

CSGC Council Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2026

Location	Spinks 433
Date	May 1, 2026
Time	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Attendees	Leila Moghaddam, Thulani Hewavithana, Malcolm Todd, Mahdi Moayeri, Mehdi Khalaj, Mary Ndupu
Regrets	Ardalan Askarian, Nibir Neelim

1. Action Items

#	Action	Owner	Due
1	Prepare an Excel sheet to record all inputs and expenses.	Leila	May 15
2	Develop a two-year budget plan covering the Research Fest and social events.	Leila	May 15
3	Contact USask HPC Centre to confirm requirements for hosting intermediate- and advanced-level High-Performance Computing workshops.	Mahdi	May 30
4	Draft and circulate a student questionnaire to gather feedback on CSGC programming and student needs. Distribute via the CSGC email list and summarize the responses.	PhD & Master's Reps	May 30
5	Launch a feedback poll on Discord and use the "General" channel for ongoing day-to-day interaction with members.	PhD & Master's Reps	May 30
6	Contact Maureen to obtain information on PhD seminar announcements and Master's/PhD thesis defences.	Mehdi	May 15

2. Upcoming Events & Tentative Timeline

Timeframe	Event	Organizer
July 2026	Summer social gathering for graduate students.	Thulani

3. Proposed Special Talks (Fall 2026 - Winter 2027)

Invite academic or industry speakers to deliver short talks on areas relevant to graduate students in Computer Science. Proposed topics and tentative speakers:

Topic	Proposed Speaker(s)	Organizer
High-Performance Computing	TBD	Mehdi
Computer Science in Physics	Arash Tavasoli	Mahdi
AI for Data Analysis	Rahat Yasir	Mary
Career Skills & Finding a Job as a Graduate Student	Moein Hasani / Sara Mardani	Thulani

4. Proposed Workshops (Fall 2026 - Winter 2027)

Workshop	Instructor	Organizer
High-Performance Computing	3 sessions, delivered by the USask HPC Centre	Mahdi
Grant Writing	Saikat Mondal	Mehdi
Programming with AI	Kyle Klenk	Mahdi

5. Next Steps

- Action item (Section 1) owners to perform tasks before the **specified due date**.
- Confirm speaker availability for the Fall and Winter Special Talks series by **May 30**.
- Confirm and finalize the proposed workshops by **May 30**.
- Coordinate with the USask HPC Centre to lock in workshop dates for September/October 2026.
- Next CSGC council meeting will be in July 2026 (After the social gathering).