

Boston University Graduate Student Organization

Minutes

Tuesday, December 4, 2012
5:30PM – CAS 200

1. Announcements

The last pub night of pub night on Friday, December 7. Special Christmas themed drinks will be available as well as some seasonal snacks.

2. Treasurer's Report

The ISR for the December 7th pub night has been processed. The ISR came in under the approved budget, as did reimbursements for the Yulefest/BGLO 5K (see below)

These expenditures, as well as the refreshments from tonight's meeting, bring the account balance to **\$10,898.12**.

During the course of the meeting, the following expenditures were approved:

- \$300 for the IR conference
- \$400 for musicology conference,
- \$100 for two graduate seminars in February and March

Going forward, the GSO balance is **\$10,098.12**

3. BGLO – Yulefest 5K, Sunday, December 2

On Sunday, December 2, eight BU graduate students participated in this 5K event in conjunction with BGLO. Carol reported that the event was large, drawing 1300-1400 people. This made it more difficult to find the BGLO group. That—and the fact that the weather was cold and rainy—limited post-race socializing.

The eight student participants applied for partial reimbursement from GSO. At the last meeting GSO agreed to provide \$10 reimbursements for up to \$200. Discussion took place on whether to increase the amount of the reimbursement, given that \$10/each for eight people (\$80) is well below the amount set aside for the event.

A vote was held on providing each of the 8 participants with a \$20 reimbursement for a total of \$160. The vote passed.

4. Pub Nights

The last pub night of the year is this Friday, December 7.

5. Co-Sponsored Events

International Relations

Graduate International Relations Council (GIRC) submitted a proposal for support of their 2013 conference, **February 22-23, 2013**. The theme is “Fault Lines and Fragmentation in International Systems.”

This will be the third time this conference has been held. The IR representatives requested \$400 to underwrite the cost of lunch during the meeting.

The GSO has supported the first two conferences, in 2011 and 2012. Last year the GSO supported the conference with \$200.

Discussion included:

- explanation of the \$25 registration fee (paid by folks presenting papers);
- information missing in the application (evidence that participation is from more than one GRS department);
- whether GSO money is genuinely necessary when the budget includes gifts.

Votes passed for \$200 and then \$300. A vote for \$400 did not pass. A subsequent vote for \$350 did not pass. **IR will receive \$300 toward their conference.**

The IR representatives were informed that—given that one of the reservations was whether the meeting meets the criteria of demonstrating broader GRS participation—they were welcome to resubmit for the additional \$100.

Past agendas or participant lists that indicate that BU students from departments other than IR have participated in past meetings will be helpful in assuaging concern that the conference more a departmental event than a GRS event.

Musicology

The Graduate Music Society at Boston University submitted an application for the Sixth Annual Graduate Student Conference in Musicology and Ethnomusicology, February 16, 2013.

This year's theme is "Music in and of America." The keynote speaker is Dr. Carol Oja. There will also be a workshop with music-making on Friday evening, February 15.

GSO has supported this conference for at least the last two years. This year, the organizers requested \$400 to underwrite the cost the a reception.

Discussion included:

- This year's theme, on American music, was chosen in hopes of generating broad interest and papers from other GRS departments.
- Baroque music in 'pre-Mexican' Mexico.
- The music-making workshop on Friday – which the conference representative suggested would be open to interested persons (still to be confirmed).

Vote for \$300 passed. Vote for \$400 passed. **The organizers will receive \$400 of GSO support for this conference.**

6. Professional Development

Graduate Seminar Series

Carol reported on the further developments on this new series discussed at the last meeting. These events are intended as opportunities for students to present their research, gain presentation experience, and increase awareness across the university about possible connections between students and research areas.

Two dates have been scheduled, February 7 and March 4. A call for 350 word abstracts will be circulated this week. The event will be tried with 3 and 4 presenters to see what number works best.

It was proposed that GSO approve \$100 for cookies and coffee for these two events. **A vote passed to authorize \$100 to cookies and coffee for the Feb and March seminars**

Professional Development

Ren reported that she is organizing a young professors panel in the spring semester. She has been in conversation with Andrew West, a professor in the astronomy department.

At present, it appears likely that the event will be split into three concurrent panels with joint coffee and tea. The three panels would be divided along the following lines: physical science, social science, and humanities.

Ren remarked that she needs suggestions for young professors in humanities

departments. “Young” means in their first 5 years or less. Anyone with recommendations should contact Ren or email gso@bu.edu

7. 2012 – 2013 ELECTIONS

Elections were held for GSO officers for the period from January 2013 to December 2013. Similar to last year’s elections, there were no contested races.

No nomination was received for Social Chair/Coordinator. This is an important events-related position. It will need to be filled at the beginning of the spring semester.

The GSO will have a new president for 2013, **Leila Haery**. We are thankful for her willingness to lead the organization in the year ahead.

We are also happy to welcome **Nolan Little** as the incoming Treasurer.

In addition, thanks to **Carol Carveth** (Astronomy) and **Basil Considine** (Music). Both are outgoing officers due to graduation. Both have served in multiple GSO capacities over the last few years.

ELECTION RESULTS		
President	Leila Haery	Biology
Vice-President	Eliza Wallace	Archaeology
Treasurer	Nolan Little	Philosophy
Webmaster	Ren Cashman	Astronomy
Professional Development Chair	Ren Cashman	Astronomy
Co-Sponsored Events Chair	Leslie Lemire	Classical Studies
Recording Secretary	Phil Rotz	History
Health Care Coordinator	Jonathan Deschere	English
Social Chair	<i>Tabled – No nominations received</i>	
Travel Grant	Evan Judd	Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, &

