

2022 GSA Annual General Meeting Update from the GSA Council



<https://gsauw.ca/governance/council/>

Speaker of the Council

4th year

PhD Candidate
Earth and Environmental
Science (Water)

was appointed VP
Communications in
September



Tyler
Hampton



GSA Political Positions

Developed by the Council, to guide GSA advocacy efforts within and beyond the University.

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Ensuring ethical academic, employment, and social policies for UW students

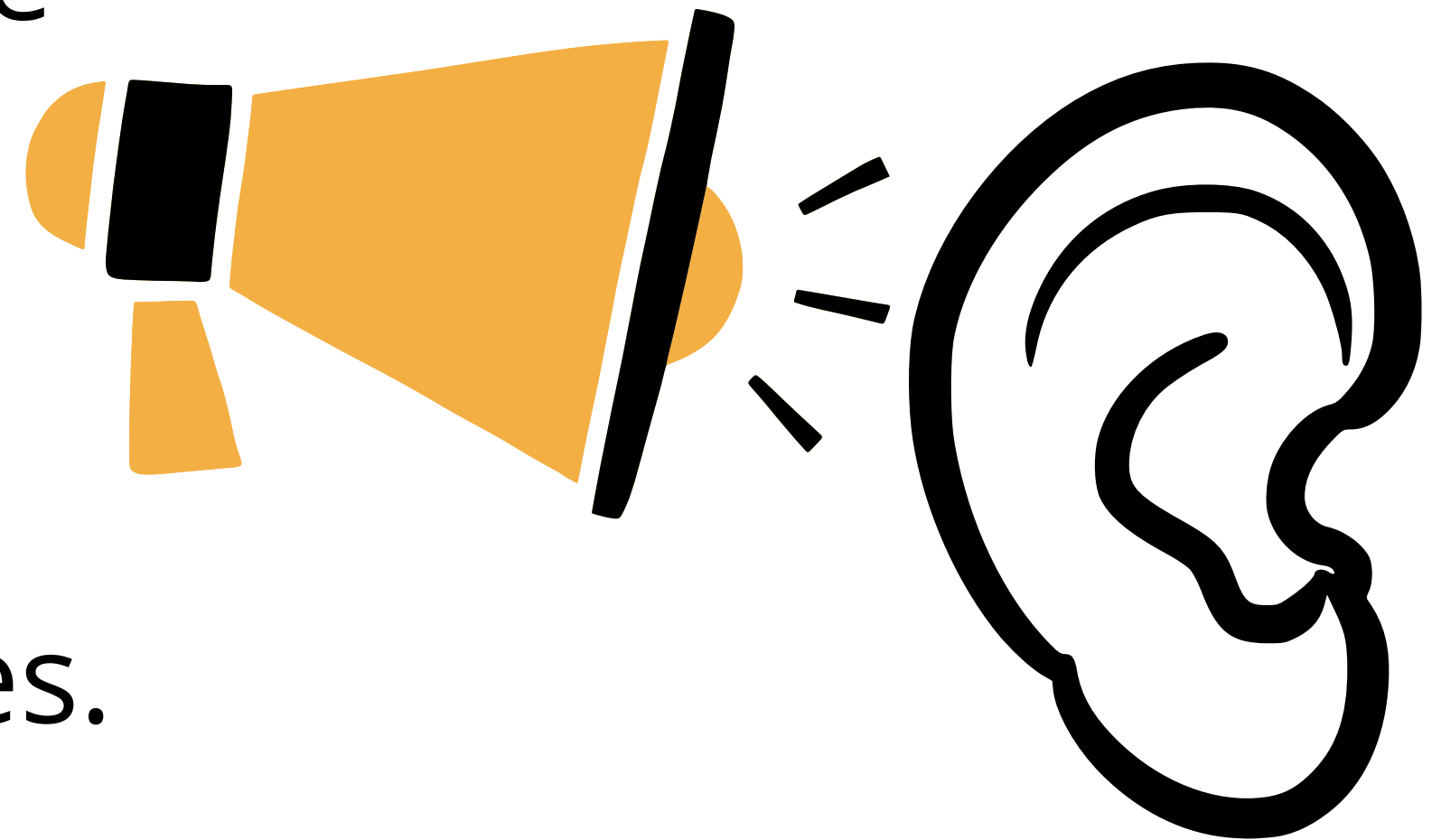
Mitigating barriers to pursuing graduate education in Ontario

Encouraging UW and Region of Waterloo community to be leaders in sustainability

Supporting student mental wellness

The GSA and Council have Administration's Ear

The Council carries the legitimate and respected voice of graduate students. We have made our priorities clear to UW President Vivek Goel, and regularly to Jeff Casello, AVP of Graduate Studies.



Working to Promote Fair Grad Policies

Discussed changes to UW Policy 30 "Employment of Graduate Student Teaching Assistants"

Discussed research on impacts of External Funding on graduate student income

Gave direction to GSA Representatives on structure of future Ombuds office

Supporting Students and Equity

Endorsed COVID-19 safety measures for campus activity

Discussed Accessibility barriers and resources for graduate students

Discussed GSA Equity Strategy Phase 2

Endorsed new GSA Equity Policy by Board of Directors

Contributing to the GSA and Volunteers

August: Discussed collaborative and consensus models of Student Governance

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Facing the Funding and Housing Crises

Advocated for funding increases, leading to doctoral minimum funding increase to \$25,000 (up 2%)

Highlighted Housing as a major drain on student funding/budgets, Discussed new GSA Affordable Housing Strategy

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The Council has an exciting year ahead!

GSA 2023 Strategic Plan

In-person/Hybrid possibilities

Engagement of graduate student
representatives at all levels

Continued growth in representation
and engagement

Speaker-elect of the Council

1st year

Masters of Peace
and Conflict Studies

Elected by the Council on
April 6, 2022

Sidra Khan