

Services Update

The GSA-UW provides a range of services for the graduate student community. These include the Grand River Transit Universal Pass (UPass), Studentcare Health Plan & Dental coverage, Studentcare Legal Protection Program, the Graduate House [currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic], and supports related to advocacy, wellness, funding, academics, and socials.

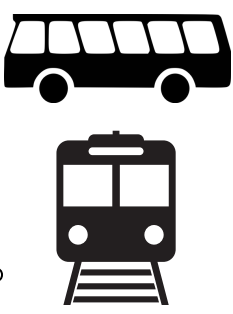


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students used the **3** Tax Aid Clinic & Personal Consultations through GSA-UW Accountant, Bob Sproule

For a **3rd** term,

the GSA-UW has worked with GRT to continue the UPass Program and Refund Program including for those living outside the Waterloo Region conducting studies remotely for the Spring 2021 term due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic



Events

The GSA-UW hosts events and activities for graduate students. Our current ongoing series of events to highlight are #PoliticsToday, Building Your Career (Remotely), BIPOC Graduate Community Collective, Heart2Heart Discussions, and International Student Hangouts. Keep an eye out for invites in our monthly newsletters and social media platforms.

BIPOC Student Collective Office Hours

April 6, 2021 (EqC)



BIPOC Graduate Student Collective Social

April 14, 2021 (EqC, VPC)

Annual General Meeting 2021

April 8, 2021 (VPC, EIC, SEC, Board)



Canadian Nature Escape Room

An event in partnership with Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs (GSPA) for the GRADventure Professional Skills Conference.

Opened April 16, closes on May 17 (SWC, ISC)

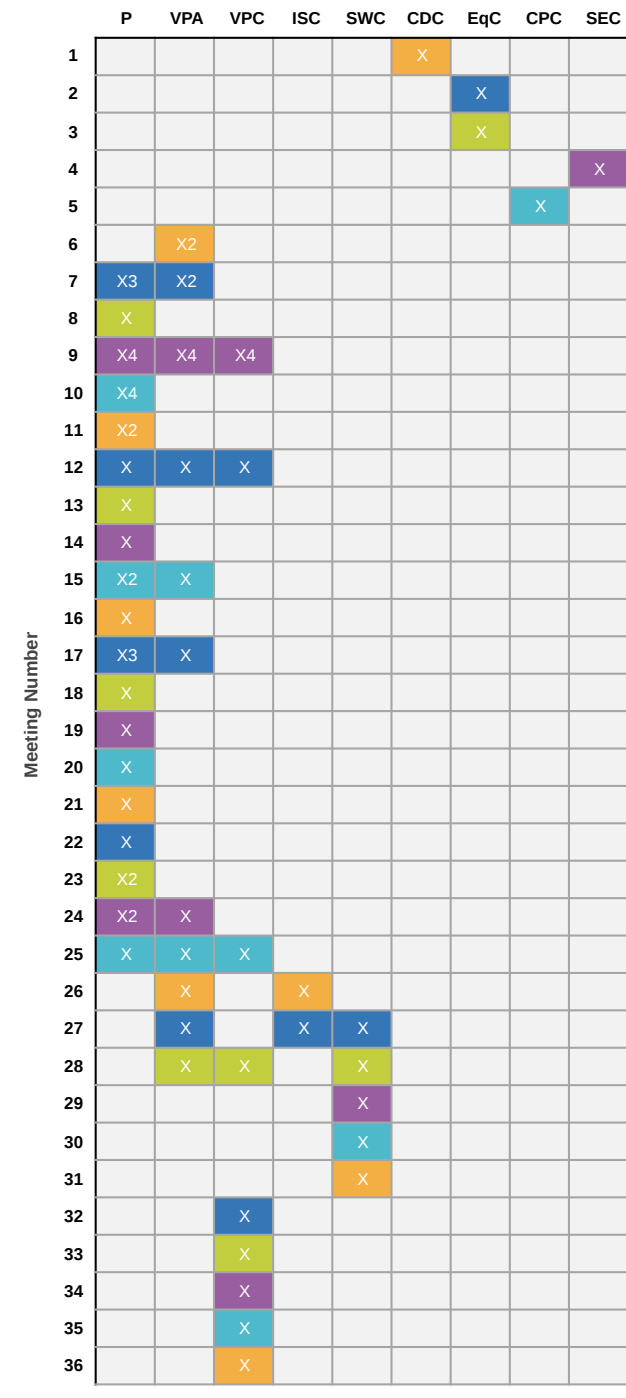


International Student Hangout

April 23, 2021 (ISC, VPA)

Stakeholder Meetings

The GSA-UW Management and Support Staff participate in multiple stakeholder meetings across campus and external to the university. These meetings are attended to ensure the graduate student voice is heard and to advocate for our graduate student community.



1. PART - Health and Mental Health
2. PART - Safety
3. PART - Equity Data Collection
4. PART - Race, Culture, and Ethnicity Awareness
5. PART - Educational Environment and the Development of Learners
6. PART - Professional and Academic Development & Mentorship
7. Accountant
8. Senate Executive Committee
9. Management Meeting
10. Human Resources
11. Town and Gown Committee
12. Annual General Meeting
13. Senate Graduate and Research Committee
14. Graduate Student Relations Committee
15. GSEF
16. GSA Board
17. Studentcare
18. UW Senate
19. AVP, GSPA Review Committee
20. Canada Graduate Student Alliance
21. Provost, Students
22. GLOW
23. Organize UW
24. WUSA
25. GSA Council Meeting
26. VPRI Nominating Committee
27. Campus Wellness Associate Director, Health Promotion & Communications Project Manager
28. Associate VP & Assistant VP GSPA
29. Healthy Workplace Committee
30. Committee on Student Mental Health
31. Wellness Collaborative Advisory Committee
32. Campus Wellness - Counselling Services
33. Writing Centre
34. Wellness Collaborative BIPOC Peer Support Hiring Committee
35. UW Library
36. Organize UW

TEAM MEMBER ABBREVIATIONS

- P** President
VPA Vice President Administration
VPC Vice President Communications
ISC International Students Coordinator
SWC Student Wellness Coordinator
CDC Community Development Coordinator
CPC Campus Partnerships Coordinator
EIC Elections Coordinator
SEC Student Engagement Coordinator
EqC Equity Coordinator

Council Update

President **Feridun Hamdullahpur** & Associate Vice President GSPA **Jeff Casello** were invited to address Council

A new **Council Speaker**, Tyler Hampton, was elected; we thanked our out-going Speaker, Matthew Robbins for his term



The VPA presented the **GSA-UW Housing Experiences Survey** results to Council

University-Wide Representation

The GSA-UW has **secured graduate student representatives** in all relevant campus committees



The GSA-UW provided a **Spring term update to UW Senate**

GSA-UW Annual General Meeting 2021

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GSA-UW members were in attendance



There were a record number of Board of Director candidates this year. Of the **9** candidates, **5** were elected with terms ending April 2023

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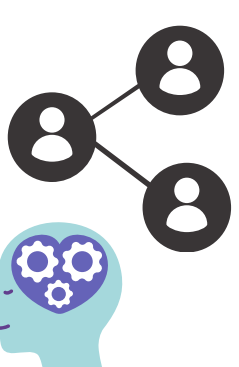
GSA-UW members casted votes in the AGM election, that's up **66** from last year's AGM!

We passed **10** motions related to:

- approval of previous AGM minutes & by-law changes
- appointment of an auditor for the fiscal year
- appointment ratifications

Partnership Highlights

The GSA-UW worked closely with **GSPA**, including **collaborating on social events** for the GRADventure Professional Skills Conference & meeting with the Assistant Vice President (Liz Nilsen) and Associate Vice President (Jeff Casello) to discuss graduate student **needs regarding mental health**



VPC & VPA attended the **UW Anti-Racism Town Hall**

Library & GSA-UW Partnership to create an **Indigenous Studies Research Guide**

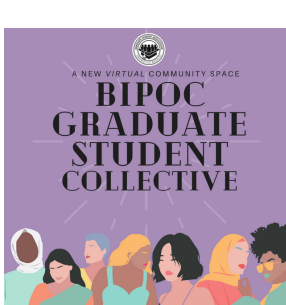


Project Highlights



We received a new international blog post submission by Meryem Chahboun (School of Architecture) on **tips for the Canadian winter**

We held our **1st** BIPOC Student Collective Office Hours & **4th** monthly social



The GSA-UW started working on our **Equity Survey**

Our Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Reports are developed by GSA-UW Reporting & Data Analysis Coordinator & VPA. Please email Jacqueline at gsa-reporting@uwaterloo.ca for any questions.

Our reports can be found at:
www.gsauw.ca/news/kips

