

GSO Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 9, 2009, 5:30pm

Upcoming Events

PARENTS FORUM

DATE: Thursday, November 12

TIME: 12:30-1:30pm

WHERE: CAS 200

The purpose of this forum is to meet and talk about issues that parents (or people planning to become parents) may face while in graduate school, and to discuss possible actions concerning those issues. Or it could be just a chance to compare stories and socialize with other parents. Or both! It's up to you. Feel free to bring a lunch (sorry, none provided), and any other interested parties.

GSO PUB NIGHT: Friday, November 13

TIME: 5:30pm

WHERE: BU Pub, 225 Bay State Road, under the Castle

One dollar drink tickets will be available and please remember to bring your ID and BU ID.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH SEMINARS: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, November 17

TIME: 5:30-7:00pm

WHERE: CAS 200

The GSO is planning to set up a series of graduate student seminars. Each speaker would present research they're working on, or introduce the audience to the questions they are trying to answer.

GSO MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, December 1

TIME: 5:30pm

WHERE: CAS 200

This will be the last meeting of the semester; elections for next year's officers will be held.

Survey Results (239 responses)

--Survey results can be found on the GSO website

Travel Grants

--The Deans have increased our travel grant budget from \$1800 to \$5000 per year

--They have specified our budgetary dominations (five \$500 awards per semester)

--And have requested that we give preference to more mature research topics and to people without other sources of funding

--Our objective: to justify this increase with an increase in application submissions and evaluation committee involvement

--Deadline for applications for spring 2010 conferences: December 1

Finances

- Remaining annual budget: \$7886
- \$1500 allocated for cosponsored events – no requests yet

National Association of Graduate-Professional Students

- Marc proposes that we join the NAGPS, splitting the registration costs with SAGE (which would cost us \$150)
- Information about the group can be found on the GSO website
- Vote to pay the \$300 fee to join – NO
- Vote to pay half the fee should SAGE agree to split the costs – YES

Winter Party

- Requests from the Deans
 - That our budget be \$5000 (our original budget was \$6000)
 - That we defray some of the costs by means of an entry fee
 - That we join with another group like SAGE
- Other ways to cut costs
 - Minimize the menu
 - Eliminate the open bar (but have free holiday drinks)
- Time/Place
 - Seems best to wait until spring – perhaps late February
 - Laura proposes that, since we are putting off the winter party, we have a final pub night of the semester on Friday, December 4 and make it a holiday party with eggnog and music