

GSO Meeting. Monday, October 19, 2009.

Welcome. Two remaining meetings:

- 1) Monday November 9th
- 2) Tuesday, December 1st, elections

Report on Finances:

- to date: \$ 6884,13

Past Events:

- October 9th: 125 drink tickets
- October 15: Tequila Rain: 923 people = good turn-out (similar event will be organized in Spring semester)

Upcoming Events:

- Pub night on November 13? Up for discussion (contingent on possible winter social). We have enough money for four more pub nights. But maybe transfer money for one to travel grants?
- VOTED to add \$ 600 to travel grant budget for three \$500 travel grants instead of one pub night (either in Fall or Spring, depending on whether Dean decides to fund winter social) – passed.

Dean's meeting Friday, October 30th, 10 am. Plan to ask for extra travel grant budget, and funding for Winter Social.

Winter Social: Abram and Lauren have been working on this

Two new venues:

- The Castle: only capacity of 125 + fee \$150 (for four hours) Thursday 10th
- Faculty Dining: 160 capacity

→ consensus seemed to be that these are not ideal because of limited capacity, since last social was such a success

Last venue:

- Trustees Lounge + Ballroom: Plenty of capacity. Friday Dec. 4th. Overall reasonable price (including set-up, staff, one or two drinks, appetizer) – seems like most appealing option to present to Deans

Policy Issues:

Good response to survey (print quotas, interdepartmental seminars, biking to BU): Marc will email out final results.

Biking Tax Benefit: BU has right to define “employee” anyway they want (so prospects look bleak, answer Misha got over email was dismissive); Earth Sciences want to organize initiative – need students to join.

Print Quota: ongoing concern about charges for this semester. Q: any way to grant emergency funds for *this* semester? Official IT policy: emergency printing costs 0.12.

Raise with Dean. Is there a way to share printing quotas (those people who do not use them?)