



Brief and Results: Annual General Meeting, 2020

University of Ottawa International Development and Global Studies Graduate Student Association
(GDVM)

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Moderated by Shannon Fournier, outgoing GDVM President

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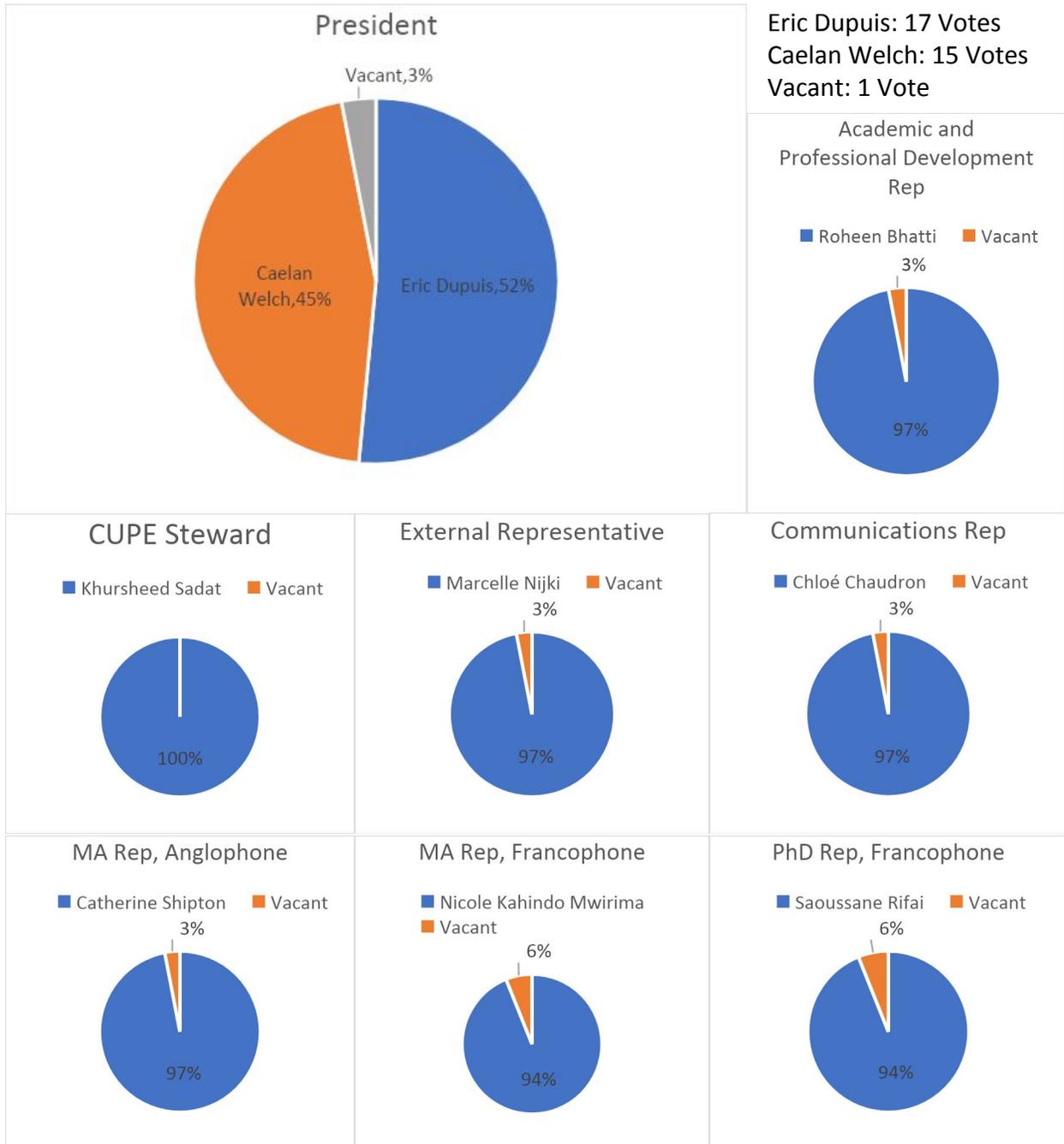
Eric Dupuis (President-elect)

April 30th, 2020

Participants

Master's Students	PhD Students
Adesola Anyaegnu-Lamuye	Jody-Ann Anderson
Roheen Bhatti	Mathilde Grandgonnet
Justine Boulianne-Gobeil	Andrea Khan
Natalie Buchanan	Morgane Rosier
Chloé Chaudron	Khursheed Sadat
Rebecca Dick	Helena Yeboah
Eric Dupuis	
Liam Griffith	
Frédérique Guertin	
Jamie Humphrey	
Nismah Iqbal	
Nicole Kahindo Mwirima	
Hellen Konyango	
Allisa Kouki	
Claudia Kuzma	
Kate Lord	
Laura Meneses	
Safo Musta	
Marcelle Nijki	
Kate Puskas	
Kayla Richardson	
Catherine Shipton	
Sabrinelle Souahi	
Abigail Vandzura	
Caelan Welch	
Kaitlyn Wilkin	
Nahiea Zaman	
Total MA Students: 27	Total PhD Students: 6
	Total Students: 33

2020-2021 Executive Committee Voting Results



The 2020-2021 GDVM Executive Committee has been accepted. The above Committee members will take up their positions on Friday, May 1st, 2020 for a one-year period.

Constitution Amendment Voting Results

Original	Proposed Amendments
<p>4.1 The executives of the Association are responsible for collaborating in all of the Association’s activities. Coordinators for major events and working groups will be decided on a case-by-case basis to ensure equal participation and inclusion of all members. Other specific responsibilities include:</p>	<p>4.1. The executives of the Association are responsible for collaborating in all of the Association’s activities. Coordinators for major events and working groups including for document translations will be decided on a case-by-case basis for upcoming and unexpected events to ensure equal participation and inclusion of all executive members. Thus, roles and responsibilities may at times go beyond those stated in the scope of the constitution. Other specific responsibilities include:</p>
<p>4.1.1 The President is responsible for drafting meeting agendas, facilitating meetings and acting as a neutral arbitrator when necessary. The President will not have voting power in order to maintain his/her neutrality. He/she can also act as a proxy for any other member of the executive who wishes to present a controversial item for debate anonymously so that discussions can be held without prejudice. The President acts as the liaison between the school (EDIM/SIDGS) and the association, and is responsible for passing along all relevant information to the members of the executive.</p>	<p>4.1.1 The President is responsible for delegating tasks amongst executive members, facilitating meetings and acting as a neutral arbitrator when necessary. The President will not have voting power in order to maintain their neutrality. They can also act as a proxy for any other member of the executive who wishes to present an item for debate anonymously so that discussions can be held without prejudice. The President acts as the liaison between the school (EDIM/SIDGS), the undergraduate student association (AEDSA), and the Association. They are also responsible for sharing all relevant information to the members of the executive.</p>
<p>4.1.2. The Communications Representative will take leadership to coordinate communications activities, which will include the management and updating of the GDVM website, including to announce the new Executive Committee (also on the EDIM/SIDGS page), to encourage student blogging, and to update the events pages as events are organized. The Communications Representative will also be the focal point for all existing social media accounts (especially Facebook) while encouraging all Executive to make updates to Facebook especially related to their mandates. This includes checking the Association’s email.</p>	<p>4.1.2 The Communications Representative will take leadership to coordinate communications activities, which will include the management and updating of the GDVM website and verifying the Association’s email. They are also responsible for announcing the new Executive Committee (also on the EDIM/SIDGS page), to encourage student blogging, and to update the events pages as events are organized. The Communications Representative will also be the focal point for all existing social media accounts (especially Facebook) while encouraging all Executives to make updates to Facebook especially related to their mandates. All communication messages must be written in both english and french.</p>
<p>4.1.6. The main role of the Academic Representative is to act as a liaison between the Association and the ÉDIM/SIDGS and regularly attend the ÉDIM/SIDGS monthly meetings. The Academic Representative is also responsible for supporting graduate students with any academic needs they may have. Lastly, the Academic Representative also serves to connect the undergraduate and graduate International Development cohorts and other Association portfolios with tasks if needed.</p>	<p>4.1.3 The Academic and Professional Development Representative is to act as a liaison between the Association and the ÉDIM/SIDGS and regularly attend the ÉDIM/SIDGS monthly meetings. The Academic Representative is responsible for collaborating with all Academic Representatives to support graduate students with any academic needs they may have. They will take leadership to organize professional development activities relevant to international development and globalization issues through conferences, networking opportunities, symposiums,</p>

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<p>4.1.8. The Professional Development and Alumni Relations Representative will take leadership to organize professional development activities relevant to international development and globalization issues and provide advice on making linkages to engage alumni of the School including those who have gone onto relevant careers. He/she is also responsible for liaising between the Association and the International Office as well as international students and keeping the Communications Representative updated on international opportunities for the students.</p>	<p>and any other relevant event both internal and external. They will be responsible for coordinating the organization of International Development Week events on behalf of the association.</p>
<p>4.1.3. Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary is responsible for all important note taking on behalf of the Association. He/she is expected to attend all executive committee meetings and provide accurate minutes for approval to the committee. The Treasurer will take on the role as chief financial officer for the Association. He/she is responsible for managing the financial resources allocated to the Association from the University, as well as managing all receipts, reimbursements and the bank account of the Association. He/she will be expected to submit ad hoc financial reports to the Committee upon request as well as provide monthly financial budget updates during executive committee meetings.</p>	<p>4.1.4 The Secretary/Treasurer is expected to attend all executive meetings. As Secretary, they are responsible for drafting meeting agendas prior to the meetings and for all note taking during these meetings. They will then provide accurate minutes for approval by the committee at the next meeting in a timely manner determined by the executive committee. After each meeting, the Secretary/Treasurer will send a list of all tasks to committee members that had been assigned during the meeting. As Treasurer, they will take on the role as chief financial officer for the Association. They are responsible for managing the financial resources allocated to the Association from the University, as well as managing all receipts, reimbursements and the bank account of the Association. They will be expected to submit ad hoc financial reports to the Committee upon request as well as provide verbal monthly financial budget updates during executive committee meetings.</p>
<p>4.1.5. The Social Representative is responsible for coming up with creative ideas in order to promote and develop a sense of social belonging between EDIM/SIDGS graduate students. Having skills in event planning is an asset to organize a variety of events and activities (i.e. finding venues, contacting people, reserving dates, promoting activities...). Also, the Social Representative assists the Communications Representative to advertise the events and activities on our social media platforms and on the website.</p>	<p>4.1.5 The Social Representative is responsible for coming up with creative ideas in order to promote and develop a sense of social belonging between EDIM/SIDGS graduate students. Having skills in event planning is an asset to organize a variety of events and activities (i.e. finding venues, reserving dates, promoting activities...). Also, the Social Representative assists the Communications Representative to advertise the events and activities on our social media platforms (including facebook) and on the website</p>
<p>4.1.4. The External Representative is responsible for liaising between the Association and the GSAED as well as other student associations.</p>	<p>4.1.6 The External Representative is responsible for liaising between the Association and the GSAED, FSS Graduate Student Committees, as well as other student associations. This position represents the International Development and Global Studies students on the GSAED Board of Directors. They will provide advice on making linkages to engage alumni of the School including those who have gone onto relevant careers.</p>

<p>4.1.7. The CUPE Steward represents the students of EDIM/SIDGS within CUPE2626, the union representing Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants, Markers, Tutors, Lab Monitors, Demonstrators, Proctors and Lifeguards at the University of Ottawa. He/she also represents the students on the Stewards Council of the local. As part of the Council, Stewards play an important role in keeping lines of communication open between the Executive Board and the membership, and in advising the Executive Board between General Assemblies. Finally, he/she acts as a resource person and contact point for students regarding labour issues in the department and about the union more generally.</p>	<p>4.1.7 The CUPE-SCFP 20256 Steward represents the students of EDIM/SIDGS within CUPE-SCFP 2626, the union representing Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants, Markers, Tutors, Lab Monitors, Demonstrators, Proctors and Lifeguards at the University of Ottawa. They also represent the students on the Stewards Council of the local committee. As part of the Council, Stewards play an important role in keeping lines of communication open between the Executive Board and the membership. Finally, they act as a resource person and contact point for students regarding labour issues in the department and about the union more generally.</p>
<p><i>No previous role.</i></p>	<p>4.1.8 The international affairs representative is an international student or has experience being an international student in Canada. They are responsible for liaising between the Association and the International Office as well as international students. They will update the Communications Representative on international internships, employment and volunteer opportunities for students.</p>
<p>4.1.9. The Master Representative (Anglophone) works in close collaboration with the Master Representative (Francophone) and is responsible for liaising between the Association and Master students, notably on issues related to bilingualism. The Representative also attend monthly meetings and work with the Association to plan and promote social, academic, profession and other activities.</p>	<p>4.1.9 The Master Representative (Anglophone) is registered in the English program stream and works in close collaboration with the Master Representative (Francophone). They are responsible for liaising between the Association and Anglophone Master students. The Representative is responsible for collaborating with all Academic Representatives in addressing anglophone GDVM students' academic and social needs. They will work with the Association to plan and promote social, academic, professional and other activities.</p>
<p>4.1.10. The Master Representative (Francophone) works in close collaboration with the Master Representative (Anglophone) and is responsible for liaising between the Association and Master students, notably on issues related to bilingualism. The Representative also attend monthly meetings and work with the Association to plan and promote social, academic, profession and other activities.</p>	<p>4.1.10 The Master Representative (Francophone) is registered in the French program stream and works in close collaboration with the Master Representative (Anglophone). They are responsible for liaising between the Association and francophone Master students. The Representative is responsible for collaborating with all Academic Representatives in addressing francophone GDVM students' academic and social needs. They will work with the Association to plan and promote social, academic, professional and other activities.</p>
<p>4.1.11. The PhD Representative (Anglophone) works in close collaboration with the PhD Representative (Francophone) and is responsible for liaising between the Association and PhD candidates, attending monthly meetings, as well working with the</p>	<p>4.1.11 The PhD Representative (Anglophone) is registered in the English program stream and works in close collaboration with the PhD Representative (Francophone). The Representative is responsible for collaborating with all Academic Representatives in</p>

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<p>4.1.12. The PhD Representative (Francophone) works in close collaboration with the PhD Representative (Anglophone) and is responsible for liaising between the Association and PhD candidates, attending monthly meetings, as well working with the Association to plan and promote social, academic, profession and other activities.</p>	<p>4.1.12 The PhD Representative (Francophone) is registered in the French program stream and works in close collaboration with the PhD Representative (Anglophone). The Representative is responsible for collaborating with all Academic Representatives in addressing francophone GDVM students' social and academic needs. They are responsible for liaising between the Association and francophone PhD candidates, as well working with the Association to plan and promote social, academic, professional and other activities.</p>
<p><i>In response to section 5.2</i> The First year representatives will be elected no later than four weeks after the beginning of the fall semester in a General Assembly.</p>	<p>4.1.13 The first-year representative (Anglophone) is registered in the English stream of the masters or PhD program and works in close collaboration with the first year (Francophone). They help facilitate the integration of first year anglophone students and defends their particular needs. The Representative is responsible for collaborating with all Academic Representatives in addressing anglophone GDVM students' social and academic needs. They also play an important role in transferring knowledge and experiences of the Association for continuity.</p>
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<p>4.2 When activities overlap with other members' of the executive responsibilities, the representatives in question will co-lead the event. 4.3 All members of the Association shall be able to run for an executive position. 4.4 All members of the executive committee have the responsibility to attend all meetings. 4.5 The executive committee has the power to organise a General Assembly</p>	<p>4.2 When activities overlap with other members of the executive responsibilities, the representatives in question will co-lead the event. 4.3 All members of the Association shall be able to run for an executive position. 4.4 All members of the executive committee have the responsibility to attend all meetings.</p>

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<p>4.6 The General Assembly can decide to support or reverse any executive decisions through a majority vote.</p> <p>4.7 All members of the executive have the right to resign from their position.</p> <p>4.7.1 The election to fill the vacant position will take place at the earliest convenience as decided by the executive committee.</p> <p>4.7.2 The resignation will be official once it has been accepted by a majority vote by the executive committee. Once the resignation has been accepted, it cannot be withdrawn.</p> <p>4.8 In the event that an executive member must take a leave of absence resulting in a vacant position the executive committee will elect a member to occupy the position in the interim. The interim member will assume the roles and responsibilities of the position as outlined above.</p>	<p>4.5 The executive committee has the power and responsibility to organise the Annual General Assembly.</p> <p>4.6 The General Assembly can decide to support or reverse any executive decisions through a majority vote.</p> <p>4.7 Tous les membres de l'exécutif ont le droit de démissionner de leur poste.</p> <p>4.7.1 L'élection pour pourvoir le poste vacant aura lieu dans le plus court délai déterminé par le comité exécutif.</p> <p>4.7.2 La démission sera officielle une fois qu'elle aura été acceptée par un vote majoritaire du comité exécutif. Une fois la démission acceptée, elle ne peut être retirée.</p> <p>4.8 Dans le cas où un membre du comité exécutif doit prendre un congé entraînant une inoccupation du poste, le comité exécutif élira un membre pour occuper le poste dans l'intervalle. Le membre intérimaire assumera les rôles et responsabilités du poste tel que décrit ci-dessus.</p>
<p>All amendments to section 4 passed: 58.8% Accepted, 41.2% Abstained, 0% Did Not Accept</p>	
<p>2.1.1 Promote an increased presence of the Masters of Globalization and International Development Program within the university and surrounding community;</p>	<p>2.1.1 Promote an increased presence of the Master of Arts (MA) in Globalization and International Development and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programs within the university and surrounding community;</p>
<p>Amendments to section 2.1.1 passed: 96.7% Accepted, 3.3% Abstained, 0% Did Not Accept</p>	