

# Graduate Student Association - University of Waterloo: November 2020 Report

## Executive Overview



Stakeholders Meetings  
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Graduate House Orders Processed  
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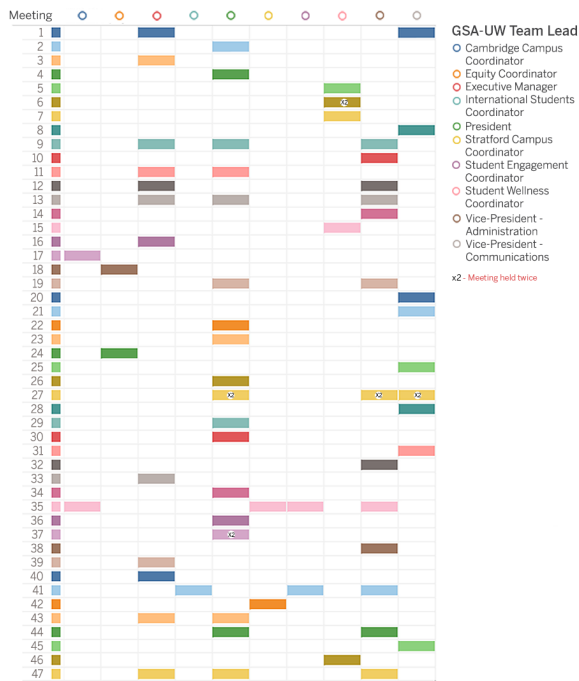


Graduate House Chalice of Champions  
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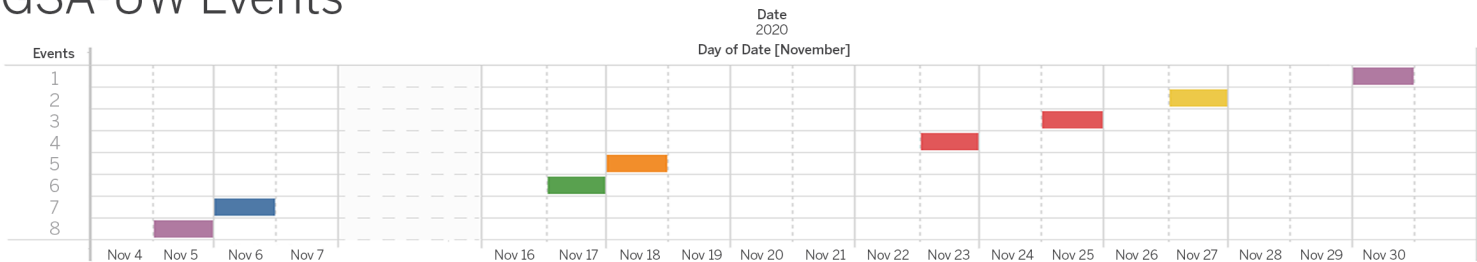
Graduate House In-Person Event  
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## Stakeholders Meetings



- 1 Alumni Office
- 2 Board Executive Committee
- 3 Capacity Canada
- 4 CIBC
- 5 Community of Practice
- 6 CoSMH x2
- 7 Counselling services
- 8 Fall 2020 Student Engagement Roundtable - Group meeting with all Campus Partners
- 9 GSA Board Meeting
- 10 GSA Board of Directors Training
- 11 GSA Board Training
- 12 GSA Council
- 13 GSEF Meeting
- 14 Health Plan Oversight Committee Meeting
- 15 Healthy Workplace
- 16 HPOC
- 17 Info Session on health and dental insurance
- 18 Meeting with Equity Data Advisory Committee
- 19 Meeting with Finance
- 20 GSA Board Recruitment Taskforce
- 21 GSA Council Chair (Council Equity Training)
- 22 Meeting with GSPA
- 23 Meeting with GSPA + Provost
- 24 Meeting with HREI Office
- 25 Meeting with Indigenous Student Association
- 26 Meeting with new UW President
- 27 Meeting with Organize UW x2
- 28 Meeting with Raise
- 29 Meeting with UWS GSA
- 30 Meeting with UW HR
- 31 Meeting with Wellness Collaborative
- 32 WUSA VP Student Life and Services Manager
- 33 MNP Auditor
- 34 President's Community Impact Award
- 35 Satellite Campuses Monthly Meet
- 36 Senate Graduate and Research Council
- 37 Senate x2
- 38 Sexual Violence Task Force
- 39 SLC / PAC Construction
- 40 SLC / PAC grand opening committee
- 41 SSO International Student Event Touchbase
- 42 Student Engagement Discussion
- 43 Studentcare
- 44 Velocity
- 45 Meeting with Indigenous Initiatives
- 46 Wellness Collaborative Advisory
- 47 WUSA Monthly Meeting

## GSA-UW Events



Date Day for each Number broken down by Date Year and Date Month. Color shows details about GSA-UW Team Lead. Size shows sum of Duration. The data is filtered on Date, which includes dates on or before 2020-11-30

### GSA-UW Team Lead

- Cambridge Campus Coordinator & Vice-President Administration
- Community Development Coordinator & Vice-President Communications
- Student Wellness Coordinator

### Event Highlights



**Building Your Career (Remotely) Series Launch:** We were excited to launch a series of career building opportunities for graduate students. These sessions are open to all graduate students and will contain specific emphases on international graduate students who may experience additional barriers to career development during this time.

### Events

- GSA Education: FYI with GSI (Fund your initiative with GSI)
- Virtual Movie Night: "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle"
- International Students Online Success: Building Community - Student Success Office
- Building Your Career (Remotely) Part 1: Networking Tips from Your Peers



**#PoliticsToday Series Launch:** Our Vice President of Communications and Community Development Coordinator successfully launched #PoliticsToday series. The first event reviewed necessary history surrounding the founding of Canada and its relationship with the UK, the structure of the government, the legislative process, and the current state of politics on a national and provincial level.

## Accomplishment Highlights



Our Equity Coordinator joined the hiring committee for the new HREI Manager.



We provided preliminary recommendations for ensuring a safe environment to UW's Sexual Violence Task Force. Collaboration with the Task Force will be an ongoing initiative.



We worked with Accessibility Services to develop a communications plan to support better understanding of their services and broader engagement with graduate students.



We secured additional funding (\$60k) for supporting the financial wellbeing of graduate students during the ongoing pandemic. In addition to a \$30k contribution from the GSA, both GSPA and GSEF will be supporting a trilateral funding initiative designed to provide additional financial resources to the academic readiness bursary, contingency fund, and thesis completion award.

## The Graduate House

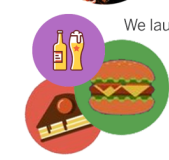
After much discussion and consideration, we recently announced that the Graduate House will be closed in the Winter 2021 term due to the ongoing pandemic. Note that we are currently reviewing the possibility of holding occasional events for next term. Once we are able to open again, we are excited to welcome you back to the Graduate House patios soon!



The Grad House was pleased to bring **Dan Walsh** back as musical guest both in person, and via our Instagram Live feed.



Our second Trivia Nite had an even larger turnout than last time. We had several teams play over zoom and several in person as well. Thanks to host Russell Milne!



We launched several new products on tap in Nov - from the Haze Mama NEIPA from the Great Lakes, to the Russian Imperial Stout from Wellington Brewing



Our Pizza & Pitcher promo was well received with Chicken Pesto winning in overall popularity.



Graduate students also started to take advantage of our 'Takeaway Tallopy' program, featuring Great Lakes Brewing. The GH is currently offering the Electric Circus NEPA, and the Canuck Pale Ale.