

GSO Meeting

January 24, 2011

Introduction of new GSO officers

The GSO elected new officers for 2011 at the last meeting in December. The new officers are Eliza Wallace (Archaeology) as the new president of the GSO, Ren Cashman (Astronomy) as vice-president, Veronica Joseph (Archaeology) as treasurer, Liz Panneton (Theatre Production) as social chair, Damien Sulla-Menashe (Geography and Environment) as travel grants chair, Zophia Edwards (Sociology) as secretary, Basil Considine (Music) as co-sponsored events chair, and Erica Zimmer (Editorial Institute) as webmaster. Congratulations to all the new officers!

Treasurer Report

The balance in the GSO account is \$10332.22 (after the expenses for this Friday's Pub Night).

GSO Pub Night this Friday!

This Friday, January 28th, the GSO is hosting the first Pub Night of the semester. \$1 drink tickets will be available, please bring a valid ID and your BU ID.

BGLO on Ice Event

Date: February 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: Frog Pond

\$2 entrance for Graduate Students plus one guest (with student ID)

Skate rental is \$8. Entrance fees will go to the charity BirthdayWishes.org, a Boston-based non-profit that brings birthday parties to homeless children.

Election for Co-Sponsored Events Chair

The position of co-sponsored events chair is currently being filled by two students due to scheduling conflicts, and we would like to have this position filled by one person for the entire year. Responsibilities of this position involve reviewing applications for co-sponsored events funding and introducing the applications to GSO representatives before they are voted on. If you are interested in running for this position, please contact Eliza Wallace (ewallace@bu.edu).

GSO/Student Health Services Meetings

On January 25th, Eliza Wallace, Ren Cashman, and Marc McGuigan met with Dr. David McBride, director of Student Health Services to discuss graduate student issues with health insurance and quality of health care at BU. We would like to solicit graduate student comments and concerns to bring up at future meetings with the SHS administrators. Some of the issues already identified include better dental/vision coverage, maternity care problems, improving anesthesia coverage, clarification of mental health benefits, and upgrading spouses to the Aetna Plus Plan. At some point we will be creating a survey to assess trends in grad student health care issues and once this survey is complete we will let you know. In the meantime, if you have health care-related questions/concerns you would like us to bring up to Dr. McBride,

or if you are interested in being involved in these meetings, please contact Eliza Wallace (ewallace@bu.edu).

NAGPS Meeting

The National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) will be holding a regional meeting in late April at Columbia University. As members of this organization, the GSO is considering sending a representative to the meeting. We don't have many details at the moment, but as we get more information we will pass it on.