

McMaster GSA VP Internal Updates, May to September 2020

As GSA VP External, I have focused on three objectives: 1) creating consistent and engaging communications on behalf of the GSA, 2) updating the Policy on Neutrality and Anti-Discrimination to the Policy on Anti-Oppression, and 3)

See below for detailed activities in the past months.

May 2020

- Learning about the GSA and my role as VP External
- Change format of GSA newsletter
- Streamline timing of newsletter and communications from the GSA
- Help organize Mental Health Seminar with EGS and begin collaborating with Waterloo's Graduate Students Association on workshops for students from both campuses.
- Organize online format of Taps & Tales
- Coordinate GSA introductions for email

June 2020

- Host first Taps and Tales Virtual
- Coordinate Taps and Tales takeovers with IGSA and EGS for future months
- Host Student Issues Action Committee (SIAC) meeting
- Host Clubs Committee meeting
- Weekly mailer and daily communications via social media

July 2020

- Connected with VP Students across Canada to coordinate future events and discuss best practices
- Host Social Events and Trips committee meeting
- Facilitate development of new club: McMaster Institute of Research on Aging Trainee Network via meeting and communications
- Draft Policy on Anti-Oppression and host second SIAC meeting
- Weekly mailer and daily communications via social media
- Coordinate GSA Cubs introduction series via email
- Organize Taps and Tales regular event with graduate student consultation

August 2020

- Wrote script and coordinated development of GSA Value Proposition video
- Conducted survey on GSA Political Involvement
- Updates on Policy on Anti-Oppression and host third SIAC meeting
- Weekly mailer and daily communications via social media
- Organize Taps and Tales EGS Takeover

September 2020

- Create report for updates Policy on Anti-Oppression

- Organize virtual trivia for Welcome Month
- Organize Taps and Tales IGSA Takeover
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Budget Items required for the events

- Taps and Tales funding:
 - \$50 per month for speaker honourarium
- Virtual Trivia funding:
 - \$150 from Welcome Week budget for trivia organizer honourarium
 - Depending on success of this event and consultation with the Social events and trips committee future Virtual Trivia may be hosted once per month @ \$150 per event.
- GSA Value Proposition video:
 - \$250 for video creator and voiceover