GSS 2012–2013

Highlights
Social Events

- Art gallery group tour
- Board game nights
- Goldstream Park trip
- Guided canoe outings
- Movie nights
- Mt. Doug hike
- Pancake breakfast
- Pumpkin carving
- Roof Top volleyball
- Trivia nights with prizes
- Welcome Back barbecue
Ceremony

- UVic's 50th Anniversary GSS Open House
- New Defender Stein
- Defenders’ Photo Wall
Plan use stabilization reached!

- Enables GSS to now move to retention accounting which is improving the protocol for health & dental appeal
Student Support

- Creation of VikesRec registration system to allow grad students to form or join graduate intramural sports teams
- Funding for University 101
- Helped on search and appointment for the UVic International Office Director
  - Along with laying the ground work for a GSS voice on the office’s strategic planning committee
Student Support

- Improvements to Homestay Program regulations
  - Special thanks to Ombudsperson Martine Conway for all her work on this issue!
- Motion for SAGM to set up official GSS contributions to campus Food Bank
- New campaign planning with Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia, & University of Northern British Columbia for a BC-wide Graduate Student Scholarship program
New Student department orientations now include workshops on GSS

Participation in the University of Victoria Environment Round Table (UVERT)

Provost committed to creating a mechanism for multi-year funding
  - With Dean of Faculty of Graduate Studies working on mapping the current state of affairs

Work with Co-op and Career Services
  - “What can you do with a degree?” speaker series
  - “Pathways to Success” professional development seminar
Craft Beer Month
   - Tastings in October

Grad House Feasibility Study on a professional grade specialty coffeemaker

Introduction of “Wine Wednesday” - no corking fee for grad students
New quirky & fun graduate studies-themed menu

Wed Morning Coffee & Burger+Beer Night continue to be popular
Admin & Comm

- “Beyond the Jargon”
  - Graduate student interview radio show on CFUV 101.9FM & podcast on GSS website

- New GSS website

- Stipend Review Committee change to Terms of Reference
  - Complete this SAGM
Grad Council Reps 2012–2013

- Anthropology: Sarah-Louise Decrausaz
- Biochemistry and Microbiology: Connie Sobsey
- Biochemistry and Microbiology: Kaleigh Giles
- Business Administration: Lisa Doetzel
- Chemistry: Chiara Valsecchi
- Community Development: Barbara West
- Computer Science: Sardar Ali
- Curriculum and Instruction: David Monk
- Dispute Resolution: Meghan Fodor
- Earth and Ocean Sciences: Brendan Byrne
- Earth and Ocean Sciences: Dave Janssen
- Economics: Alisha Chicoine
- Educational Psychology and Leadership Studies: Fatma Dogus
- Electrical and Computer Engineering: Ming Lei
- English: Kevin Elliot
- English: Tim Personn
- Environmental Studies: Audrey Steedman
- Exercise Science, Physical Health & Education: John Buxcey
- French: Bernadette Perry
- Geography: Maral Sotoudehnia
- Germanic and Slavic Studies: Ryan Severyn
- Greek & Roman Studies: Craig Harvey
- Health Information Science: Chelsea Tirling
- Hispanic and Italian Studies: Estelle Kurier
- History: Tim Noddings
- History in Art: David Christopher
- Indigenous Governance: Kaisha Ann Thompson
- Law: Mark Zion
- Linguistics: Alesia Malec
- Mathematics and Statistics: Chris Duffy (to December), Jane Wodlinger
- Music: Iain Gillis
- Nursing: Betty Poag
- Pacific & Asian Studies: Madeline Holden
- Physics & Astronomy: Sara Sadavoy, Cory Shankman
- Political Science: Michael J Carpenter
- Psychology: Angel Chen
- Social Dimensions of Health: Mary-Clare Kennedy
- Social Work: Mary Stocks
- Sociology: Nadia Ouellet
- Theatre: Kathy Bishop
External Committee Reps

- Acting Associate Dean of Fine Arts Search Committee: Dallas Hermanson
- Advisory Council on International Affairs: Pål Skar
- Appointment Committee for the Director, International Affairs: Pål Skar
- BC Student Aid Appeal Committee: Brian Pollick
- Campus Planning: Paula Johanson
- Clubs Council (UVSS): Jon Potter
- Convocation Committee: Jon Potter
- Educational Equity Committee: Tara Howarth
- Faculty of Graduate Studies: Dallas Hermanson
- Farquarson Award Committee: Sarah Dawson
- Gillian Sherwin and Harry Hickman alumni awards: Mark Zion
- Grad Fee Reduction Appeals Committee: Dallas Hermanson
- Graduate Executive Committee (Faculty of Graduate Studies): Dallas Hermanson
- Mental Health Task Force: Chelsea Tirling
- Ombudsperson Advisory Committee: Pål Skar
- Recreational Advisory Committee: Clarise Lim
- Search Committee for University President: Dallas Hermanson
- Senate Committee on Academic Standards: Brian Pollick
- Senate Committee on Appeals: Matthew Riddett
- Senate Committee on Awards: Jon Potter
- Senate Committee on Continuing Studies: Maral Sotoudehnia
- Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching: Dallas Hermanson
- Senate Committee on Libraries: Colleen Clement
- Senate Committee on Planning: Pål Skar
- Social Sciences Committee on Equity: Matthew Riddett
- Social Sciences Committee on Research and Teaching: Katherine Markham
- Student & Campus Health Advisory Committee: Ghulam Mustafa
- Student Aid BC Appeals Committee: Brian Pollick
- Student Services Residence Advisory Board: Anne Napoli
- VP Research Committee: Dallas Hermanson
COMMITTEES OF GRC - STUDENT MEMBERS

- Committee on GSS Structure: Pål Skar, Chris Duffy
- Committee on Multi-year Funding: Pål Skar, Jane Wodlinger, & Madeline Holden
- Electoral Committee: Kaleigh Giles & Maral Sotoudehnia
- Electoral Officer: Cory Shankman
- GSS Distance Students Committee: Betty Poag & Pål Skar
- International Student Issues Committee: Pål Skar, Fatma Dogus, Angel Chen, & Ming Lei

GSS STANDING INTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Finance Committee: Brian Pollick & Stacy Chappel
- Food & Beverage Committee: Brian Pollick, Brandy Sistili & Lee Bretschneider
- Health and Dental Appeal Committee: Brian Pollick, Ming Lee, Matthew Riddett & Mary Shi
- Labour Management Committee: Brian Pollick, Brandy Sistili, Brian Frost, Amber Ternus, Pete Grenier, Matthew Park, & Stacy Chappel
- Stipend Review Committee: Maral Sotoudehnia, Jane Wodlinger, Cory Shankman, Ryan Severyn, & Stacy Chappel
Biochemistry & Microbiology: $500 for the 18th Annual Graduate Student Poster Symposium & accompanying social event
Biology: $500 for the Annual Biology Symposium & accompanying social event
Business: $200 for a Chinese New Year social event
Community Development: $500 for a networking & socialising event at the Grad House
Computer Science: $500 for a dancing robot competition
CSPT: $500 for the CSPT student conference
Curriculum & Instruction: $500 for an AGES social, town hall, workshops & mini-research conference
Earth & Ocean Sciences: $500 for a hike & dinner to welcome new graduate students, the post-presentation discussion & awards session following the graduate student workshop presentation series
Electrical & Computer Engineering: $500 for a dancing robot competition
Environmental Studies: $500 for group ENVI weekly workshop and film events & $200 for a movie night & pizza social
Germanic & Slavic Studies: $500 for a conference on & lunch for participants
Greek & Roman Studies: $500 for monthly graduate student meetings in the department & $200 for the Athena lecture series
Hispanic & Italian Studies: $240 for a cultural evening & social gathering
Even More Grants...

- History: $400 for the Annual Qualicum Conference Auction & the Graduate History Review journal
- History in Art: $500 for the Visual Impetus Symposium
- Law: $500 for the iCon 2012 conference
- Mechanical Engineering: $500 for a dancing robot competition
- Music: $700 for the journal Musicological Explorations
- Pacific & Asian Studies: $500 for a thesis proposal & defense preparation lunch group
- Physics & Astronomy: $400 for the Students in Physics & Astronomy Communication Enrichment Program (SPACE)
- Political Science: $500 for a study retreat and seminar, & a movie night
- Social Work: $500 for a team building workshop & for three cohorts of distance students
- Sociology: $350 for a camping trip to allow incoming students to meet others in the department and learn from upper level peers, as well as food & promotional posters for the Sociology students’ colloquium.
- Theatre: $400 for a mini-IDERI workshop sharing presentations that went to International Drama in Education Research Institute Conference in July 2012 & $300 for a graduate student social at the IDERI workshop
- Visual Arts: $500 for an exhibition of graduate student work & $200 for an opening night social at the MFA graduate student exhibition
Left to Right…

- Colleen Clement
  - Communications
- Brian Pollick
  - Finance
- Pål Skar
  - Student Affairs
- Dallas Hermanson
  - Chair
- Jon Potter
  - Student Services