Graduate Student Organization
Agenda
January 28, 2008

Welcome from the Incoming President and Officers

Introductions of Official Department Representatives
Departments Represented:
- Archeology (2)
- Astronomy
- History
- Geography
- Religion
- International Relations
- Earth Sciences
- Romance Studies (French)
- Math
- Economics (3)

Announcement of Meeting Dates and Times for the Spring 2008 Semester:
Monday, January 28, 2008 at 5:00
Tuesday, February 26 at 5:30
Monday, March 31 at 5:30
Tuesday, April 29 at 5:30

No objections to this schedule.

Report on Finances – Treasurer
- FY: July 1; budget must be spent by end of May
- Budget: $10,000/FY ($6,600 remains for Spring 2008)
- Travel Grant Budget ($3,600 remains for Spring 2008)
- Funds to be spent mainly on social events (e.g. Pub Night)
- General Recommendations (need specific allocations within maximum budget):
  - Dinner for GSO meetings @ $600 for Spring 08
  - 2-3 more Pub Nights @ $4.50/ticket for 200 = $900 total/each event)
  - Jazz Brunch @ $1,500
  - Summer BBQ @ $2,000
  - Sponsored Events @ $1,500-2,000 total

Report on GSO Sponsored Events – Sponsored Events Chair
- Update on approved events
  - 2 events approved in December
    - WIB/WIC event declined approved sponsorship; good attendance
    - WIP event could not get faculty speaker, so needs new approval of $150 sponsorship for an event
      now to feature Liz’s talk on parental leave

- Criteria and proposal form for new applications
  - Purpose is to invest GSO funds in graduate social events with minimal GSO work
  - No objections to proposed application; additions follow:
    - Sponsored event advertising/publicity must state GSO’s co-sponsorship
- GSO will not be responsible for publicity (e.g. posters) except to send an e-mail to reps
- Applications must be submitted electronically one week prior to the GSO meeting in which the applicant wants the proposal considered
  o GSO president will forward applications to reps with meeting invitation/agenda
  o Reps should announce co-sponsored events to their departments
  o Funding a number of strong proposals might give the GSO a strong argument for requesting additional funding in order to fund even more

  • Summary of new applications
  o $150 for WIP event on parental leave (re-vote due to speaker change)
  o $500 for religion event on religion and the arts: graphic novels – the first national conference on the topic; professor to speak on his graphic novel regarding Exodus from the Egyptian viewpoint
  o $250 for WIB event on launching a teaching career in a research university

Votes of the GSO
  o Proposal to cap GSO Co-sponsored Event funds at $250 unless waived by GSO vote
    - 24 yes (unanimous); motion carried
  o Vote on $150 for WIP event
    - 24 yes (unanimous); motion carried
  o Vote to increase sponsorship for WIP event to $200 due to extra GSO attendees
    - 23 yes; one abstention; motion carried
  o Vote to clarify/amend the voting rule in the by-laws:
    “If three quarters or more of the GSO representatives present at a meeting, or
    - casting an absentee vote through the gso@bu.edu account prior to the meeting,
    vote in favor of a motion, the presiding officer shall deem the motion carried.”
    - 23 yes; 1 no; motion carried
  o Vote on $250 for WIB event
    - 24 yes (unanimous); motion carried
  o Vote on $250 (cap on $500 request) for Religion event
    - 3 yes; motion tabled until February meeting

Report on Social Events – Social Chair
  • Update on January 25 Pub Night
    167 tickets of 200 used

  • Proposed ideas for future events
    To be discussed in February meeting

Report on Travel Grants – Travel Grants Chair
  o Deadline: April 8, 2008
  o Chair requests volunteers to serve on committee during mid-April (contact Sue)
  o Chair provides list of eligible departments (forwarded)

Other Business
Officers should notify outgoing president of availability for meeting with the deans in early February
Active GSO Committees: Parental Leave (Chair: Liz) and Recycling (Chair: Alex)