

Boston University Graduate Student Organization

Minutes

Tuesday, December 2, 2014
5:30 – 6:30 CAS 200

1. Announcements

Evan Judd, GSO President, opened the meeting by welcoming attending new and returning GSO representatives. Encouraged new members to sign-in to ensure their department is represented.

Evan and **Matthew Danish** updated GSO representatives on the status of the construction on Commonwealth project. The letter written by the GSO was sent to President Brown. In his response, President Brown suggested a meeting, and his staff will contact the GSO by mid-December to schedule a meeting.

There will also be a public meeting on December 9th hosted by the BU Bikes association at Jacob Sleeper Auditorium (871 Commonwealth Avenue) at 6:30 pm with city and elected officials. The meeting will feature presentations, followed by a question and answer session. GSO representatives were asked to send this information to their departments.

Alex Yen proposed another pub night for the end of the fall semester. Evan motioned to put \$1000 towards this event. The motion passed.

2. Treasurer's Report

The organization's operating fund for the remainder of the academic year is **\$10,762.15**.

3. Kristen Carey, History Department Digital Humanities Conference

Kristen Carey, GSO representative from the History Department, addressed the GSO about a campus-wide digital humanities workshop for next fall. The History Department, who frequently puts on seminars, has recently been asked by the BU Digital Humanities office to hold a digital humanities conference early next year. The conference will consist of papers, panels, and workshops.

Kristen urged all interested parties to email her at kmcarey@bu.edu, especially if they would be interested in organizing the interdisciplinary conference.

4. Changes to Travel Grant Deadlines and Funding

Evan proposed to change the window of time in which travel would be allowed for each grant awarded. As they currently stand, they run too close to the end of the fiscal year, which makes reimbursement difficult. Shifting the times by a month would enable the GSO to allow students more time to send receipts after travel.

The proposed changes are as follows:

7/1/2015 – 11/30/2015
12/1/2015 – 5/31/2016
6/1/2016 – 11/30/2016
12/1/2016 – 5/31/2017

Spring and fall travel for this current year will remain the same, but as a result the last month of the upcoming fall semester will be cut one month short. **Evan** motioned to change the travel grant funding dates to those listed above. **Kasey Aderhold** seconded. The motion passed.

5. Co-Sponsored Event Application: Graduate Music Society

Kristen Edwards and **Shao-Ying Ho** from the Graduate Music Society approached the GSO to ask for co-sponsorship at their 8th Annual Graduate Student Conference, entitled “Sound and Bodies in the World”. The conference aims to encourage interdisciplinary discussion, not only across the humanities, but also the sciences.

The GMS is requesting \$500 from the GSO to go towards the cost of a lunch reception for the panelists and an evening reception for the general attendance. The GMS has requested co-sponsorship from the GSO successfully in years past.

The co-sponsored event application successfully passed, awarding \$500 to the GMS for the conference.

6. General Elections

The GSO has the following officer positions:

President: This position includes putting together the meeting agendas, organizing meetings, answering emails, and acting as a liaison for the organization. The workload is relatively minimal.

Vice-President: The vice-president is responsible for bringing pizza to each meeting. This officer is also responsible for stepping in for the president if the need arises.

Treasurer: The treasurer is responsible for keeping track of the money for the organization, as well as aiding the travel and research grant recipients in receiving their awards, and filling out the required paperwork.

Secretary: This position includes taking meeting minutes, and finalizing them for review by the officers.

Co-Sponsored Events Committee Chair: This officer is responsible for receiving the co-sponsored events applications, ensuring they are correctly completing, and coordinating with the applying organization.

Social Chair: The social chair is responsible for hosting any events by the GSO. Typically this includes holding pub nights at the BU Pub.

Travel Grants Committee Chair: This officer is responsible for setting a date for the travel grant deadline, pull the names off the applications, organize the Travel Grants committee, and read through the applications.

The voting resulted as follows:

President, Kristen Carey

Vice-President, Catherine Scot

Treasurer: Adam Iaizzi

Secretary: Kristen Edwards

Co-Sponsored Event: Sarah Belkin

Social Chair: Alex Yen

Travel Grants Committee Chair: Lindsey Alberts