Graduate Student Association - University of Waterloo: December 2020 Report

Executive Overview



Stakeholders Meetings

30



Accomplished Milestones



Events



Graduate House Orders Processed

285



Graduate House Chalice of Champions



Graduate House In-Person Event

Stakeholders Meetings

- GSA-UW Team Lead
- Cambridge Campus Coordinator
- Fxecutive Manager President
- Stratford Campus
- - Equity Coordinator



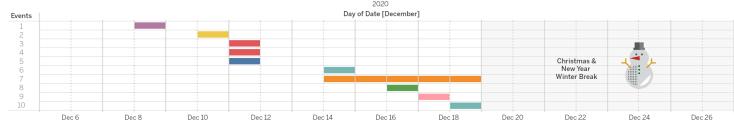
- 1 Meeting with Waterloo Indigenous Student Centre (WISC) 2 Committee of student mental
- health related x2 3 Gingerbread House handouts
- 4 GSA Accountant 5 GSA Board Meeting 6 GSA Board Meeting with Board
- Chair & Corporate Secretary 7 GSA Council Meeting
- 8 GSA/Velocity Sync 9 GSA/WUSA Monthly Meeting
- 10 SSEF Board meeting 11 GSEF Coordinator Meeting
- 12 SSPA x2 13 GSRC
- 14 Meeting with Equity Data Advisory Committee

- Coordinator
- o Student Wellness Coordinator Vice-President Administration
- Vice-President Communications
- Campus Partnerships
- Coordinator



- - 15 Meeting with HREI Office 16 Meeting Writing & Communication Centre
 - 17 MNP Legal
 - 18 Organize I IW 19 PART Professional & Academic Development & Mentorship Working Group Meeting
 - 20 Satellite Campuses Monthly Meeting 21 SLC-PAC Grand Opening Committee
 - 22 SLC-PAC Tour 23 Studentcare
 - 24 University Human Resources 25 University of Waterloo Finance
 - 26 Meeting with Wellness Collaborative
 - 27 Wellness collaborative advisory committee related x2

GSA-UW Events



Date Day for each Number broken down by Date Year and Date Month, Color shows details about GSA-LIW Team Lead. Size shows sum of Duration. The data is filtered on Date, which includes dates on or before 2020-12-31

GSA-UW Team Lead

- Cambridge Campus Coordinator
- International Students Coordinator ■ Stratford Campus Coordinator
- Student Wellness Coordinator
- Student Wellness Coordinator & Community Development Coordinator
- Vice-President Communications & Campus Partnerships Coordinator
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- #PoliticsToday Episode 2: Interview with Fitsum
- Virtual Graduate Community Meet & Greet
- Gingerbread House Distribution @ Grad House
- Gingerbread House Distribution @ Stratford 5. Stratford end-of-semester meetup and walkaround
- 6. Gingerbread House Distribution @ Cambridge
- Graduate Community Stroll #2 Remote 8. Building Your Career (Remotely) Part 2: CCA Tips &
- Resources for International Grad Students 9. Live Q&A GSA-UW & Organize UW
- 10. Virtual Holiday Movie Night (Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse)

Highlights

Meeting Highlights



Meeting with Writing & Communication Centre to create new workshops for graduate students, with a focus on support for Indigenous graduate students using Indigenous Research Methods, BIPOC graduate students. One of the proposed workshops is to provide support to graduate students who are required to include a positionality/social location research statement in their thesis/dissertation.



The GSA-UW is officially involved in the President's Anti-Racism Task Force (PART). The GSA-UW is represented on all working groups of the PART initiative:

- > PART Committee Zabeen Khamisa, GSA VP of Communications
- > Health & Mental Health Margaret Mutumba, GSA Community Development Coordinator
- > Safety Aaron Francis, GSA Equity Coordinator
- > Equity Data Collection Aaron Francis, GSA Equity Coordinator
- > Race, Culture & Ethnicity Awareness Kevin Bonnell, GSA Student Engagement Coordinator
- > Professional and Academic Development & Mentorship - Cindy Yeung, GSA VP of Administration > Educational Environment & the Development of
- Learners Jaydum Hunt, GSA Campus Partnerships Coordinator

Accomplishment Highlights



Funding for SLC-PAC: Secured \$4K from GSEF for graduate student space in the new SLC-PAC (Student Life Centre - Physical Activity Complex) expansion.



Launch of the Housing Experience Survey: In collaboration with the WUSA we released a survey to identify what difficulties students may be having in relation to their housing experience and to determine how we can support safe and affordable housing for students. The survey is open to graduate and undergraduate students to complete and closes end of January.

Event Highlights



Building Your Career (Remotely) Series: Part 2 of this series featured a webinar presented by Centre for Career Action's (CCA) Career Advisor, Kira Bruschke. It emphasized about how to job search, network, and find employment and professional events in a remote environment and how the CCA can be a resource.



#PoliticsToday Series: Episode 2 featured a local journalist, activist, and a graduate student Fitsum Areguy, to discuss his experience as a writer/organizer, his take on critical engagement in community development in Waterloo Region, as well as how to have a social impact.



Gingerbread House Pickup & Decorating Contest: The GSA-UW purchased over 60 gingerbread house kits for grad students to decorate within their bubbles! We received a lot of wonderfully decorated houses and held a contest.



Community Stroll: For the first time, our regularly occurring strolls (about once a month) have turned remote! Grad students continued to get physical exercise by receiving stroll pack containing 3 trails within the area to choose from, a playlist of local artists, and a wildlife spot it game. We also opened up the option to be linked with a virtual strolling pal. Stay tuned to our social media channels for upcoming strolls and new trails!

The Graduate House

With the Graduate House closing in Winter 2021. we would like to thank our graduate student and UW community for their support over the past term. Once we're able to open again, we are excited to welcome you back to the Graduate House patios soon!





With December's Covid status moving from yellow ⊖ to orange ⊜ and quickly to red ⊕, we decided to not hold any events at all in the House