GSO Notes 10/28/19

• Introductions
  • Announcements:
    • AMNESP organized to win 12-month funding for incoming graduate students (!)
    • Halloween Party with UGSO
    • Coffee Hours
  • BUGWU
    • Thursdays; anyone is welcome to come to OC meetings
    • Trump’s NLRB decision; nlrb.gov to look up 09/20 decision
    • Sponsoring with the UAW a public comment campaign for grad workers, friends & families
      • Running comment parties
      • gradsfightback.org until December 16th
    • National Day of Action on November 14th
    • Vote: Should the GSO co-sponsor an “information night” event with BUGWU? Unanimous yes
      • Vote: Will we help BUGWU organize the Day of Action? Unanimous yes
  • Treasurer’s Report:
    • $51,000 total, $4,000 “unspoken for” but allocated
    • $800 so far spent (including accidental expenditure), $11,000 including Travel Grant awards
  • Updates on Coffee Hour (from Anthropology)
    • LGBTQIA+ Coffee Hour on November 14th, 10am-noon, working on a room reservation
      • UGSO one went well
    • Halloween event - UGSO asked us to help them out this Wednesday, October 30th
      • 5-7 pm, asked for us to buy candy and soft drinks for $100 (the amount that we chipped in)
        • Vote: Do we approve this expense? Unanimous yes
    • Accidental expenditure (reserving tables and chairs for the UGSO coffee hour, $300)
      • Vote: Reducing $1250 to $1000 for the Holiday Party budget? Unanimous yes
  • Travel Grant updates:
    • How to write a GSO travel grant event, 2 weeks ago
    • gso.travel.grants@gmail.com, next deadline is December 1st
• Comments for Diane about why Master’s Students aren’t eligible for travel grants
  • She will be looking into why that decision is in place
• Moving the Constitution discussion until next meeting - read it before you come!
• Indigenous People’s Day —> asking BU to change it?
  • Vote: Do we support the GSO/grad students looking into this change?
    Unanimous yes
• Ideas for how to request more money
• Timeline for budget packet? End of the year (2019) / before Diane leaves office