

16 March 2018--GSO Meeting

1. Diane/Treasurer's Report

- a. Start of the year: 40256.78 (20,000 plus 20256.78 rollover)
- b. We have spent and cleared 20778.87
- c. 19477.91 left in our account
 - i. 15364.30 for travel grants, 634.50 for professional development, 950 for social events, and 750 for the romance studies conference
- d. 1833.26 which has yet to be allocated

2. Jess/Social

- a. Coffee hours:
 - i. 30 March (International)
 - ii. 25 April (Grad Students of Color)
 - iii. Everyone: Send posters out to departments; remind fellow students
 - iv. A second round of coffee hours during finals?
 - 1. Maybe a general GSO coffee event?
 - 2. Scale up in space
 - 3. Jess would need other volunteers
 - 4. Wednesday April 18 as a possible date?
 - v. Potential trivia/pub night
 - 1. Maybe end of April?
 - 2. Lamplighter brewery?
 - a. They have a good mix of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
 - 3. Cornwall's?
 - a. They are convenient for BU events
 - b. Close to BU

3. Amanda/Professional Development

- a. 3-minute thesis
 - i. Next Thursday (22 March), 5pm
 - ii. Needs two volunteers to moderate the event
 - iii. Finals: (tentatively) 30 March 3pm
- b. Event: "Academic Voices in the Digital World"
 - i. Originally scheduled for 18 April
 - ii. Potential panelists have fallen through
 - iii. Regrouping: event now potentially on the 25th, starting at 4pm
 - iv. Sending out another round of invitations for panelists
 - v. Any good candidate panelists?
 - 1. Profile: early-career faculty who are especially good at communicating their work with multiple audiences, on multiple media, etc.
- c. Survey about professional development in each department

- i. Next phase: a survey asking students about which departments they would like to take prof dev workshops with

4. Getty/Travel Grants

- a. Travel grant due dates coming up
- b. Could use help with the committee
- c. Process/Criteria/Priorities for selection
 - i. First-year PhD students (and all MA students) excluded (BU decision)
 - ii. Seniority no longer as big a factor as it used to be--still a consideration, but content of application now more important
 - iii. Personal Statement much more salient than abstract
 - 1. The ability to explain clearly (a) what one is working on and (b) why it matters to them
 - iv. Other sources of funding must be listed
- d. 3-meetings requirement
 - i. You can apply before having attended all 3 meetings so long as you eventually attend at least 3 meetings
- e. Lizzy: to send out a reminder about the due date and asking for volunteers

5. Diane: A colleague's research/fundraising for Syrian children

- a. Looking for assistance with fundraising ideas
- b. Email Diane at dlebo@bu.edu if you want to help

6. Eboard Check-in

- a. We want to update our bylaws!
- b. Anyone else who wants to join Eboard to rework these?
- c. Goal: to bring a new copy of the bylaws to the next general meeting