

## GSO Meeting Notes 09/23

- Office of Ombuds presentation (Adam Kleinberger)

Adam Kleinberger, Associate Ombuds from the Office of the Ombuds visited the GSO to give an outreach presentation.

The Office of the Ombuds is an independent, impartial, informal problem-solving resource serving faculty, staff, and students on the Charles River and Medical Campus. The Office maintains strict confidentiality, and provides a safe place to have off-the-record conversations on issues related to life, work, or study at Boston University. Talking to the Ombuds can be a good first step if you have a concern and you don't know where to turn for help.

More information on the office is located at:

<http://www.bu.edu/ombuds>

- Budget [all on handout]
  - Allocations as of today:
  - End of year party - \$1250
  - Travel grants - \$27,000
  - Holiday party with SAGE/GWISE - \$1250
  - Coffee hours - \$1500
  - Meeting food - \$1300
  - Co-sponsored events - \$3000
  - UGSO meetings - \$800
  - Professional development - \$500
  - Travel grants rollover - \$4048
  - Mass Grad Federation - \$250
- Directive from Travel Grant coordinator (Alex)
  - send out when2meet for a big Travel Grant Q&A meeting
  - one of our attended meetings
  - 11 conference grants & 2 research grants: 13 out of 54 to give out
  - email Alex with questions - [gso.travel.grants@gmail.com](mailto:gso.travel.grants@gmail.com)
- Electing interim Treasurer, Social Chair, Webmaster
  - Treasurer:
    - James - unanimous vote, passes
  - Social chair:
    - Bahar - international students coffee hour
    - Diane - women's coffee hour
    - Jessica - LGBTQIA+ coffee hour
    - Jessica - POC with UGSO (Gana)

- Webmaster:
  - Ellie - unanimous, passes
- Constitution edits
  - Diane will email out to the rep list
  - will update it next meeting
- GRS has asked to put in a formal request for money, we'll be working on that