

GSO Meeting
17:30
22 November, 16
Gabel Museum

Treasury Report

- Balance: \$34,623
- Uncommitted: 10,...

Travel Grants

- Due December 1st

Pardee Periodical

- They will have 2 issues this year. They are working on the second issue now
- They are asking for \$1000, which is an increase from \$700
 - Other funding: Pardee School, Pardee Grad Council, Muslim Society, \$1,550
- Anticipated costs: \$2,510
 - \$2,400 for 200 copies of the journal
 - For the website design and purchasing the image on the cover
 - \$960 shortfall
- Questions:
 - If they don't get the funding, they would print fewer copies
 - They have a domain and the website is currently being built
 - They will complete it over winter break
 - It will be launched in January, and everything will be online
 - ISSN application – they sent it on November 14th and the turn around is 6-8 weeks, so it will be printed right after that
 - The ISSN number is back dated, so it applies to the first journal too
 - They will apply for the online number too
 - They will also apply for Jstore
 - Next semester they will also ask the Center for African Studies
- Discussion:
 - We should give them \$960 because that is what they need
 - The journal has to be accessible
 - They are taking the strides they need to
 - They did what we asked and they sound serious
 - We have a surplus of money
- **VOTE:**
 - **Give them the \$960**
 - **Passes**

Officer Elections

- The term is for one year starting in January 2017
 - It is preferable for the officers to also be around the next semester
- A lot of positions are opening up

- We will send an email to the GSO representatives list
- Everyone is encouraged to run – it looks good, it’s not a lot of work, and you can help shape the university
- Email gso@bu.edu - your name, when you are graduating, and the positions you are interested in
- Elections will be held at the next meeting
- Officer Position Descriptions:
 - President – it is not a lot of work, you just need to be a organized
 - Tasks: Schedule the meetings, reserve the room, make the agenda, send it out, monitor the GSO email (but you only get 2-3 emails a week), occasionally meet with the dean
 - Adam will make a guide for it
 - Vice President
 - Tasks: Order the pizza, 1 pm before the meeting
 - Treasurer
 - Tasks: Reimburse students for travel grants (they fill out a form and you email it to Casey. This takes 5 minutes), keep a spreadsheet of outgoing money in the Dropbox
 - There is a guide for it
 - Secretary
 - Tasks: Take the notes, make them pretty, send them in
- Committee Chair Positions
 - Co-sponsored event committee – Sara will be graduating
 - Tasks: The president sends you filled out applications for funding, you go through it and make sure it’s filled out, pass it on to the board, put it on the agenda, present it to the representatives
 - Social committee – Darcy will be graduating
 - Tasks: Plan events like pub nights, be in touch with Casey and the vendor to transfer the money, go to the events
 - Professional development committee - Andrew
 - Travel grants committee – Getty is staying on

Social Chair Update

- We can not piggy back on the MFA events
 - We can all attend informally
 - December 9th, Friday, 9:00 pm to 9:00 am
 - We could walk there together
 - Admission is free
 - Have a pub night before the event that will go until we leave
 - 5:30-7:30
 - They recommend we get there at 8:00
 - Transition away from only pub nights
- Buy gift cards at pavement
 - 2 hours twice a week during finals
 - GSO treats grad students to coffee

- Discussion:
 - Should we do both?
 - Could we do a bar near the MFA?
 - We could, but some were cash only, large, and not very nice
 - We might lose people otherwise
 - The BU shuttle stops 10 minutes away
 - Could give people a T pass
 - Darcy will look into this, though it might be more expensive
 - She can get a pcard for the pavement event
 - How much money should be allotted for the pavement event?
 - \$5 gift card increments
- **VOTE:**
 - **Motion: \$500 for a coffee type social (carry over money from the other)**
 - **Passes**

Interdisciplinary Readings Group

- In light of recent political events, students want to stay informed about effective action associated with the Trump administration
- We want to cut across all lines and recommend readings from different disciplines
- Once ever 2 weeks in the Spring
- Samples:
 - The history of china relations
 - Black lives matter
- Email buiprg@bu.edu – BU interdisciplinary political reading group
- Questions:
 - Will the articles be from newspapers or academic sources?
 - Academic
 - Will each meeting be a topic with different suggestions from each department?
 - The structure is open
 - It could be excerpts from articles?
 - Where will the group meet?
 - Here or the philosophy department
 - Will there be an email list? Facebook group? How will you keep in touch?
 - There is a facebook group
 - STEM outreach?
 - Try SAGE and GWISE

3-Minute Thesis Competition

- Christine Carey did this last year
- Would someone like to coordinate this?
- Coordinators will have to recruit judges and competitors
- The scheduling is flexible
 - Las year it was late March

- It was a 2 day event because we held a preliminary competition and then the finals
- Volunteers:
 - Andrew W. Bell – History
 - Ajit Kamath – MCBB
- <https://www.bu.edu/cas/students/graduate/3mt/>