

GSO Meeting Notes--26 September 2018

1. Diane/Treasurer
 - a. \$8,339.68 rollover funds from last year
 - b. \$20,000 newly added into the budget
 - i. Allocated solely for travel grants
 - c. After all is said and done--including travel grants from our August allocations-- we have **\$1,712.92** left in our budget
 - d. And an additional **634.50** left over for professional development
2. Getty/Travel Grants
 - a. Plan for this semester: workshop open to all grads on how to fill out grant applications, specifically those for GSO funds
 - i. There is an unequal distribution of GSO grants to certain departments that reflects unequal departmental abilities to write such grants
 - ii. The workshop might be geared toward helping students in less well-equipped departments to write better grants
 - iii. No date yet
 - iv. Currently, GRS prohibits Masters students from applying for grants
 - v. At most, 40% of grants get funded
 - vi. Asking Dean Barman for more funds from GRS as applications have increased
3. Amanda/Professional Development
 - a. Amanda would like to step down from chairing the committee but would like to remain on the committee
 - b. Last year, a survey was sent out to determine what prof dev activity was happening within departments
 - c. Info was shared with Provost Kleinman
 - d. Area for future work: working with departments' own internal governance structures to help share and develop ideas
 - e. Event attempted last year: struggles to get faculty to buy in
 - i. Perhaps we should no longer focus as GSO as hosting professional development events
 - f. 3-minute thesis: Christine H. (now graduated) headed up the planning of this successful event last spring
 - g. Potential for Provost Kleinman to attend a GSO meeting to share information and hear concerns vis-a-vis professional development
 - h. He and the admin's prof dev group were unwilling at a past meeting to share their information, but we might be able to facilitate sharing if we invite him to a meeting
4. Co-sponsorship Application
 - a. If you'd like to apply for co-sponsorship, make sure to send an application well in advance of the event
 - b. GDRS Conference: "Religion and Technology"
 - i. Free and open to all students
 - ii. Dr. Kathryn Lofton, keynote

- iii. Request: \$650 of total \$3100 for conference
- iv. We supported GDRS conference in the past (as well as the previous year) for \$825
- v. **Vote: \$620 awarded (will fulfill budget needs as listed on application)**

5. Social

- a. Holiday party: Wed, 12 Dec, 6pm, CILSE, hosted with SAGE and GWISE
- b. How much did we give last year?
 - i. **Getty to look up and follow up.**
- c. Chair needed until December: Jess L., former chair, currently abroad on research
 - i. Chair would help organize social events
 - ii. Jess typed up a description of duties, past events, potential ideas
 - iii. **New Chair: Brian Barone**
- d. Budget? Unclear. We need more funds from GRS.
 - i. Hopefully, \$1,500 to spend on social.
- e. Ideas for events that don't center around alcohol
 - i. Board game nights?
 - ii. Trivia nights?
 - iii. Evenings at museums?