

2026-27 Events Committee Annual Report

October 27, 2026 AGM

Membership

Chair: Manuel Centeno Duque (Director of Student Life)

2025-26 members:

- Laura Dufort-Gagnon (GRC)
- Maggie Berube (GRC)
- Tatiana Popova (GRC)
- Bernardo Leite (GRC)
- Semyon Drozdetsckii (GRC)
- Zenus Francis (GRC)
- Sydney Houston (GRC)
- Kylie Fineday (GRC)
- Petranella Daviel (Communications & Events Coordinator), non-voting
- Neil Barney (Director of Operations), non-voting

2026-27 members:

- Akriti Singh (GRC)
- Olívia F. Maraston (GRC)
- Stephanie Puddister (GRC)
- Owen Smith (GRC)
- Emma Bolzonello (GRC)
- Linh Vo (GRC)
- Gabriel Pangang (Member at Large)
- Petranella Daviel (Communications & Events Coordinator), non-voting
- Neil Barney (Director of Operations), non-voting

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers. We facilitated some fun events this summer and had an amazing suite of events for orientation. Some special thanks to Maggie Lawton, Rosemary Webb and Eleanore Lonsbrough for volunteering for every Wednesday Coffee. Also, to Laura Dufort-Gagnon, Tatiana Popova and Maggie Berube for always collaborating to brainstorm and plan our events. Lastly, to Petranella Daviel who always does an amazing job with promoting our events and keeps the memes flowing for our organization.

To all our volunteers, on the Events Committee or not, the GSS is a welcoming space for graduate students because of the work you do! Thanks again to you all and I am looking forward to this exciting year ahead.



Duties of the Committee

The duties of the 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 several events from April to September, including:

Puzzle Party (April 8)
Painting and Planting (April 15)
Clothing Swap (April 28)
“Kickstart the Summer” Pub Crawl (May 1)
Mother’s Day Crafts (May 6)
Belfry Theatre Show (May 8)
Arcade (May 14)
ICS Kick-Off Event (May 14)
PKOLS Hike (May 22)
ORCID ID Tabling (May 27)
Pride Maker’s Market (June 18)
Summer Patio Tea Party (June 19)
Rock Painting (June 24)
Mug Painting (July 8)
Origami Overload (August 5)
Beach Day (August 7)
Bike Ride to Banfield Dock (August 20)
Ice Cream Social (August 28)
GSS/ICS Boardgame Night (September 3)
Pancake Breakfast (September 9)
Back to School Beach Day (September 11)
Meet the Board (September 16)

“Last Call Before Class” Pub Crawl (September 18)
Welcome Back BBQ (September 24)
Fall Foliage (October 7)
Autumn Tea Party (October 22)



Recurring events:

Wednesday Coffee (every Wednesday)
Crafty Wednesday (every Wednesday)
Trivia Night with Fierce Brosnan (every month)
Naloxone Training (every month)

Overview of Incomplete and Outstanding Work

The Events Committee will work hard to make the Excellence in Graduate Research Symposium (EGRS) a great experience for both presenters and attendees. Additionally, we are looking to alter our Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) to be in early January to better suit the needs of graduate students. Lastly and importantly, the Events Committee will continue planning events to help make graduate students feel supported and welcome on campus and at the GSS.