

International Student Affairs Commission Constitution Document

Preamble:

The International Student Affairs Commission (ISAC) is an SGPS commission that represents and advocates for the rights and interests of Queen's University SGPS members who identify as international.

The International Student Affairs Commission hereby adopts the following as its Mission and Principles:

Mission:

- (1) To investigate the experiences of international graduate and professional students;
- (2) To make recommendations to the SGPS Executive Council, and other relevant bodies at Queen's regarding how the international graduate and professional student experience can be improved;
- (3) To work in conjunction with SGPS and Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) to develop a welcoming Queen's environment that helps international students to succeed in their academic and professional lives, as well as personal and social growth;
- (4) To provide a forum to discuss issues of importance to international students and maximize communication of events and issues throughout the university in collaboration with SGPS Council, QUIC Council, relevant committees and subcommittees on Campus, ISAC standing committee, and with international students;

- (5) To encourage and support international student clubs, and organizations thereby helping to build an international community on Queen's University campus that celebrates diversity and promotes cultural understanding;
- (6) To uphold the definition of "international" in the title of the organization as distinct from "foreign" that is, to promote inclusion of "all" including students who are citizens of Canada and consider their issues as equally "international";
- (7) To research and plan initiatives that give international graduate and professional students the tools to navigate Queen's University with comfort and confidence.

Principles: ISAC is committed to the following fundamental principles:

- (1) Respect for all cultural backgrounds of international students;
- (2) Free speech and effective communication of all opinions considered a part of one's culture or cultural heritage in the University community, except when it infringes on the respect of other cultures or cultural heritages;
- (3) Promotion of activities that will encourage participation in experiencing cultures represented in the international community at Queen's;
- (4) The recommendation and creation of inclusionary initiatives in student organizations at all levels within the university community/Canadian society

Motto: Helping international graduate and professional students enjoy Queen's with comfort and confidence.

Membership & Fees: Any member of the SGPS. This is defined as any full-time or part time, on-campus or off-campus, graduate student or professional student enrolled at the University and belonging to one of the Constituent Bodies. There are no additional fees to be a member. All fees are as per SGPS Bylaws & Policies. Some events may have a participation fee attached but every effort will be made to keep this at a minimum.

Board of Directors: The affairs of ISAC shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of:

(a) the SGPS International Students Affairs Commissioner, who shall Chair this commission and represent the SGPS International Student Affairs Commission on QUIC Council

(b) the International Student Council Member

ISAC Standing Committee Members: The board of directors and at least three ordinary members of the SGPS, striving for fair representation of all international students.

Meetings: There shall be no less than one meeting of the Board of Directors and ISAC Standing Committee per month in the Fall and Winter Terms of the academic year. At least one meeting should be held in the Summer Term of the academic year.