

CSGC Council Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2026

Location	Spinks 433
Date	September 3, 2026
Time	1:30 – 4:00 PM
Attendees	Aditi Dhali, Biraj Saha Aronya, Mahdi Moayeri, Sukhrob Ikromov, Farhana Alam, Arijit Das, Emily Vandermeer, Nibir Neelim, Mehdi Khalaj
Regrets	Leila Moghaddam Moghanloo, Tarunnyamoye Kundu

Agenda items

Examine and modify the Annual Plan for 2026-2027

1- Research Fest 2026

- Aditi and Biraj were assigned as the Research Fest Chairs.
- The chairs are responsible for coordinating the Fest according to the Research Fest Booklet.
- The **Research Fest 2026** will be held on **Friday, February 12**, from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
- The competition categories in Research Fest 2026 will be poster sessions and 3-minute oral presentations.
- There will be 3 MSc Best Research Awards (\$500, \$300, \$200) and 3 PhD Best Research Awards (\$500, \$300, \$200), 3 Women in STEM Awards, 1 Undergraduate Student Award (\$500), and 1 Poster Presentation Award (\$100)
- Appreciation will be provided for the Executive Team, Best Supervisor, and Sponsors.
- Gifts will be provided for the Best Supervisor, Judges, and Speakers
- The committee discussed the venue for **Research Fest 2026**, and the majority agreed on the **GSA Commons** as the venue.

2- Research and Industry Seminars

- Arijit and Emily were assigned as the Chairs.

- There will be 4 Academic and Industry seminars. Each session is structured as a formal talk (45–60 minutes) followed by an extended question period.
- These seminars will be held **online**.
- The chairs are responsible for finding and communicating with the speakers and coordinating the seminars.
- There will be 4 Seminars in December 2026, March 2027, May 2027, and July 2027

3- CS Student Talks and Coffee Social

- Farhana and Sukhrob were assigned as the Chairs.
- These talks are an informal, recurring venue for graduate students themselves to present their work-in-progress.
- There will be 10 CS student talks in total in **October, November, and December** 2026, and **January, March, April, May, June, July, and August** 2027.
- The chairs are responsible for organizing the talks and providing refreshments, providing posters Advertise the talks to students, and providing the LinkedIn posts.
- The chairs are responsible for inviting students to talk about their research. Each session 2 speakers.

4- Professional-Development Workshops

- Mahdi and Leila were assigned as the Chairs.
- The chairs are responsible for finding and communicating with the instructors and coordinating the workshops.
- For in-person workshops, the chairs are responsible for providing refreshments, providing posters, advertising to students, and providing LinkedIn posts.
- There will be 4 workshops in November 2026, January 2027, April 2027, and June 2027. Some of the workshops are held in person, and some of them are online.

5- Career and Industry Events

- One Career and Industry session will be scheduled alongside Research Fest.
- Startup founders are invited to talk about their journey and guide students on how to run their own startups.

6- Social Activities

- Nibir and Tarunnamoye were assigned as the Chairs.
- There will be a Holiday Social: an end-of-term celebration and gathering in late **December**.
- There will be a Movie night or Game night plus Dinner in late **April**.
- There will be a Summer BBQ or Lunch in late **June**.
- The chairs are responsible for organizing the events, providing refreshments and food, and providing LinkedIn posts.

Items in Action

#	Action	Owner	Due
1	Find out how much it costs to: - T-Shirts for Presenters and Executive Team - Gifts for Best Supervisor, Judges, and Speakers - Appreciation for Executive Team, Best Supervisor, and Sponsors	Adivi	Sep 14
2	Book the GSA place for Research Fest	Mehdi	Sep 14
3	Contact USask HPC Centre to confirm requirements for hosting intermediate- and advanced-level High-Performance Computing workshops.	Mahdi	Sep 14
4	Provide a short Bio together with a photo to put on the website. Deliver to Biraj	All members	Sep 11
5	Take a look at the website, and if they have any ideas to improve the website, share with Nibir and Biraj	All members	Sep 14
6	Update the “Committee” tab on the website	Biraj and Nibir	Sep 14
7	Add a new Tab to the website to share the workshops and tutorials	Biraj and Nibir	Sep 14