

Boston University Graduate Student Organization

Minutes

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015

5:30 – 6:30 CAS 253, Gabel Museum of Archaeology

1. Announcements

Kristen Carey began the meeting by welcoming all GSO representatives and providing an update on the Three-Minute Thesis event. So far, nineteen people have registered for the event, but the GRS would like the representatives to recruit more participants. More announcements will be made next semester, including opportunities to volunteer.

Adam Iaizzi provided the treasurer's report. The GSO has \$11,087 in uncommitted funds until the end of the fiscal year in June. To accommodate the excess money in the budget, two alternates for the Spring 2015 travel grants will be given reimbursements of \$500. The remainder of the budget will be reviewed near the end of the Spring 2016 semester.

Darcy Gordon announced the final pub night of the semester which will be held on Thursday, December 10th at the BU Pub from 6 – 9 pm. Graduate students who show up wearing an ugly holiday sweater will be entered into a raffle, and all attendees are encouraged to bring a can for a canned food drive.

2. GWISE Event Co-hosting

Kira Sullivan-Wiley from the group for Graduate Women in Science and Engineering at Boston University approached the GSO requesting funds in order to co-host a one-day leadership workshop, which will be held on Saturday, January 30th. This event will be limited to 50 participants, who must register and pay an admission fee. It will be led by Dick Heller, a professional consultant who runs workshops in the Boston area leading workshops on what makes leaders. This event is intended for students who will not get this training in their field, but may be expected to hold leadership positions when employed after graduate school.

GWISE requested \$1,000 to contribute to their \$4,350 budget. They have already teamed up with SAGE and have agreed to ensure inclusion among graduate schools and programs, making the event democratically open for all. Kristen motioned to fund the full \$1,000 for this event. The motion passed.

3. Elections

The following officer positions were available for the 2016 – 2017 year:

Travel Grant Committee Chair
Treasurer
President

Getty Lustilla nominated himself for travel grant committee chair; Kristen seconded, and the motion passed.

Kristen nominated Aviva Courmier for the position of treasurer; Sarah seconded, and the motion passed.

Kristen nominated Adam Iaizzi for the position of president; Sarah seconded, and the motion passed.