

**GSO Meeting Agenda**  
**5:30, Wednesday, April 5th, 2017**  
**Engineering Product Innovation Center (EPC) 204**

- The last GSO meeting will be April 26<sup>th</sup>
- **Treasurers Report**
  - Balance (what has not been allocated) – \$5,870.33
  - Balance (on the books) – \$25,176.85
- **Committees**
  - Travel Grant
    - Spring cycle – 51 applications (compared to 108 during the Fall cycle)
      - 33 conference application, 18 research grants
      - We might fund more research grants
    - August 1<sup>st</sup>, the next deadline, there will be no attendance requirement
    - Grants are given by reimbursement
    - The committee meets 1 week from Friday and the decisions will be announced soon after
  - 3 Minute Thesis Committee
    - Winners – First: Jay Whoo, Psychology
      - Second: William Shane, Physics
      - Third: Christine Harvey, Chemistry
  - Social Chair:
    - The pub night went well, 30 people came, there were lots of nachos
- **Daniel Kleinman** – He will be coming to our final meeting
  - We should think about what we want to talk about and he will talk about his vision for his position
- **GPLC** – Update
  - The GPLC would like to ask more people to come to their meetings
    - They would like 2 representatives from every school
    - They are also looking for people to be on the executive board
  - Projects
    - Funding for people without the 5 year model
    - Using credit card in the dining hall
    - BU bus schedule changes
    - Etc.
- **Religion and Public Health Conference**
  - The application has not been submitted, but it will be at the next meeting
- **IMPACT Program at MIT**
  - This is for students in the Biomed Sciences or humanities or social sciences that are linked
  - It is difficult to explain our projects to the rest of the world
    - This program can help learn how to do that
  - They meet in the evening for 5 months 11 times
    - The deadline for applying is May 19<sup>th</sup>

- You must describe what your project is and why you want to be a part of the program
      - The project just needs to be far enough along to see a trajectory, but it doesn't have to be close to finished
    - There could be an interview
      - The program starts approximately 6 weeks after the announcements are made, usually from August to January
      - It is free
  - It is for 15-25 graduate students, post docs, and medical students who are doing research projects
    - Students are mentored in group sessions and in one on ones with faculty and professionals
  - It will help clarify the story you are telling and convince people to give you money or bring the project into the real world. It will convey the potential impact
  - They will also provide advice and help networking
  - They will not evaluate the project
  - Email Scott or the IMPACT address for more information
  - What topics would be included:
    - Political science – this could be included
      - One example was a project on farmers' insurance
  - It is funded by the NIH and they want it to include people from across the country, but generally not international students
- **Diversity and Inclusion Committee** – BU is trying to address issues of diversity
  - This committee wants to plan a session with GSO and other graduate student groups to get our input
  - She needs 20 to 30 minutes, so it would be difficult to fit it into our last meeting
  - They want to hear from us about what we would like to see the university do
  - They are in the early planning stages, so they don't have a list yet of what they plan to do
    - They are looking for ideas
  - Maybe we should have a graduate student on the committee
  - Anne Cudd is running this
  - Discussion:
    - It's probably better if we have a separate meeting from GWISE
    - These committee members have gone to faculty meetings in different departments and are having the discussion about how to address this
    - We need to be represented at the highest level possible because this is a systemic problem
    - We should have an extensive, smaller conversation before we speak with this committee
    - There might be some graduate students who actually research this topic and we would love to have them involved
      - This would be a great opportunity to shape policy

- Likes the idea of having a meeting in the first week of May, it should be separate
    - Could she send us resources? – The Enigma of Diversity is a good book
      - She will send other resources
    - We could meet a half hour early and incorporate a different set up with breakouts etc.
    - Having statistics on diversity at BU would be helpful
  - We will try to have a meeting at the beginning of May
- **Restructuring of GSO**
  - Based on the information from the survey, it looks like departments would like more professional development events
  - We could have a more decentralized structure
  - We would like to have more engagement from the representatives from each department
  - There are different groups that need different types of events
  - What would the budget work with?
    - It got \$1000 to start
    - Maybe \$250 for each event
  - We could ask for more money from GRS if we find we want to do more
  - We would like to have a larger discussion with people about the best way to do this, we will talk about this more and get back to you
    - Send us any ideas that you have