GSA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

GSA APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS BOARD: RENEWAL OF ONE (1) GSA MEMBER POSITION

As per GSA Bylaw and Policy, terms of office for the GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB) may run for a one (1) or two (2) year term and members may stand for re-election (Section H.POL.7.4). Accordingly, as the terms of office for three (3) members of the GSA ACB has expired or is about to expire, those members were contacted on 8 August 2022 to inquire if they wished to stand for re-election. One (1) member indicated they wished to extend their service. Additionally, this member has been previously interviewed by GSA Nominating Committee (GSA NoC) members who have been trained in procedural fairness by the GSA and have a record of demonstrating impartiality through their work on the GSA NoC (a member of GSA management was also present for said interviews) and have themselves, following their initial election to the GSA ACB, received training in the basic tenets of procedural fairness.

There will be an electronic vote held at the 19 September 2022 GSA Council meeting.

If you and your alternate are unable to attend the 19 September 2022 meeting of GSA Council and would like to cast an electronic vote for this position, you must contact the GSA Nominating Committee Coordinator (gsanomco@ualberta.ca) BEFORE 3:00 PM on Monday, 19 September 2022 in order to cast your vote in advance of the GSA Council meeting.

Nominees for this position are listed in alphabetical order by last name. ‘None of the Candidates’ will also be considered a nominee.

1. Kenzie Gordon (Media and Technology Studies)

Current GSA ACB membership can be found here.

Jurisdiction:

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Sections H.POL.7.1 and H.POL.7.2
“Eight (8) GSA members elected by GSA Council as voting members [and] four (4) Departmental Councillors (including the Indigenous Graduate Students’ Association (IGSA) Councillor), alternates, or recent former Departmental Councillors, elected by GSA Council as voting members.”

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section H.POL.7.4
“Terms of office may run for a one (1) or two (2) year term as recommended by the GSA Nominating Committee (GSA NoC).”

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section H.POL.8.1
“The GSA NoC will interview all nominees to the GSA ACB and forward selected nominees to GSA Council.”

The biography and brief resume received for the one (1) nominee is BELOW on page 8.1. The biography and brief resume are presented as received (ie not edited).
NOMINATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A GSA ACB POSITION
(ONE (1) POSITION RENEWAL FOR ONE (1) GSA MEMBER)
One (1) Nominee

1. Kenzie Gordon

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**Statement of Interest**

I believe ACB serves an essential role in the transparent and ethical operation of the GSA in the interests of graduate students. As a member of ACB, I hope to contribute a commitment to procedural fairness, as well as a belief in the importance of prioritizing equity and creating a safe campus community. In my time as a graduate student at the University of Alberta, I have served on a range of governance bodies including GSA Council, GSA Board, Nominating Committee, Arts Faculty Council, MLCS departmental council and the MLCS graduate committee, as well as cross-institutional policy groups like the Sexual Violence Policy committee. My experience in these positions gives me a strong understanding of the complexities of university politics and how GSA representatives (and others under ACB’s jurisdiction) often make decisions in the context of the broader university system. I believe this body of knowledge and lived experience would allow me to contribute to ACB’s important work of dealing with emergent issues. I would like to serve a second term on ACB to continue to support the GSA in maintaining mechanisms of fairness and transparency.

**Bio**

I am an interdisciplinary PhD candidate in the departments of Digital Humanities and Modern Languages and Cultural Studies. My doctoral research examines depictions of gender-based violence in video games and the transformative potential of games for addressing rape culture. Prior to my PhD, I completed an MA in Digital Humanities at the U of A; I also have a BA from the U of A and a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Calgary, and have worked as a social worker in the domestic and sexual violence sector. Since 2016, I have been an RA with Dr. Sean Gouglas in Digital Humanities, and have worked as a researcher and project manager on two SSHRC-funded multi-institutional projects examining issues of equity in video games. I’ve also worked as an RA, TA and graduate intern on research projects around the university. In my many (many) years at the U of A, I’ve had the opportunity to serve on a wide range of governance bodies including GSA Council, the Students’ Union, Arts Faculty Council, and many smaller bodies. I’ve also represented students on groups like dean and chair search committees, in the Intersections of Gender steering group, and on policy committees. I’ve volunteered with an array of student groups including the Digital Humanities Student Association (DHSA), Student Parents on Campus, and many others during my undergrad. I’m a board member with Sexual Assault Voices of Edmonton (SAVE) and through SAVE, I run the YEG Police Violence Archive, a police abolition/community archiving project. In all of my activist and scholarly work, my core beliefs are the importance of equity and challenging ingrained systems of injustice like patriarchy and colonialism, issues which are often underlying in issues that arise in colonial institutions like the university. I believe my experience in understanding systems and underlying conditions thereof, and my commitment to transformative change, leave me well situated to making fair assessments of complaints with my fellow ACB members.