

2025-26 Events Committee Semi-Annual Report

March 24, 2026 SAGM

Membership

Chair: Curran Chapman

2025-2026 members:

- Nadiya Shore (GRC)
- Lauren Burton (GRC)
- Semyon Drozdetsckii (GRC)
- Sydney Houston (GRC)
- Zenus Francis (GRC)
- Bernardo Leite (GRC)
- Lekima Yakuden (GRC)
- Ama Ouchen (GRC)
- Manuel Centeno Duque (GRC)
- Kylie Fineday (GRC)
- Laura Dufort-Gagnon (GRC)
- Maggie Berube (GRC)
- Hannah Henry (GRC)
- Kiran Gowdar (GRC)
- Tatiana Popova (GRC)
- Olivia Moluchi
- Eleanore Lonsbrough
- Daniel Boyea
- Petranella Daviel (Communications & Events Coordinator), non-voting
- Neil Barney (Director of Operations), non-voting
- Kyla Turner (GSS Executive Director), non-voting
- Maggie Lawton (Director of Finance), non-voting

Thank you so much to all of our volunteers, GRC members or otherwise! We've held a lot of amazing events this year and we have an amazing team. Special thanks to Bernardo Leite for always helping with trivia nights (and many other events), and Eleanore Lonsbrough for volunteering for every Wednesday Coffee. Special thanks also to Asma Noreen for running GSAW and for chairing the Events Committee until December, 2025. To the whole team: the Events Committee wouldn't be able to create or run so many amazing events for our graduate community without you. Thank you!

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, organized, and ran a number of events from October to March, including:

Wednesday Coffee (every Wednesday)
Crafty Wednesday (every Wednesday evening, with various crafts)
Trivia Night with Fierce Brosnan (once a month)
Naloxone Training (one a month)
BYO Book Club (Oct 14, Feb 24)
Pumpkin Carving (Oct 22)
Understanding Microaggressions: Sharing Circle for BIPOC Students (Oct 30)
Grad Student Appreciation Week (GSAW, Nov 3-6)
DIY Breakfast Tacos (Nov 3)
De-Stress Fest with UVic Libraries (Nov 3)
Beyond Academia: Careers Panel (Nov 4)
Hot Chocolate, Brownies & Boardgames (Nov 6)
Cider & Study (Nov 18)
End of Term Party (Nov 28)
Sugar Cookie Decorating (Dec 2)
Winter Market (Dec 10)
Pancake Breakfast (Jan 14)
Pub Crawl (Jan 16)
Ice Skating (Jan 20, Mar 10)
DIY Vision Board (Jan 28)
Chinese New Year Crafts & Snacks (Feb 4)
DIY Valentine's Cards (Feb 11)
Powerpoint Roulette (Feb 26)
Tea Party (Mar 12)
DIY Decorative Wreath (Mar 20)
Houseplant Swap (Mar 26)
End of Term Party (Mar 27)

Overview of Incomplete and Outstanding Work

The committee has will continue planning events for the remainder of their terms (April to August). Event planning is already underway for this period, and will continue with a new Director of Student Life in April. They will work on the 2026-2027 Events Budget in April, and will help onboard the next Director of Student Life.