

GSO Minutes 11.08.10

Finances

\$13370 left so we are in good shape for the rest of the year

Upcoming Events

Pub Night coming up this Friday 11/12. The last Pub night is on 12/10. Spread the word!

Travel Grant deadline for travel during Jan 1 - June 30, 2011 is Wednesday December 1, 2010. We still need volunteers for committee members to evaluate the applications. People from the sciences and the humanities are welcome.

NAGPS conference at MIT starts this Thursday night (Nov 11-14, 2010). What does NAGPS do? Fight for H1B visas, making stipends tax exempt, etc. You can get this information on the GSO website.

Continuing Student Fees

We want to push for altering the continuing student fees. We probably need to show that other universities have a similar fee but it costs less, or say we are not getting what we should be getting for that fee. We need to link continuing student fees to attrition rates; to international students, parental leave, medical care, and defending the dissertation.

Three years ago there was a subgroup working on continuing student fees. Who are they and what did they find?

What we could do:

1. Short survey at Pub night
2. Department representatives can ask the students in their departments
3. Send out a GSO survey

We need to know:

How many students are continuing students? Do their departments fund them? Do the departments fund them selectively? Does each department have their own rules or is it a university-wide mandate?

Please email in any more of your questions about continuing student fees.

Other announcements

We are going to start archiving information in order to pass that on to other board members.

Wed Dec 1 is the last meeting.