GSO Meeting--6 April 2018

1. Diane: Treasury
   a. Our bank (check these amounts with Diane)
   b. $40,556.78 - rolled over from last year, got another $2,000 at beginning of year
   c. $22,692.69 spent, leaving $17,564.09 remaining
   d. $13,364.30 to Travel Grants
   e. PD: 634.50 remaining
   f. Social events: 781.22 remaining
   g. $17,045.51 remaining
1. Social:
   a. Graduate students of color coffee hour coming up
2. Travel Grants
   a. Lizzy, for Getty: Travel Grants
   b. Lizzy to ask Emily Barman for more $ b/c we cannot fund 70%
   c. Getty's team meeting on 17th to choose grant recipients
   d. 70 applicants
   e. Anthropology Department: requires all students to apply for GSO grants before requesting department funds
   f. Contacting the anthro dept. and/or Dean Barman about this and similar phenomena?
3. Professional Development
   a. 3-minute thesis
      i. Went smoothly: 12 participants, 7 in the finals; winner from Chemistry
      ii. Some difficulty in finding professors to judge
      iii. Half of the students who signed up dropped out: we need more initial sign-ups
      iv. Ways to boost accountability in sign-ups:
         1. Ask people to submit a nominal deposit?
         2. Give out a prize to every participant?
   b. "Academic Voices in the Digital World"--*cancelled*
      i. We had trouble getting panelists
      ii. Advice for the future: send out a first round of requests to 9–12 people instead of 3–4
         1. Professors tended to not write back
   c. Other events?
   d. Potentially, re-allocate money to grant committee
   e. Amanda and Dan Mendez--meeting with members of administration
         1. Requested an open line of communication and more GSO participation in professional development research being conducted by admin
   f. Survey about professional development
      i. Interested in looking into other departments' prof dev activities

        ii.   Kleinman--to come to a GSO meeting and discuss results of research on prof dev?

                1.   Attempt to convince him/admin to include us in central decision-making bodies on prof dev research/activities

                2.   How to improve communication between admin-run events and us as grad students?

                      a.   Ask DGSs/Administrators *in each department* to send out event notifications to students

                3.   **Vote: YES--we will invite him to come**

4. Petition: Undergraduate YDSA of BU
   a. Helping to organize tour guides to get paid
   b. Currently, BU tour guides are unpaid
   c. Many undergraduate groups have backed the petition/campaign
   d. BUGWU has backed the campaign; undergraduate student government has backed the campaign
   e. **Vote: Yes to endorse**
5. Constitution amendment
   a. Review constitution, consider ideas
   b. Get in touch with Lizzy within the week so that Eboard has feedback to work with in bringing an amended constitution to next GSO meeting