GSO Meeting Notes
5:30, Wednesday, March 15th, 2017
Engineering Product Innovation Center (EPC) 204

Attendance: ~30 (?)

- **Treasurers Report**
  - $27,417.96

- **Committee Updates**
  - **Travel Grant Chair**
    - April 1st is the next deadline
    - How it works
      - The department must be represented at 3 out of 5 GSO meetings to be eligible
      - The recipients must travel after April 1st
        - They have 1 year to use the money
      - You need to submit proof when you get accepted
    - Summer deadline – August 1st
      - The attendance policy will not hold over the summer
    - The committee will meet a week after the deadline and it will take 7-10 days to read them
      - Decisions will be given shortly after
    - Numbers: 34 for conferences, 6 for research awarded throughout the year
      - How many have been assigned already?
        - The count starts at the beginning of the calendar year, so none have been awarded yet
        - The same number of awards will be given out in the Summer, Fall, and Spring
          - We will be collecting data on this to decide if this is what should be done going forward
      - The GSO representatives will be responsible for sending out the email to their departments
        - We sent it to the larger group and got a lot more applications
    - Will this be a permanent increase in the number of grants?
      - Yes, the goal is to have everyone attend a conference while in graduate school
  - **3 Minute Thesis Committee**
    - Next Week – Thursday, March 23rd from 5-6:30 pm, CAS 211, 224 and 522
      - Reception after with food and drinks and the finalist will be announced
        - In the Tsai Performance Center
        - There will be raffle prizes
    - Final competition will be April 3rd
• We will award the 2 best and the audience’s favorite
  ▪ Request a volunteer from GSO to be the MCs – Amanda Napior, Religious Studies
  o Social Committee – Pub night
    ▪ March 30th – 150 tickets and couple plates of nachos
    ▪ 2 Thursdays from now
    ▪ 6-9 pm
    ▪ Will make a flier by the end of the week, share it

• Daniel Kleinman – Associate Provost for Graduate Affairs
  o He will be coming to our April 26th meeting to tell us about his vision
  o We should decide what we want to talk about

• BU Committees
  o Adam Laizzi suggested we try to take on the task of providing graduate students to serve on BU committees
    ▪ We should be a part of these processes
    ▪ i.e. Student evaluations – There is a committee to reassess this, we should be involved
      ▪ We might want to create a committee to make suggestions for this – Amanda Napior
  o Getty will look into how we can become involved
    ▪ We could talk to the associate provost
  o Discussion:
    ▪ This seems like a reasonable request
    ▪ There’s precedence for this with the ACSRI committee and Climate Action Plan (Ben Thompson was elected through the GSO to sit on these committees)
    ▪ We need to find out what committees exist and what we want to be on
    ▪ It’s already a burden to fill these positions, so we will also be helping them – Drew Trlica

• GPLC Meeting Update
  o They surveyed over 2,000 BU graduate students about what issues we are concerned with
    ▪ Next week they will talk to the provost about these issues
  o There is a facilities Committee
  o The meetings are lightly attended so it would be good if more people made an effort to go
  o They want new people to step up and take on leadership positions
    ▪ They represent a larger body of graduate students than we do
    ▪ Student employment issues are its main goal
    ▪ If you are interested, you should talk to Drew Trlica
- **GSO Department Information** – We are collecting information primarily regarding what resources are available to the different departments in GRS
  - i.e Professional development and travel grant opportunities
    - Department representatives should fill this Google document out if you haven’t
    - We already see that there are huge differences between the departments
    - The travel grant deadline is the 1st, so we will need the information together before that
    - We will talk more about this at the next meeting
    - Deadline for the questions – Send it by March 22nd (one week)