

GSO Meeting Notes
5:30, Wednesday, March 15th, 2017
Engineering Product Innovation Center (EPC) 204

Attendance: ~30 (?)

- **Treasurers Report**
 - \$27,417.96

- **Committee Updates**
 - Travel Grant Chair
 - April 1st is the next deadline
 - How it works
 - The department must be represented at 3 out of 5 GSO meetings to be eligible
 - The recipients must travel after April 1st
 - They have 1 year to use the money
 - You need to submit proof when you get accepted
 - Summer deadline – August 1st
 - The attendance policy will not hold over the summer
 - The committee will meet a week after the deadline and it will take 7-10 days to read them
 - Decisions will be given shortly after
 - Numbers: 34 for conferences, 6 for research awarded throughout the year
 - How many have been assigned already?
 - The count starts at the beginning of the calendar year, so none have been awarded yet
 - The same number of awards will be given out in the Summer, Fall, and Spring
 - We will be collecting data on this to decide if this is what should be done going forward
 - The GSO representatives will be responsible for sending out the email to their departments
 - We sent it to the larger group and got a lot more applications
 - Will this be a permanent increase in the number of grants?
 - Yes, the goal is to have everyone attend a conference while in graduate school
 - 3 Minute Thesis Committee
 - Next Week – Thursday, March 23rd from 5-6:30 pm, CAS 211, 224 and 522
 - Reception after with food and drinks and the finalist will be announced
 - In the Tsai Performance Center
 - There will be raffle prizes
 - Final competition will be April 3rd

- We will award the 2 best and the audience's favorite
 - Request a volunteer from GSO to be the MCs – Amanda Napior, Religious Studies
 - Social Committee – Pub night
 - March 30th – 150 tickets and couple plates of nachos
 - 2 Thursdays from now
 - 6-9 pm
 - Will make a flier by the end of the week, share it
- **Daniel Kleinman** – Associate Provost for Graduate Affairs
 - He will be coming to our April 26th meeting to tell us about his vision
 - We should decide what we want to talk about
- **BU Committees**
 - Adam Laizzi suggested we try to take on the task of providing graduate students to serve on BU committees
 - We should be a part of these processes
 - i.e. Student evaluations – There is a committee to reassess this, we should be involved
 - We might want to create a committee to make suggestions for this – Amanda Napior
 - Getty will look into how we can become involved
 - We could talk to the associate provost
 - Discussion:
 - This seems like a reasonable request
 - There's precedence for this with the ACSRI committee and Climate Action Plan (Ben Thompson was elected through the GSO to sit on these committees)
 - We need to find out what committees exist and what we want to be on
 - It's already a burden to fill these positions, so we will also be helping them – Drew Trlica
- **GPLC Meeting Update**
 - They surveyed over 2,000 BU graduate students about what issues we are concerned with
 - Next week they will talk to the provost about these issues
 - There is a facilities Committee
 - The meetings are lightly attended so it would be good if more people made an effort to go
 - They want new people to step up and take on leadership positions
 - They represent a larger body of graduate students than we do
 - Student employment issues are its main goal
 - If you are interested, you should talk to Drew Trlica

- **GSO Department Information** – We are collecting information primarily regarding what resources are available to the different departments in GRS
 - i.e Professional development and travel grant opportunities
 - Department representatives should fill this Google document out if you haven't
 - We already see that there are huge differences between the departments
 - The travel grant deadline is the 1st, so we will need the information together before that
 - We will talk more about this at the next meeting
 - Deadline for the questions – Send it by March 22nd (one week)