

2025-26 Events Committee Annual Report

AGM October 28, 2025

Membership

Chair: Asma Noureen (Director of Student Life)

2024-25 Members

- Olivia Moluchi (GRC)
- Jacqueline Rutherford (GRC)
- Lauren Burton (GRC)
- Nathan Clements (GRC)
- Nadiya Shore (GRC)
- Muskan Karmani (GRC)
- Bryn Lonsborough (Volunteer)
- Daniel Boyea (Volunteer)
- Nathan Champion (Volunteer)
- Petranella Daviel (GSS Communications and Events Coordinator), non-voting
- Neil Barney (GSS Director of Operations), non-voting
- Kyla Turner (GSS Executive Director), non-voting

2025-26 Members (elected in fall 2025)

- Semyon Drozdetskii (GRC)
- Sydney Houston (GRC)
- Curran Chapman (GRC)
- Zenus Francis (GRC)
- Bernardo Leite(GRC)
- Lekima Yakuden (GRC)
- Ama Ouchen (GRC)
- Nadiya Shore (GRC)
- Manuel Centeno Duque (GRC)
- Lauren Burton (GRC)
- Kylie Fineday (GRC)
- Laura Dufort-Gagnon (GRC)
- Maggie Berube (GRC)
- Olivia Moluchi (Volunteer)
- Bryn Lonsborough (Volunteer)
- Daniel Boyea (Volunteer)
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The 2024-2025 Events Committee and volunteers did great work and remained engaged and enthusiastic through the summer lulls. Special thanks to Bryn Lonsborough, Olivia Moluchi, and Daniel Boyea, who helped host several events as well as Wednesday coffee throughout the summer. They are continuing to be on the committee as volunteers, and we are excited to have them back!

Duties of the Committee

The duties of Events Committee are to plan, organize and promote social events that interest the membership throughout the year; Promote GSS activities and events to the membership; Present proposed events to the GRC at the start of each term; Present an annual written report to the Executive Board to inform the next Annual Plan; and Carry out all other duties as directed by the GRC.

Overview of Work Completed

The events committee planned, oversaw, and supported a wide variety of events, including:

- Wednesday Coffee (every Wednesday)
- Knitting Circle (Every Wednesday)
- Trivia Night with Fierce Brosnan (1/month)
- Coping with Stress Workshop (April 10)
- PowerPoint Karaoke (April 17)
- Clothing Swap (April 24)
- Cross Stitch Workshop (April 30)
- Plant Walk (May 9)
- Painting & Planting (May 21, August 20)
- Bring-Your-Own Book Club (May 28, July 10, October 14)
- Pride Makers' Market (June 19)
- Putlock Eid Celebration (June 21)
- DIY Bird Feeder (June 25)
- Music Bingo (July 7)
- Beach Day (July 18, September 26)
- Patio Hop (July 24)
- Hike (August 2)
- Outdoor Movie Night (August 8)
- Games Night with ICS (August 28)
- Ice Cream Social (September 4)
- Pancake Breakfast (September 10)
- Welcome Back BBQ (September 18)
- Consent & Community Games Night (September 25)
- DIY Autumn Diorama (October 15)
- Pumpkin Carving (October 22)
- Understanding Microaggressions: BIPOC Students Sharing Circle (October 30, upcoming)

Overview of Incomplete and Outstanding Work

The Committee will continue to plan and run events for the remainder of the year, including Graduate Student Appreciation Week and the Excellence in Graduate Research Symposium. Ideally, Committee members will become familiar and comfortable with brainstorming and planning their own events and utilizing the Events budget where appropriate.

Events Planned for November, including GSAW:

- Breakfast Tacos (November 3)
- De-stress Fest with the UVic Libraries (November 3)
- Beyond Academia Career Panel & Networking Event (November 4)
- Excellence in Graduate Research Symposium (November 5)
- Post EGRS Social & Happy Hour (November 5)
- Successful Supervisory Relationships Panel & Workshop (November 6)
- Board games and Brownies (November 6)
- Cider and study (November 18)
- End of term party (November 28)