G.S.O meeting minutes 03.02.10

Welcome:
• Upcoming meeting dates – Monday, March 22 and Wednesday, April 14 5:30pm CAS 200
• Reminder - Travel Grant deadline is June 15, 2010

Finances:
• Minus the winter reception, the amount left = $3941
• $700 projected to be remain after all expenses for the semester
• Some unexpected extra money remained from the travel grants, so we must determine how to best allocate that money.

Review of the Goodbye to Winter Reception:
• Achieved desired number of attendees, approximately 300 people
• The food did not run out
• Approximately $400 surplus estimated after costs and the income from drink ticketing, but not sure yet because we are waiting for response from Buildings and Grounds.

Review of BGLO Ice Skating:
• Reminder that BUGS is the point group for dealing with BGLO
• Feb 24 ice-skating event canceled by Tufts because of bad weather.

Review of the Professional Development Series
• about 10 people (low attendance)
• people seemed to enjoy the presenters
• very interactive across departments
• overspent somewhat but saving the non-perishables for the next event
• we need leads for the upcoming event about Publishing (book reviews, books, co-authored articles, a piece in an edited volume etc, or even an editor for a journal)
• Panel is being organized for April - topics will be Grants and Fellowships, been successful in job market etc.
Proposal for Co-Sponsored Event:
- Proposed by Stuart Robbins-Butcher in International Relations
- Film screening for a documentary that was filmed last summer in Kazakhstan and is about how the government is selling itself as the beacon of modernity in that region.
- Date: March 25, 5:30 - 8:30 pm
- Amount requested: $225 for honorarium, media use, posters.
- GSO voted YES - co-sponsored event approved

***Discussed the advantages of posting examples of good proposals online as a guide for applicants.

Activity proposals:
- Erick Rabin (Philosophy and GSO Vice President) proposed a Berry Tripping Event:
  $700 budget ($350 for berries and $350 for food)
  Estimated attendance: 50-75
  Cover Charge: $5 for one, $10 for two tablets
  Location: BU Central (bottom floor of the GSO)
  Date: April 1, 2010.
  Time: 8-9:30pm
  Pub nights cost approximately the same as this event.
  GSO voted YES for $700 to be set aside for this event.
  Taking volunteers for helping organize the event.

Upcoming Events:
- Walk for Hunger - May 2, 2010 Sponsored by Project Red (charity to raise food for the hungry)
- Possibly another pub night for the semester
- March 10, 2010 9pm-2am BGLO event as fundraiser with Partners in Health for Haiti Relief. They got sponsorships and are asking for a donation of $5 or $10.
- NAGPS conference on April 23, 2010 is Pittsburg. Email Marc, GSO President if interested.