

GSO Meeting Notes 11/7/16

- Treasurer report
 - 34,739 allocated
 - 20,000 committed to travel grants
 - 11,123.95 left uncommitted funds
- Travel grants
 - 12/1 is the deadline for travel grants
 - Committee is meeting this week to discuss logistics
 - Contact Getty Lustila for more information
 - Everyone should be promoting applications from their department
 - DGS for every Department should have also sent out the email
 - Need to use the money and get lots of applications
- Resource Page, GSO website
 - Adam solicits feedback for Resources Page and things to add
- Officer elections coming up! Need new people to step up to leadership positions.
 - Adam (president) , Aviva (treasurer), Darcy (social chair), and maybe Sara (vice president) are stepping down from their posts
 - December meeting we will hold elections
- Pardee periodicals proposal
 - James Sousa rep of global studies –see proposal for details on second issue, asking GSO for \$1000
 - Questions:
 - How is the periodical circulated? How are other departments' submissions solicited?
 - They are rethinking the circulation strategy. Each department should have a copy including all members of the Pardee school
 - They need a mechanism to order online
 - They need to be established to get more demand.
 - Pardee students, conference participants, and other departments submit articles.
 - This issue : 22 submissions accepted 10=
 - 2 from Fletcher school, 3 from BU non Pardee School depts., rest from Pardee
 - Why hasn't the website been prioritized? And No ISSN still?
 - The managing editor is putting the website on hold until this current issue is published. The website is being revisited in January. The print edition is being prioritized, seemingly because online resources were harder to compile/figure out the logistics.
 - An ISSN will be put on second issue. Don't know if you can back ISSN the first issue.
 - If GSO doesn't fund it, how will it impact the plans?
 - Increase ads, reach out to different centers and institutes
 - Are we going to be seeing you every semester, every year?
 - Every year.

- o Thoughts from GSO reps?
 - Prioritization of print version over online doesn't seem wise. Not citable.
 - They haven't delivered on requests from last year....
- o Decision
 - Come back in 2 weeks when more sources finalized- all approved
- Title 9 – update about BU's efforts
 - o Title 9 is a federal statute from 1972
 - before 2011 it was mostly used in athletics to make sure an equal amount of resources were put into male and female sports teams
 - It was Important work to make sure women are equally represented
 - o 2011 – The focus has changed to sexual harassment because the national focus around this has increased
 - OCR – office for civil rights, has put out guild lines BU has to follow
 - o Responsibilities
 - As graduate students who TA/TF, we also have responsibilities and must know about to address them
 - If you teach (TA/TF), you are a “responsible employee” who supervising others
 - If any of us learn of a problem from a student about them or another student we must report it to the Equal Opportunity Office
 - o Sexual misconduct report form, which is on the equal opportunity website
 - Simple form that makes them aware that there is a concern that must be addressed
 - There won't necessarily be a formal investigation
 - o They will make sure the student with a concern has available the services that are necessary
 - Counseling, medical assistance, awareness of how to report/file a complaint, how to file a criminal complaint, etc.
 - o The office will reach out to them or the one who reported it
 - o Policy – This applies to everyone
 - There are 2 sets of procedures
 - Student against student
 - Student against faculty/staff
 - o If a graduate student is the TA/TF, the complaint will be a student against faculty/staff
 - o Confidentiality
 - Student employees must let the student know you have to tell someone
 - Don't use the word “report” because it is not formal, it is just to check in
 - Deputy Title 9 coordinators
 - Kerri Bulio
 - Laura Wipfi
 - New person for graduate students

- These people are not confidential. They will have to reach out to the student etc., but they will never report an issue to the police. They can and will help them through the process if they want to go through it.
 - They will go through internal Boston procedures
 - They want the student to have control over the process
 - The standard of proof is higher for the police too, but within BU, the office of civil rights say to use the preponderance of evidence standard, whether or not it is more likely than not
 - There are confidential resources
 - Ombuds, etc. are confidential and can be helpful a student understand what they want to do
 - The Equal Opportunity Office does not have caller ID because they must have confidentiality
 - Someone can call and ask hypothetical questions and not say their name and the office will advise them on the appropriate steps to take
 - There are a few exceptions when they must tell someone else:
 - If the complaint is about someone they have heard about before
 - If it is so bad that there is danger to that student or others in the community
 - If the person accused is an employee/stuff
 - They will try to do it carefully to make sure that the student has as much control as possible
 - Websites
 - The Policies Website
 - Safety Website – the BU police department maintains this, but it is for all of the policies and procedures for sexual assault as well
 - Question:
 - To whom exactly does the mandatory reporting of a TA/TF extend?
 - Only to students you supervise
 - Not to a fellow graduate student
 - When a TF is a victim of a student, what happens?
 - Also report this to the office. The procedures would be of a student against a student
 - If the boundaries are just getting close – still let her know
 - Even if you are uncertain, don't wait. When there's anything that's discomfoting, go to the confidential resources/ombuds, or to this office because it is easier to stop early
 - Professional development – Andrew Henry
 - The goal is to plan events that will help prepare us for careers in the future
 - Event: Alternate academic career panel of alumni from BU
 - They want 3-4 people
 - 1st speaker: Directors of Law School at Harvard – academic administration
 - We need suggestions for 2nd-3rd speakers
 - Contact Andrew if you have an idea
 - Local would be better
 - Andrew didn't get emails from people who are willing to help, so tell him after this meeting if you would like to help

- The event will be early next semester
- Social Events - Darcy
 - Not the BU pub, MFA – we are members, so we have free admission to their events
 - Overnight events, open bars, DJs, food trucks, game room, running group – 9am – 9 pm
 - Participate in one? Contact and ask if we could reserve something (set number of drinks or meals at a food trucks
 - \$1000
- Advisory Committee for Socially Responsible Investing (ACSRI) – Ben Thompson
 - Ben is now serving on the Climate Action Task Force, which is what President Brown just set up in response to the decision of the Board of Trustees to the suggestion of the ACSRI
 - They will engage with the university soon