

**Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 29, 2009, 5:30pm**

Next meeting: Monday, October 19, 5:30pm, CAS 200

Besim on Finances

Current balance = \$8680

Should also deduct \$1000 for travel grants for the year (\$7680)

Budgeted for four pub nights, two in fall and two in spring

(Reminder: Our budget is smaller this year than in past years)

Marc on Social Events

Last Wednesday, Sept. 23: Social Services Research event was a success (50-60 in attendance)

Last Thursday, Sept. 24: BU/MIT event at Tequila Rain was also a success (725 in attendance)

Today, Sept. 29: Lansdowne Pub, 8-10pm, all BU graduate students invited

Friday, Oct. 9: Pub Night at BU Pub, 5:30pm

Thursday, Oct. 15: Boston Area Social at Tequila Rain, 8pm (cover charge \$4-5)

Dean Whitaker seems eager for us to plan another social event like the semi-formal in March; should start planning now if we want to pursue the idea

Will set up meeting with the deans for mid-October to begin planning

Will talk to the deans about other issues at this meeting (print quotas, etc.)

Marc on Travel Grants

How do we want to compensate for lack of travel grant funding this year?

Modest start = three \$300 awards (which is accounted for in Besim's numbers above)

Could cut back on Pub Nights, and ask Dean Whitaker to fund another event for us

→Vote passed to allocate \$900 for spring travel awards (three \$300 awards), with a deadline of November 15

Will begin advertising these travel grants now

Miscellaneous

Graduate Student Seminars – any interest?

No real responses

Childcare Issue – any responses?

Not really

Women's Housing (information sent by email)

Impact volunteer group at the Medical School (information sent by email)

Print quota – Archeology argues that 500 pages/semester isn't enough

Undergraduate union has protested their quota (100 pages/semester)

Shouldn't we?

Meet after meeting if interested in broaching the subject with the deans

Bike issue – bike-commuters can be compensated \$20/month by the government?

Need to talk with the dean about getting behind this issue

Art History's Book/Bake Sale: Monday, October 5, 10am-5pm, CAS 303