

April 14, 2010
GSO Meeting Notes

1- Office of the Ombuds Info Session w/ Francine Montemurro

- Provides a confidential place to talk about any problem whatsoever
- Founding principles: confidentiality, impartiality, independence, and informality
- Charles River Campus (19 Deerfield St, Suite 203) and Medical Campus (Fuller Bldg, Suite 957E)
- This office is a new office at BU; for more information, see www.ombudsassociation.org

2- Finances

- The Winter Reception actually *made* us \$30! Perfectly budgeting by Besim et al.
- All told we have \$360 leftover for additional activities semester

3- Parenting Survey

- Survey data came back with a very low response rate
- Very few people are impacted by this issue (2 people of 37 said they have children)

4- Continuing Student Fee / Dental Insurance

- If we want to move forward on these issues we need to gather data from other peer institutions in order to approach the university administration for some changes
- Abram is working hard on exempting more people from the continuing student fee

5- Vice-President Election

- Current VP will be on leave for the next academic year; everybody weeps openly
- The new VP will be Jamie Nichols from the IR Department starting in Fall semester of 2010

6- General Announcements

- BUGS is having elections at the BU Pub on April 26th at 5:00pm; if you want to run, plan ahead!
- Travel Grant deadline
- Director of Behavioral Medicine is looking for grad student representatives to attend a meeting regarding new ways to support for graduate students (May 19th, location TBD)
- Electronic thesis submissions: the administration is welcoming student input regarding the new system of library of dissertations
- The Post-Doc event was well-attended and interdisciplinary
- The showing of the film on Kazakhstan did not happen; we will withdraw our funding of \$225
- The Undergraduate Democrats is having a speaking event featuring State Treasurer candidate Steve Grossman. We will be emailing the information out, but won't be an official co-sponsor
- This coming week the BU business fraternity will be hosting a development talk SMG 105
- BUGS is hosting an event with free *appetizers* the Lansdowne Pub at 8:00pm on 4/15
- BGLO will be having an event at the Greater Boston Food Bank; more info to come
- Our last pub night will occur on April 23rd at 5:30pm
- Final BBQ was voted on and will be held using our remaining funds (~\$2,000)