

Boston University Graduate Student Organization

Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

5:30PM – CAS 200

1. Announcements

Leila Haery, GSO President, began the meeting by welcoming attending GSO reps.

2. Treasurer's Report

Nolan Little, GSO Treasurer, reported that the organization's operating funds of the remainder of the academic year are **\$11,650.73**.

3. Presentation

Center for Career Development (CCD) & Ed. Resource Center (ERC)

An CCD/ERC staff member, **Krystyn McIntyre** (krystynm@bu.edu) described the services these centers provide to students. Both are located at **100 Bay State Road**.

Although previously oriented toward and utilized by undergraduates. Recently, pivoting to better serve the graduate student population. Free service for students and the first two years post-graduation. Fee-for-service thereafter.

ERC offers a **language link program** to help learn/practice languages. They also provide writing support.

CCD offer a career options group and resume/CV review if folks are applying for jobs or fellowships.

CCD provides access to the **BU Career Link**, which lists +/- 1400 jobs and internships. In addition to delivering workshops and/or advice on networking and interviewing, it also organizes **Career Expos** (next one is in February). The center also is the point of contact to access BU's **Career Advisory Network** of 6500 alums willing to talk to BU students about career opportunities.

Interested persons can make individual career counseling appointments.

Study space (need 4 students to book) – which can be done online.

3. GSO Social Chair

Kasey Aderholt, GSO Social Chair, reported that the December 6th date she targeted for the next pub night was already taken by SAGE. The choice posed to GSO reps was whether to double-book with SAGE (which may result in over-crowding) or move the event to a day other than Friday.

A determination was made was to look first to the last day of classes, December 11th, or another available day near the end of the semester. If these options are not favor, we will likely double-book with SAGE on December 6.

7. GSO Seminar Series

Evan Judd, GSO Vice-President, announced that the next GSO Seminar held the previously, **Monday, November 11**, was a success

8. Parental Leave Policy

Adam Iaizzi thanked GSO members who contributed to the Google Doc regarding the parental leave policy. Adam also forwarded a summary of the feedback to Tim Barberi who is the administration's contact person on this item.

The question was raised: "What should people be doing in their departments?"

Adam welcomed further feedback on the current Google Doc and encouraged any experience-sharing that can help shape the resulting policy.

When Adam/GSO receive the next draft of the policy it will be posted as a Google Doc for review.

9. Travel Grants

Evan Judd, GSO Travel Grants Committee Chair, announced that the deadline for Conference and Research Travel grant submission will be **December 1**.

Evan requested that people interested in evaluating the Travel Grant applications should contact him. He will be forming a committee. The time commitment involves meeting once prior to review, reading +/- 30 applications on your own time, and then a meeting for consensus decision-making that will last roughly two hours.

Applicants cannot serve on the evaluation committee.

10. OPEN ACCESS

Leila reported that **Steven Bhardwaj** is still communicating with Bob Hudson regarding the Open Access policy. The October Open Access meeting had +/- 40 faculty members and seemed generally positive.

Persons interested in being more involved in engaging the university on the front should contact the gso@bu.edu or contact Steven Bhardwaj directly.