# **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, Candid Talks with Grads, and International Student Hangouts. Keep an eye out for invites in our monthly newsletters and social media platforms.

#### **BIPOC** Collective Solidarity Chat

May 11, 2021 (EqC)



Candid Talks with

Grads: Parents and

#### Canadian Nature **Escape Room**

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

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



### Council Update



VPC provided an **Equity Update** for Spring 2021 to Council and received feedback from Departmental Representatives in breakout room discussions

### **University-Wide** Representation

Secured graduate student and GSA-UW representation on all uWaterloo committees, including the Board of Governors





Provided graduate student input on the **VPRI Nominating** Committee final decision

## **Project Highlights**

Conducted the GSA's first Candid Talks with Grads session on the topic of being a graduate student as a parent and/or caregiver. There was a lot of student engagement at the session and sharing of experiences and tips.



"The experience shared at this Candid Talks highlights the intersectional experience of grad students at UWaterloo and why we need to pay attention, and put systems in place that positively impacts every type of grad student journey" - Candid Talks Participant



"Having conversations and sharing stories is integral to creating change. Being a part of sharing and hearing those stories is both inspiring and encouraging" - Candid Talks Participant

## Services Update

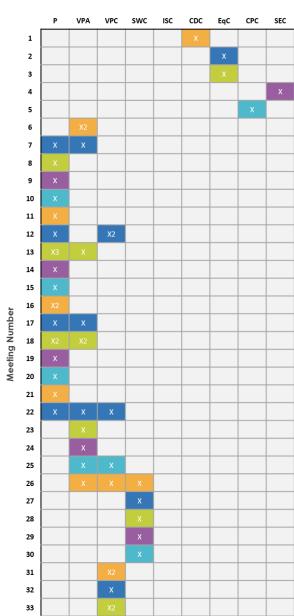
Provided a 2021/2022 GSA fees to the Board of Governors



Opened up the **GRT ION** UPass Opt-out Program for Spring 2021, which closed on May 31st

### 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. Finance
- 8. Senate Executive Committee
- 9. Honorary Degrees Committee
- 10. Grad Ready Town Hall 11. AVP, GSPA Committee
- 12. SSO
- 13. GSA Accountant
- 14. Studentcare 15. SGRC
- 16. GSA Board
- 17. GSRC
- 18. WUSA 19. Senate
- 20. Provost, Students
- 21. Board Executive Committee
- 22. GSA Council Meeting 23. VPRI Nominating Committee
- 24. GSEF Coordinator
- 25. GSPA Manager, Graduate and Postdoctoral Experience
- 26. GSA Council Speaker 27. Community of Practice
- 28. Healthy Workplace Committee
- 29. Director of Counselling Services 30. Wellness Collaborative Advisory Committee
- 31. PART Committee
- 32. Library
- 33. OUW

## TEAM MEMBER ABBREVIATIONS

Ρ President

VPA Vice President Administration

VPC Vice President Communications ISC International Students Coordinator

**SWC** Student Wellness Coordinator **CDC** Community Development Coordinator

Campus Partnerships Coordinator CPC

**Elections Coordinator** EIC

SEC Student Engagement Coordinator

#### EqC **Equity Coordinator**

**Partnership Highlights** 



Reviewed and provided feedback to the Sexual Violence **Prevention and Response Office** Policy 42 Survey

Collaborated with the GSPA to disperse a virtual Canadian nature escape room for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers. Roughly 125 participants attempted the escape. 21 people successfully completed the challenge





Participated in the **Grad** Ready Town Hall for new graduate students

