

# Boston University Graduate Student Organization

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## Minutes

Monday, March, 31 2014  
5:30 – CAS 200

### 1. Announcements

**Evan Judd**, GSO President, opened the meeting by welcoming attending GSO representatives.

The deadline for the **GSO Travel Grant Application** is set for Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. The research travel grants will also be due at this time. Representatives interested in being on the GSO Travel Grant Board should e-mail the GSO.

The **Graduate and Professional Student Leadership Council** will have its first official meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Representatives and all graduate students are encouraged to attend. The meeting will include proposals for future agenda items. The council will be made up of two voting members for every college, independent of the number of students in each college. All interested parties should e-mail **Leila Haery**.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

The organization's operating funds of the remainder of the academic year are **\$5, 278.94**, with the potential of an additional **\$500** from the unused funds of the Co-sponsored Event held by the Archaeology department.

### 3. Funding for New and Continuing Students

Several student representatives from the math department visited the GSO seeking information about policy changes to the Ph.D. funding plan. They claimed that all incoming students in the math department are guaranteed funding and a stipend. In addition, they are under the assumption that this guarantees the incoming students teaching positions for the academic year, as well as the summer. The continuing students felt they were not offered the same teaching opportunities and additional funding and felt they should have been informed of the policy change.

After some discussion, Evan proposed each department representative talk to their department chairs and students to see how this policy affected their students and how the department handled the new policy. Evan also mentioned contacting Tim Barbari for more information. This matter will be discussed further next meeting.

#### **4. Budget Surplus**

Attending representatives discussed possible funding options for the budget surplus. Some suggestions were to add additional travel and research grants, seek co-sponsored events, and offer more pub nights and coffee days over the summer.

The GSO could possibly host two more pub nights, as well as two more travel grants. Representatives are encouraged to urge their departments to sponsor events or apply for grants.

#### **5. Non-Agenda Items**

Social chair, **Kasey Aderhold**, proposed a pub night in the near future when the weather warms up. Evan motioned to give her \$1000 to fund the next pub night. Leila seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Investment Committee will be meeting again on Friday, April 4. Nolan is soliciting written opinions about the current issue on the gun investment. All concerns, questions, and opinions can be forwarded to Nolan, who will be sending a more detailed e-mail in the next few days.