GSA NOMINATING COMMITTEE (GSA NoC)  
GSA ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA COMMITTEE (GSA ERC) (1 GSA COUNCILLOR POSITION AND 1 GRADUATE STUDENT POSITION):  
1 NOMINEE

Information regarding the position for one (1) GSA Council member was circulated via email to GSA Council with a deadline of September 1, 2017. No nominations were received, so this vacancy will be advertised again in late September. The position for one (1) graduate student was advertised in the August 18, 2017 GSA newsletter with a nomination deadline of September 1, 2017. No nominations were received. A call for additional nominations was circulated to GSA Council with a nomination deadline of September 13, 2017. One (1) additional nomination was received.

The GSA ERC “will advise the CRO on all matters pertaining to elections, referenda, and by-elections” (GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section I: Elections, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees, GSA Elections and Referenda, Section I.POL.20.1).

There will be a paper ballot vote held at the September 18, 2017 GSA Council meeting.

If you and your alternate are unable to attend the September 18, 2017, meeting of GSA Council and would like to cast an electronic vote for this position, you must contact the GSA Nominating Committee Coordinator (gsa.nomcomm@ualberta.ca) BEFORE 3:00 PM on Monday September 18, 2017, in order to cast your vote in advance of the GSA Council meeting.

Nominees for this position are listed in alphabetical order by last name and will be presented in reverse alphabetical order on the ballot. ‘None of the Candidates’ will also be considered a nominee.

1. Hayden Danyluk (Surgery)

Jurisdiction:

GSA Bylaw and GSA Policy, Section I: Elections, GSA Policy, Standing Committees, GSA Elections and Referenda Committee, Section I.POL.18.2

“A total of six (6) graduate student members, including at least one (1) member of GSA Council elected by GSA Council, as voting members.”

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section E: Nominating, GSA Policy, Nominating, Section E.POL.6.6

“The GSA NoC will provide GSA Council with nominations to fill vacancies on the GSA Board, all GSA Standing Committees, Speaker, Chief Returning Officer, and Senator. Additional nominations may be made by Councillors, in writing, in advance of the GSA Council meeting where elections will take place.”

The name and biography received for the one (1) nominee is BELOW on pages 7.14 - 7.15. The biography and brief resume is presented as received (ie not edited).
Nomination for GSA ERC (1 Vacancy for a Graduate Student)
One (1) Nominee

1. Hayden Danyluk

| Other governance bodies you currently serve on (whether GSA or UAlberta) | N/A |

**Statement of Interest**

My passion for serving the student body first ignited during my Undergraduate studies, when I was elected Vice President-External Relations of the club SciCon. Now a 2nd year Graduate Student, I feel that I have accumulated enough experience, becoming familiar with the nuances of the University of Alberta, to make a meaningful contribution to your Committee. I am a former Junior hockey player and varsity athlete, and have developed the ability to form and cultivate working relationships quickly. My leadership skillset has been refined through activities like officiating and coaching, and has been put into practice recently, as I am the lead on two clinical investigations. Additionally, in this professional setting I have been exposed to, and gained a familiarity with, many UAH and U of A policies and regulations.

I am extremely passionate about rights of students, in particular, the right to have voice and be properly represented. Should I be selected as a member of GSA ERC, I would readily advocate on behalf of Graduate Students to protect this right, by ensuring fair and un-biased election process. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to apply for such a position, and I look forward to serving the student body once again.

**Bio**

I was born in Edmonton, but spent most my life living in the farming community of Ladner (just outside Vancouver). Growing up, my passion was hockey; I excelled as a provincial and junior level player, eventually becoming a member of Simon Fraser University’s Men’s hockey team. Since grade 8, I have spent my summers working full-time, in a variety of farming, construction, and trades jobs. I obtained a BSc in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry from Simon Fraser University (April 2015), while living on my own and being financially independent. Early in my Undergraduate career, I began engaging in volunteerism, holding a variety of positions at local hospitals and youth centres. Today, community commitment still makes up a significant component of my life outside of academia, as I currently volunteer at the Stollery Children's hospital, Neurosurgery Kid's Fund, and coach youth AAA hockey. My first research experience occurred during my BSc, where I worked full- and part-time as a research assistant in a carbohydrate chemistry laboratory. After graduation, I moved back to Edmonton, and
worked as a flooring installer for one year before beginning my MSc of Experimental Surgery, where I currently study neuroimaging.

Summary Resume

I am currently a 2nd year MSc student in the Experimental Surgery program - clinical stream, under the supervision of Dr. Tejas Sankar. My thesis is centred around two clinical investigations attempting to identify neuroimaging-based biomarkers that can be used as prognostic indicators of neurosurgical interventions for chronic pain. Responsible for driving two clinical investigations, I have become familiar with hospital and university policy, and have gained considerable experience coordinating academic and clinical departments to overcome operational and bureaucratic barriers. This work builds off my previous experience as a research assistant for Dr. Sankar (prior to the commencement of my MSc) and Dr. David Vocadlo (during BSc). As a MSc student, I am very fortunate to have won multiple awards (QEII, 75th Anniversary, Green and Gold Professional Development Award, Department of Surgery Travel Award), and currently hold a CIHR CGS-M, Walter H. Johns Graduate Fellowship, and QEII Graduate Studentship. As a former university/junior level hockey player and award-winning hockey referee, I was exposed to the many benefits of team sport, and thus, have developed a passion to coach and mentor youth. This hockey season, I am coaching South Side Athletic Club’s Midget AAA hockey team, as a continuation of the Bantam AA assistant coach position held last season, and my previous experience as Boys and Girls Club youth activity leader. In the fourth year of my undergraduate degree, I was elected Vice President – External Relations of the club SciCon. In this position, a passion to serve the student body was first realized and cultivated. Now a MSc student, I am eager to transition my skillset, and serve as a member of GSA Elections and Referenda Committee.

Despite my academic and extracurricular commitments, I am confident that I will be able to meet the time requirements of GSA ERC, as I have already completed the class component of my Graduate Program, and thus have the ability to modify my schedule as needed. In closing, I am passionate about this Committee's mandate and have a wide array of life and academic/professional experience; thus, I believe I am a strong candidate, and would make a meaningful contribution to GSA ERC.