

**NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**GRADUATE STUDENTS' SOCIETY**

**Article I: Name of Society**

The name of the society is the Northern British Columbia Graduate Students' Society (hereinafter referred to as "the Society").

**Article II: Society Purpose**

The purposes of the Society shall be:

- a) To act as a democratic body;
- b) To foster equity among members;
- c) To develop Society Bylaws and Policies in a fair and open manner;
- d) To take action on behalf of graduate students in general, and to specifically work towards strengthening a sense of place and community at the University of Northern British Columbia (hereinafter referred to as "UNBC) through the following objectives:
  - i) Facilitate an awareness of the rights, privileges, and obligations of members;
  - ii) Advocate for the removal of physical and systematic barriers that prevent full access of students to graduate school, academic programs, facilities, and services at UNBC, as well as for the provision of appropriate facilities and services to enable enrolment and participation at UNBC;

- iii) Advocate for adequate and equitable funding for all graduate students;
  - iv) Maintain continuous communication between the Society and UNBC administration, faculty, and staff;
  - v) Require the principle and practice of graduate student representation at all levels of decision making at UNBC;
  - vi) Ensure the Society's administration office serves as the centre of communication;
  - vii) Ensure UNBC adheres to the principles of participative and distributive justice;
  - viii) Foster and enhance the learning environment at UNBC;
  - ix) Advocate for on campus family housing, affordable child care, and health care for members;
  - x) Promote graduate student activities among members; and
  - xi) Endorse the following statement: Graduate Education is a Right, not a Privilege.
- e) To perform everything incidental and essential in attaining the aforementioned purposes; use of any and all profits accrued by the Society for the promotion and attainment of the above mentioned purposes and objectives.

### **Article III: Location of Operations**

The operation of the Society shall be carried out solely on the main campus of UNBC in Prince George, BC. This provision is unalterable.