Board of Directors Annual Report 2025-2026

BOARD MESSAGE 2025

A year of renewed purpose

For decades, the Student Association has served the students of George Brown. The Student Association has seen George Brown through its many eras. Yet, this past year has tested us more than we could have anticipated. The Board of Directors was lost, the Student Association faced many uncertainties, George Brown was experiencing an unprecedented change, and the Post-Secondary landscape was under attack.

However, this did not deter us. Rather, it forced the Student Association to reflect upon why we exist to begin with — to fight for our students.

We looked inwards and strategized; we worked to make sure our services and programs met our students' needs.

We looked among our students and mobilized; we gathered our students to make their voices heard, demanding better for our future.

We looked beyond our campus and built; we sought out community partners and brought in new opportunities to reinforce our work.

We looked back, and we brought back events and initiatives to breathe life back into our community.

The Student Association is an institution within George Brown, working endlessly to serve our students. We will always find our way out of any turmoil we encounter. Drawing from our past to secure your futures.

We thank our students for their continued support and trust in the Student Association.

In Solidarity,

On behalf of the 2025 Board of Directors
Toby Lew, Director of Education & Equity



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACHIEVEMENTS -2025

A year of advocacy, engagement and organizational renewal. The 2025–2026 Board focused its work through four key pillars connecting advocacy, student success, engagement, governance, and community impact.

01	**Student Voice & Advocacy** Putting student interests into institutional and public decision-making.
02	**Access, Well-being & Student Success** Directing resources and advocacy toward affordability, support, and opportunity.
03	**Belonging, Engagement & Campus Experience** Creating reasons for students to connect, participate, and feel represented.
04	**Governance, Leadership & Organizational Resilience** Building clearer structures, stronger accountability, and sustainable leadership.

PILLAR 01

Student Voice & Advocacy

A stronger student association does more than deliver programs , it represents students where decisions are made.

01	**Institutional accountability & Public advocacy** Speaking up during a period of significant institutional change & protecting post-secondary students beyond campus.

- Advanced student concerns directly with senior administration, including enrolment, strategic planning, academic restructuring, communication, and proposed ancillary fee increases.
- Expanded advocacy beyond campus through CFS Lobby Weeks, the Hands Off Our Education! campaign, MPP outreach, OSAP petitions, and provincial rallies.

- Demonstrated student and worker solidarity by supporting striking part-time college workers and advocating for a fair agreement.
- Strengthened the student movement through relationships with GTA student unions, including UTGSU, TMAPS, and YFS.
- Supported campus communities during times of hardship, including solidarity initiatives and support for the Muslim Student Association's Palestinian fundraiser.

IMPACT

Advocacy moved beyond statements to direct participation in lobbying, campaigns, petitions, rallies, and institutional discussions.

PILLAR 02

Access, Well-being & Student Success

Using SA's resources and influence to reduce barriers and expand student opportunity.

02	**Financial access & opportunity** Investing in students when affordability pressures are high.

- Directed student levy funding to 270 awards, bursaries, and scholarships, including new cost-of-living and transition-to-studies supports.
- Supported the Augmented Education Program, helping expand tuition-free study opportunities for students facing mental health and addiction barriers.

IMPACT

Board decisions translated student fees and partnerships into tangible financial support and access pathways for students.

PILLAR 03

Belonging, Engagement & Campus Experience

Building a student association that students can see, join, and experience across campuses.

03 Signature experiences

Creating memorable opportunities to connect.

- Delivered a broad mix of signature experiences across the year, including Frosh, Lunch on Us, movie screenings, Winter Wonderland, BrewTeaful Week, the Boat Cruise, and other campus activations.
- Successfully revived the Montreal Trip after a multi-year hiatus, with negotiated pricing, student safeguards, and sustained promotion.
- Expanded student-led participation through growing club events and a Winter Election town hall that contributed to strong candidate and voter engagement.
- Strengthened campus presence through Nourish n' Go, increased Waterfront outreach, Limberlost activation and branding, and installed St. James Digital Media Wall.
- Extended community impact through partnerships supporting BrewTeaful Week and Caribbean hurricane-relief fundraising.

IMPACT

Engagement increasingly positioned students as participants, creators, candidates, voters, and community leaders, not simply attendees.



PILLAR 04
Governance, Leadership & Organizational Resilience

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Governance renewal
Turning consultation into structural change.

- Launched a Bylaw Consultation Special Project that identified governance, accountability, and Board representation gaps.
- Used the Special General Meeting to align Board titles with the College's transition from Centres to Faculties.
- Advanced substantial bylaw reforms, informed by legal consultation and past governance structures, to strengthen accountability, transitions, and long-term sustainability.

IMPACT
The Board moved from identifying governance challenges to redesigning the structures, roles, and accountability mechanisms that guide future Boards.

BOARD MESSAGE 2026

New Year 2026

This period delivered real wins for the Student Association and our students. We completed one of the most substantial governance updates in several years, establishing clearer roles and stronger reporting expectations. We also renewed our strategic direction for 2026-2027 with practical actions and metrics to ensure our work genuinely reaches students.

Throughout a challenging enrollment period, we kept core student services running, funded co-sponsorships for student-led events and community celebrations, and sent delegates to national conferences who brought fresh ideas back to campus. None of this happened alone. Thank you to our General Manager, Rosalyn Miller, and the entire staff team for building this together. And to every student at George Brown Polytechnic, this work is for you.

Serving this community has been an incredible privilege. Thanks for trusting us to represent you and for making our campus vibrant. We hope you'll stay connected, networked and supportive of each other well beyond this term. Thank you for being the driving force behind everything we do

On Behalf of 2026 Board of Directors
Ifeoluwa 'Faith' Oluwatoyin, Director of Communications & Internal



PROGRESS, PRIORITIES AND ONGOING WORK

Building on the foundation established by the Former Board, the Current Board is advancing governance, student support, engagement, organizational visibility, and longer-term priorities. This section provides an update on progress to date and the work continuing through the 2026–2027 term.

$6.5K+ co-sponsorships approved	**112** award lines advanced	**4** learning conferences attended

Strongest Governance Update in Years
We completed a major package of policy and bylaw updates, including clearer director roles, stronger reporting expectations, updated election rules, and the introduction of clarified term limits. These changes give every future board a clearer foundation and raise the standard of accountability across the organization. The Spring 2026 election cycle was successful and welcomed a new board in May 2026.

Spring 2026 Elections
Completed the Spring election cycle, ratified results, and welcomed student leaders representing every faculty.

Source Book 2026–2027
Engaged students through an open cover-design contest; the selected Toronto-inspired design was distributed campus-wide.

Co-Sponsorships & Community
Approved $6,500+ to support student-led events, community celebrations, and partnership initiatives.

Conferences & Learning
Sent delegates to four sector conferences, with learning informing Frosh planning, Board training, and student engagement.

SAGB Awards 2026–2027
Advanced 112 award lines totalling $311,900 in bursaries and scholarships, supported by equity-focused review.

What comes next

CURRENT BOARD • NEXT STEPS

The Current Board's next steps focus on turning progress into sustained organizational impact, strengthening student connection, and maintaining continuity across governance, advocacy, services, and campus presence.

1	**Rebrand for a new era** Advance vendor selection and student consultation for a refreshed identity taking into account the George Brown Polytechnic branding changes.
2	**Launch a student-facing podcast** Create a direct channel for students to hear from representatives, learn about services, and stay connected to campus. Pilot planned for Fall 2026.
3	**Strengthen campus presence** Stronger event communication, clearer service awareness, and consistent board presence at every campus from the very first week of each term.
4	**Sustain advocacy & services** Continue advocacy on fees, health benefits, student support, and post-secondary issues at institutional and national levels.
5	**Election of New Directors** The upcoming election cycle will bring new student leaders to the Board. Ensuring a smooth transition through proper onboarding and knowledge sharing is key to keeping momentum going for students.

Board of Directors Directory

Recognizing the student leaders whose term shaped the advocacy, governance, and engagement achievements highlighted in this report.

Board of Directors 2025–2026	
NAME	**POSITION**
Nikita Yadav	Director of Communications and Internal
Ajani Miller	Director Operations
Toby Lew	Director Education and Equity
Hanna Miller	Director of Student Experience
Navinkumar Meena	Arts, Design, IT Representative
Jeetu Patel	Construction and Engineering Technologies Representative
Naomi Deena Mathew	Business Representative
Muhaddesa Atlas	Health Sciences Representative
Bryndoven O'Krafka	Community & Early Childhood Representative
Alitzel Martinez Hortelano	Hospitality & Culinary Arts Representative
Rain Richards	Preparatory & Liberal Studies Representative

Board of Directors 2026–2027		
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