

PETITION FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8.3.3 OF THE GSU CONSTITUTION

TO: The Board of Directors of the Graduate Students' Union (GSU)

OFFICIAL SUBMISSION DATE: Wednesday, March 4th, 2026

THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS of the GSU, being at least twenty-five (25) members in good standing, hereby exercise our rights under **Article 8.3.3** to demand an **Extraordinary General Meeting to vote on the proposed emergency resolution**. Given the critical nature of the Union's financial status, we designate the final day of the constitutionally mandated window for this meeting to ensure full membership notice:

MEETING DATE Proposed: no later than March 18th 2026

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION: MANDATORY DISSOLUTION
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. **DISSOLUTION:** The Graduate Students' Union (GSU) shall immediately enter into Formal Dissolution and wind-up proceedings pursuant to **Article 13.4** of the Constitution.
2. **CEASE AND DESIST:** The Board of Directors and Executive are hereby ordered to cease the pursuit of, and are prohibited from entering into, any new long-term financial liabilities—including university-backed loans, lines of credit, or fee-increase agreements—effective immediately upon the filing of this petition.
3. **LIQUIDATION:** The Board shall immediately move to appoint an independent third-party liquidator to oversee the orderly settlement of assets and the termination of the corporation's legal existence.
4. **STAFF NOTIFICATION:** The Board of Directors shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the passage of this resolution, provide formal written notice to all GSU staff and contractors regarding the commencement of dissolution proceedings and the impending termination of the corporation as a legal employer.
5. **CONCLUSION OF REPRESENTATIVE MANDATE:** Upon the passage of this resolution, the representative mandate of the current Executive and Board of Directors shall conclude, with all further corporate actions limited strictly to supporting the administrative requirements of the wind-up process.
6. **NOTICE OF INSOLVENCY AND NON-SUCCESSION:** The Board is directed to provide immediate formal notice to Memorial University (MUN) and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) that the GSU is entering dissolution due to **irremediable insolvency**. This notice shall explicitly state that the GSU is being dissolved **without a successor organization**, and that upon completion of the wind-up, the legal entity known as the GSU will cease to exist, rendering all existing representative and service agreements null and void.

STATEMENT OF NECESSITY

The membership finds that the GSU has reached a state of irremediable insolvency. Dissolution under **Article 13.4** is the only remaining mechanism to protect graduate students from further financial exposure and ensure that student fees are no longer redirected toward unserviceable legacy debt.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby affix our signatures on this petition call on the GSU BOD to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting by exercising our rights as GSU membership as outlined in 8.3.3. Of the GSU Constitution. As members of the Graduate Student body, we stand firmly against the proposed annual \$135 debt tax (membership dues), and view any efforts to increase the graduate student financial burden without any services to be unethical & unsustainable for the future of graduate students' representation. We additionally recognize that GSU has limited options to resolve the debt crisis, leaving bankruptcy and insolvency as the only ethical option remaining without compromising the best interests of graduate student representation.

WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT:

#1. Institutional Fiscal Mismanagement

Proposals to increase membership fees are ethically and operationally untenable while the organization fails to rectify systemic deficits and non-essential expenditures. The continued allocation of funds toward full-time management and leadership compensation—in the absence of transparent oversight or accountability—represents a fundamental breakdown in fiduciary responsibility.
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#2. Terminal Organizational Liability

The immense debt owed to external providers and federations has moved beyond a financial challenge to a terminal organizational crisis. This liability actively exhausts the Union's administrative capacity and resources, rendering the organization incapable of fulfilling its primary mandate and permanently compromising its standing with the membership.

#3. Erosion of Service Viability

The strategy of leveraging health insurance to justify dues increases is a reckless mismanagement of essential student services. The current fee structure has devolved into a secondary tax for basic healthcare access, creating an unjustified financial barrier for members without providing a sustainable or transparent organizational model.

#4. Compromise of Representative Autonomy

Any contingency plan involving a university-backed loan constitutes a surrender of organizational independence. Such an arrangement creates a conflict of interest that effectively allows the University to co-opt student representation, fundamentally deteriorating the autonomy and dignity of the graduate student voice.

#5. The Necessity of Structural Liquidation

The organization has reached a state of irremediable failure and is no longer a viable vehicle for student advocacy. To protect the graduate student body from further mismanagement, the current entity must dissolve. This is a necessary step to clear the path for a new, transparent organization designed to represent all campuses and faculties with integrity and a focus on the future.