vice-President shall assume the duties.

(c) In the event of vacant seats on the Executive Committee, the Vice-Presidents shall assist in the performance of those duties until a replacement is found.

(d) In case of the resignation or death of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President until such vacancy is filled as provided in these by-laws. The Executive shall determine which Vice-President shall perform these duties.

(e) The 2nd Vice President of Unit 1 and Vice Presidents for Unit 2 and Unit 3 shall be responsible for reporting to the Executive on all matters of concern or interest within **their respective bargaining units**.

Additionally, they shall:

i) In the absence of an elected representative to attend senate meetings or meetings of the board of governors, the executive will select one of the vice presidents to attend these meetings.

(f) The 1st Vice President of Unit 1 shall be responsible for reporting to the Executive on all matters of concern or interest of graduate students, all governance issues at Brock University, and all broader political and labour-related issues external to Brock University.

They shall:

- i) Liaise with other unions, university, student and other organizations within the university.**
- ii) Inform on developments at the Senate and Board of Trustees at Brock University;**
- ii) Inform of strikes and lockouts in Ontario and in the Canadian university sector.**
- iii) In the absence of an elected representative to attend senate meetings or meetings of the board of governors, the executive will select one of the vice presidents to attend these meetings.**

(g) In addition to the duties and responsibilities above, the Vice Presidents shall be responsible for organizing and mobilizing members of their units in conjunction with their Unit Steward(s).

7.13 Vacancies

(a) Should any member of the Executive Committee resign the Executive Committee shall declare her or his position to be vacant, and it shall be filled at the next membership meeting, in the manner outlined in this Article.

(b) Should any member of the Executive Committee fail to attend three consecutive Executive meetings or three consecutive Membership Meetings without a good and sufficient reason for her or his absence, the Executive Committee may declare her or his position to be vacant, and it shall be filled at the next membership meeting, in the manner outlined in this Article.

(c) Should the 1st Vice President Unit 1 cease to be a member of the Graduate Students Association at Brock University during their tenure, their position will be declared vacant. The onus of responsibility to inform the Executive of the membership status to the Graduate Students Association rests with the 1st Vice President Unit 1.

(d) Should any steward miss three consecutive Stewards Council meetings, or three consecutive membership meetings without a good and sufficient reason for her or his absence, the Executive Committee, on the advice of the Chief Steward, may declare her or his position to be vacant, and it shall be filled at the next membership meeting, in the manner outlined in this Article.

(e) Should any elected member of the bargaining committee miss three consecutive bargaining committee meetings without a good and sufficient reason, the Executive Committee, on the advice of the Bargaining Committee Chair, may declare her or his position to be vacant, and it shall be filled at the next membership meeting, in the manner outlined in this Article.

(f) The Executive Committee may appoint one of its members or another member in good standing to fill a vacant position pro tem until such time as a membership meeting can be called.

(g) Should any Trustee resign or otherwise leave office, the Executive Committee shall declare her or his position to be vacant, and it shall be filled at the next membership meeting, in the manner outlined in this Article.



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(h) Members who have had positions vacated due to the provisions of this article may appeal to the next Membership Meeting.

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