

Boston University Graduate Student Organization

Minutes

Monday, April 27, 2015
5:30 – 6:30 CAS 200

1. Announcements

Kristen Carey opened the meeting with the following announcements.

BU has been asked to host a speed-reading workshop for graduate students on campus. The request comes after a successful webinar hosted by BU for undergraduate students. The GSO representatives decided that there would be sufficient graduate student interest to host a reading workshop on campus in the near future.

2. Treasurer's Report

The operating budget is currently \$2,192.52, which includes funding for all the travel grant alternates from last year. Kristen has received emails from people expressing discontent with how the GSO is spending its money. The GSO has responded by sending a letter to Dean Hughes requesting a revision of the current budget, which has been approved and is pending approval at the next stage.

The GSO representatives discussed ways in which the remainder of the budget might be spent. A total of \$1,500 was provisionally granted to fund three research grant alternates pending they move their travel dates to May or June (prior to the budget renewal). The remaining balance in the operating fund will be given to the social chair to be used at her discretion.

3. GMS Representation

Recently, many departments have been underrepresented at GSO meetings. Representatives need to let their departments know when they are leaving and make arrangements to be replaced. In general, the GSO needs to be more proactive in attending meetings, advertising for new student representatives, and organizing more events for graduate students such as teacher training, workshops, and outreach.

4. Officer Elections

The vice president and social chair officer positions will become vacant at the end of the semester. Sarah was nominated to be the vice president; motion passed. The social chair position will be filled at the first meeting at the beginning of the Fall 2015 semester.