

BIPOC Graduate Students Association

Join our association to support and uplift **BIPOC post-secondary** students at the University of Regina through community, resources, and advocacy. Together, we can foster an inclusive environment for all.





Potluck Event October 11, 2024

On October 11, 2024, the BIPOC Graduate Students Association held a potluck event at CT 215, University of Regina. The event was from 6:30pm to 9:30pm.

The purpose of the potluck was as follows:

1. Enhance a sense of belonging for BIPOC students
2. Facilitate exchange of ideas and experiences among BIPOC students
3. Inform students on diverse topics related to the University of Regina, Canada and beyond

There were approximately 31 people (students, faculty and staff) in attendance. Attendees provided a variety of foods from all over the world. Some of the foods included jollof rice, “poff poff”, fried rice, pasta, pizza, salad, beans and cake. Attendees dined together, socialized and networked throughout the night. At the beginning of the event, there was a roundtable introduction of attendees. There was background music from Nigeria, Ghana, India, Korea, South Africa and other countries.

The BIPOC GSA facilitated a trivia competition using Factile online platform. Categories of questions asked included “University of Regina”, “Saskatchewan”, “Canada”, “World” and “Important Dates”. Attendees were randomly placed into one of five groups and the groups engaged in fun competition to win prizes and bragging rights at the end of the night.

Special invited guests at the program included the following:

Dr. Aziz Douai, Dean of FGSR

Dr. Sujatha Ross, Advisor, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Dr. Twyla Salm, Interim Associate Dean, Engagement and Partnerships, FGSR

Dr. Chris Oriet, Associate Dean, FGSR

Jenna Ives, Research Engagement Manager

Diana Sharpe, Academic Advisor, Faculty of Engineering

Wendy Forsberg, Graduate Engagement, FGSR

Dr. Edward Doolittle, Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies, First Nations University of Canada.

Panel Discussion - 1 November 2024

BIPOC GSA organised an event on 1st November where experts presented on the following topics followed by discussion.

- Navigating through the challenges and opportunities of race and developing strategies for better BIPOC student outcomes
- Challenges of being a racial minority student and opportunities available to racial minority students
- Strategies for better success for racial minority students