

GSO Meeting Agenda
17:00, Tuesday, February 11, 2020
HAR 228
595 Commonwealth Ave (Questrom)

Time	Item	Notes
17:05	Welcome (President - Diane Lebo)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flyers and Paperwork: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yoga Flyers - Please post. 2. Any other opening comments from outside groups etc: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presentation by Interrupt – group that provides training to identify opportunities and build skills to interrupt sexual misconduct on campus <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Developed in connection and feedback with graduate students and other programs with graduate student training for sexual misconduct prevention training ii. At BU most of the resources are for undergrads and Interrupt aimed to meet a need that grad students address iii. See this as complementary with the online training iv. Discussing different scenarios and parsing out what people could recognize for that v. Asking grad student groups to host Interrupt or departments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Needing to promote and attend with pre-registration and have post-surveys etc 2. Contact at: prevent@bu.edu or on student health services graduate site to request
17:15	Treasurer’s report (Treasurer - James Aglio)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Starting Balance on BU’s sheet: \$51,616.19 (35,000 annual budget plus 16,616.19 rollover) 2. Balance According to BU: \$34,532.90 3. Allocated Funds: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. End of Year Party - 1,000 b. Travel/Conference Grants fy20 - 23,000 c. Travel Grants Rollover fy19 - 1000 d. End of Semester Coffee Hours - 982.89 e. Meeting Food - 994.27 (includes money for a nicer meal at last meeting and a travel grant meeting) f. Co-Sponsored Events - 3000 g. Under-represented Group Coffee Hours - 572.66 (~100 per meeting x 4 meetings “planned”) h. Professional Development - 500 i. Mass Grad Federation Meetings - 44.34

		4. GSO Uncommitted Funds:3244.47
17:20	<p>Wrapping Up from 2019 - (President - Diane Lebo)</p> <p>These topics will be presented, but I think it best we save the final decisions until the next President has had time to take over.</p>	<p>1. Deciding what to do with the TF Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Thoughts from E-board meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Give data to BUGWU and let them do with it what they will. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BUGWU is currently working on their own survey regarding Food Insecurity among graduate students and may not be able to work with this data now. 2. <u>Look for email RE food insecurity survey</u> ii. Establish a committee to review and decide what to do with the survey data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ideas for this committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Develop a report directly. b. Develop a more statistically useful survey using data provided as a starting off point. <p>2. Mass Grad Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who they are and what they do: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A group of students working in the E-boards of local colleges/universities. ii. Meets once per month. iii. Collaborating on events and developing policy statements. iv. Discusses the different rights/privileges/duties of graduate students. b. Updates from last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Northeastern shared their experiences running a referendum. ii. BC is trying to increase promotion of events by the admin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Give the admin a problem to solve. b. Get numbers from the students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Prizes to get votes. c. Emphasize the benefit around times of recruitment/when admin wants to show off students. d. Have PIs send their work/events up through the grapevine. e. Have students Tweet. f. Grad Blog.

- iii. Parental Coverage
 - 1. MIT - Subsidized care.
 - 2. BU - New \$600 stipend per semester starting in 2020-2021 school year.
 - a. Will be given out depending on total income of household
 - b. No stated restrictions on what it's supposed to be for
 - c. Used to have a stipend for if you were traveling for a conference BUT only for a unique professional hire not for ongoing daycare
 - 3. NU - Lactation rooms (law, BU also has these)
 - a. Child Clothes Exchange Program
 - b. Care.com
 - i. Extremely expensive, but super beneficial to all who use it.
 - 4. Want to develop a Graduate Parents FB group.
- iv. Social Event
 - 1. Unfunded pub night
 - a. Just a get together of the boards to see if we can make events like this work.
 - b. I (Diane) am arranging the first one.
- v. MIT started arranging for the State House Visit
 - 1. Running with same topics from last year
 - a. Fighting Sexual Misconduct on College Campuses
 - b. Climate Change
 - c. Graduate Entrepreneur In Residence
 - i. Helps people get visas when doing startups.
 - d. Need to determine which topics made it out of committee
 - i. If 1 or none of them did, then we can use some older statements developed by MIT.
 - ii. Waiting to hear back from MIT.
 - e. All statements need to be approved by March 1.
 - 2. Visit is on April 15th from 8AM - 5PM
 - a. 8-11AM is required for training purposes.
 - b. Afternoon is flexible.
 - c. March 25 is the deadline to notify about participating in visit.

- i. Dress code
 - ii. Must schedule visits with related statesmen.
3. Benefits of going to State House
- a. Building relationships.
 - i. They'll help support your work.
 - b. Learning to advocate.
 - i. You do not need to be a citizen to be an advocate.
 - 1. You still pay taxes in these districts.

- c. Need to identify a person who would meet with this group.
 - i. Do we want to make this a new position (maybe external liaison who might deal with interactions with other groups)?
- d. Next meeting will be at Boston College.

3. GSO Annual Report:

- a. Document that will be presented to the BU Administration (Emily Barman, Daniel Kleinman, etc.) that discusses the progress of the GSO and provides justification for any new requests.
 - i. Other orgs do this annual report and there needs to be some editing and updated to be presented to the admin
- b. Currently being drafted.
- c. Will be presented when complete to the GSO for ratification.
- d. Topics covered:
 - i. Purpose
 - ii. History
 - iii. Membership
 - iv. Leadership and Elections
 - v. Communications, Operations, and Archives
 - vi. Professional Development
 - 1. Co-sponsored Events
 - 2. Travel Grant
 - vii. Activities
 - viii. Budget
 - ix. Strategic Plan for Upcoming Academic Year
- e. If you have any ideas or recommendations for our annual report, please voice them now or email gso@bu.edu.

4. 3MT Updates from GRS

- a. As in the past, GRS is going to handle most of the logistics.
 - i. GSO will help with emcee-ing and advertising.

- b. This year, they're admitting both Masters and PhD students.
- c. Workshop added as first event (this is seen at other universities who run the 3MT competition)
 - i. 1-2 workshop
 - ii. Run by different groups at BU.
 - 1. Will give professional development presentations which will benefit all who attend.
 - 2. Will give time for potential participants to develop their presentations.
 - 3. This will possibly be the time for registering for the full competition.

5. Puppet slam

- a. Undergrads making a puppet based on your research/thesis and present it to an audience
- b. Currently looking for participants

6. Final ideas from exiting president:

- a. Working to extend the GSO Travel Grant to Master's Students.
 - i. We currently have a surplus in our Travel Grant Funds.
 - ii. We can easily allocate enough for 5 travel grants specifically for Master's Students.
 - iii. We would need to get permission from the administration for this.
 - iv. Could be something that we specifically request more money for in the future.
- b. Making Travel Grant application process better:
 - i. Alex: submitting feedback to a particular email address or location; open to suggestions for what happens
 - 1. Time to update cause it's been about 5 years
 - ii. There's been confusion about different aspects of the application and we need to clarify particular rules of the travel grant application process
- c. Developing GSO swag.
 - i. Wanting to look more official and increasing visibility on campus
 - ii. Examples: Pens, shirts etc.
- d. Working on getting BU to fix the library.
 - i. Data-gathering as a first step across the libraries and other things depending on GSO priorities

17:40	Election of President	<p>1. President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Meet with the GRS administration at least once per semester - to present our ideas for the upcoming semester and hear if there are any expectations of us. You can also use this time to advocate for the GSO membership - ask for money, support, whatever you think the members need. b. Finish developing the GSO Annual Report c. Schedule GSO meetings. d. Organize GSO meetings with your E-board. e. Monitor the GSO budget by working with our Treasurer and Travel Grant Chair. f. Coordinate the committees and E-board. Make sure that events that have been proposed are happening (ie Yoga, coffee hours, etc). You may need to lend a hand toward this yourself. g. Communicate with Representatives and GSO. You should keep everyone apprised of events happening in and around the GSO. <p>2. Candidates (2 minutes each for presenting your case):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Khadija El Karfi: My name is Khadija El Karfi and I am a first-year Ph.D. student in the Romance Studies department. As an international student from Morocco, I understand the importance of having various perspectives represented and listened to and that is why I am running to be GSO president. Additionally, as President, I want to tackle two issues. First, I want to address the 8-month stipend situation that many of my colleagues struggle with and feel that it needs to be addressed and adjusted. Second, I want to bridge the gap between the students and the administration. As an undergraduate, I've held several leadership positions during which I've displayed trustworthiness while also acquiring the skills of a strong leader. As President, I intend to use these skills and qualities to serve as a resource to my peers. b. Peter Kotiuga: I am currently a third-year PhD student in the Classical Studies department, and I do have some, albeit limited, experience working with the GSO: last spring I was the representative for my department, and last May I helped
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		<p>out with GSO Finals Week Coffee Hour. I have also done work as a department coordinator and a librarian within my department both here at BU and during my MA program at Indiana University at Bloomington. I would love to join the E-Board, especially since I know how important the GSO is and how much it does for the graduate student community here at BU, and I am qualified to fulfill the responsibilities [of President].</p> <p>3. Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Khadija 54% b. Peter 45% <p>Khadija El Kharfi elected as new president.</p>
17:55	Election of Social Committee Chair	<p>1. Social Committee Chair – Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify events that you/others would like to have. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Schedule dates, times, and places. ii. Coordinate with the president who has access to 25 Live and the Treasurer. b. Events that have been decided upon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Yoga events coordinated with GWISE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All set, just need to make sure these run smoothly. ii. Underrepresented Group Coffee Hours (~\$100 allocated per coffee hour, need to coordinate these) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LGBTQ+ 2. Students of color – coordinated with the UGSO 3. International 4. Women iii. End of the Semester Coffee Hour (\$750 allocated for this coffee hour, need to contact Pavement ~1 month ahead of time) iv. End of the Year Party (\$1250 allocated for this event, last year done at Sunset Cantina, but feel free to choose wherever.) <p>2. Candidates (1 minute to present case):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ethan McClasin: In terms of my past experience I was an E-board member for Circle K International (a community service group) for two years during my undergraduate degree (once as President and once as Treasurer) and I am confident that as a member of the GSO E-board I would be able to provide effective communication and dedicate the appropriate amount of time to the position to help the organization to continue to run effectively. I am currently a

		<p>Master's student in the BMB BA/MA program and I also work as a Graduate Resident Assistant on campus.</p> <p>Ethan McClasin elected as new Social Committee Chair</p>
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