Summary

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) - UW represents graduate students and their interests and works to improve the graduate student experience through service provision, partnerships, and advocacy.

This report provides a high-level summary of our activities in Fall 2021.

On the GSA-UW website (gsauw.ca), students can find information on our guiding principles, Political Positions, staff, governance structure, services, events, and ways to get involved!

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

The GSA-UW hosts events and activities for graduate students. Our current ongoing series of events are #PoliticsToday, Building Your Career (Remotely), BIPOC Student Collective (every month), Candid Talks with Grads, and International Student Hangouts (every month). Keep an eye out for invites in our monthly newsletters and social media platforms. We also held events under the themes of UW Policies, Representation, UW Committees, Departamental GSAs and Labour advocacy.
Governance

Board of Directors
In September, the Board filled four vacancies by appointing Directors from a pool of applicants.

The Council
With the help of the Elections and Engagement Coordinators, the Council elected 19 new members.

Communications

Newsletter
The GSA distributes a monthly newsletter with services and events updates.

Social Media
We post on several social media platforms, with accounts for the GSA and the Graduate House!

Event Recordings
Missed an event? Check out recordings of several events on the GSA Youtube!
**Affordable Housing Initiative**
Started hiring for Housing Research and Action Group

**Ombuds Office Plan**
Coordinate with WUSA and the Graduate Student Relations Committee

**GSA Resources for Graduate Student Workers**
Resources created by Labour Coordinator, hosted on GSA website

**GSA Philanthropy Initiative**
Fund Nominations
Voting through December

**Organize UW**
Event and communications collaborations
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**Equity**

Equity Plan Phase 2 underway

BIPOC Student Collective
Held 11 events over the term

**Caregiving Strategic Plan**
For Graduate Student Parents and Caretakers

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**Partnerships**

**Indigenous Research Guide**
Collaboration with UW Library and the Office of Research

**Queer Trans Wellness (QTWell)**
New group-based counselling service developed by UW Campus Wellness and GSA

**Statement of Positionality**
Collaboration with the Writing and Communication Centre

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**Safe Love Week 2022**
Planning

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**New Workshop:**
**Statements of Positionality**
Available through LEARN!
Community

International Graduate Student Discord
Online Discord community

BIPOC Student Collective
Online Discord community and in-person events

Self-Care Sunday
GSA Social media posts on Wellness and Self-care themes

Departmental GSA support
Workshops and socials for strategizing effective DGSA engagement

Community Strolls
Outdoor COVID-safe social events by the Wellness Coordinator
Graduate House

Live Music Afternoons
Featured 3 musicians over term to accompany in-person dining

Holiday Feast
Special meal for the holidays, sold out!

Chalice of Champions
Complimentary thesis-completion celebration at the Graduate House

Hired Cook
Expand GH menu options and customer capacity