

Clarkson University Graduate Students Association (CUGSA)

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Major accomplishments from Fall 2019 Meeting

- **CUGSA website completed**
 - Integrated available resources for graduate students at (<https://sites.clarkson.edu/cugsa>)
 - Improved the transition of the incoming graduate students
 - Provided CUGSA operational documents to the graduate student bodies
- **Established CUGSA structure**
 - Ratified CUGSA Constitution and Potsdam Minor GSA Constitution, and Codes of Conduct for all other associated minor GSAs
 - Implemented election bylaws
- **Fostered Relationship among campus communities**
 - Established Graduate Council
 - Representatives from different Clarkson campuses and communities attend Graduate Council meeting bi-weekly

CUGSA Graduate Council 2020



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Other Accomplishments

(since Fall 2019 Meeting)

- **Townhouse event organized in the Main campus**
 - “Pizza for your thoughts” event helped identify important issues of the graduate students life
 - Solution of the issues were discussed as well

- **Graduate Students’ Sports Clubs associated with CUGSA**
 - Codes of conduct of the sports clubs prepared
 - Budget proposal from the GSA Soccer and Volleyball clubs for buying sporting equipments and participating in intramural tournaments have been received

Pizza for your thoughts townhouse



Other Accomplishments (Continued)

- **Dining committee of Clarkson Potsdam campus restarted**
 - Worked with our advisors to initiate the reenactment of the dinning committee
 - Advocate, regulate and enact all the campus dining rules and regulations

- **Worked with our advisors to establish communication with graduate students during the pandemic**
 - Established helpline for the graduate students during the pandemic
 - Surveyed the experience of the graduate students during these trying times
 - Virtual coffee event and book club started to continue the community development

Other Accomplishments (Continued)

- **Conversation initiated with administration to review better health insurance options for graduate students**
- **Graduate students workshop seminar proposal**
 - Worked with our advisors to educate graduate students about universities educational and research resources and rigors
 - Proposal is under discussion in administration for Fall 2020 semester launch
- **Events organised to continue the graduate students community development**
 - Game night for Health Science students
 - Ski trip for graduate students
 - Winter social event for graduate students

Health Science Game Night



Ski trip to Watertown



Winter Social 2020





Future Goals

- Maintain momentum on growing the CUGSA
- Add more graduate student events at all campuses
- Continue progress in transportation
- Increase community engagement between CUGSA and graduate students (via social pages, campus events, discussion forums, etc.)
- Leadership training for councilors
- Technical Certification programs for grad students

Thank You for Your Attention



Our Motto

All to learn, Learning to Serve, Serve for all

(Faciens discere, Servite doctrina, Omne enim servientes)

Mission Statement

To protect and represents the rights, privileges, interests, and concerns of the graduate students at Clarkson University

About CUGSA

Welcome to the Clarkson University Graduate Student Association (CUGSA) page! The CUGSA is a group of graduate students whose mission is to strengthen the Graduate Student experience across all campuses at the Clarkson University. CUGSA is officially recognized by Clarkson University since 2017. The CUGSA works with the administration on policy and projects that aim to address the needs of graduate students, as well as create social events that engage the graduate student body and promote a healthy community inside and outside of academia.

CUGSA is composed of the Executive Board and the Graduate Council. Due to geographical constraints the main campus (Potsdam Hill Campus) Executive board serves as the CUGSA Executive Board. CUGSA Graduate Council members are the graduate representatives of the different campus communities of Clarkson University. At the present, Graduate Council members hail from four different campus communities i.e Clarkson University main Campus, David D. Reh Business School of Clarkson university main campus, Health Science Department of Clarkson University downtown Potsdam campus and Capital Region Campus of Clarkson University. Together all the Graduate Students Associations of the different campus communities of Clarkson University form the CUGSA.

Announcements

[CUGSA Covid-19 Graduate Student Life Survey Results](#)

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Dear Graduate Community, Thank you for taking part in the survey...

[CUGSA Facebook Page](#)

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• [Potsdam Minor GSA](#)

• [Main Campus GSA](#)

• [GSA Health Science \(GSA-HS\)](#)

• [Graduate Business Association \(GBA\)](#)

• [Capital Region Campus GSA](#)

Don't forget to check out our website (<https://sites.clarkson.edu/cugsa>)