

GSO Meeting Agenda & Notes
17:00, Tuesday, February 25, 2020
HAR 228

Time	Item	Notes
17:05	Welcome (President - Khadija El Karfi)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make sure to sign in and grab your old nametag or make a new one as appropriate 2. Attendance: <i>Be sure your department has a presence for 3/5 of the meetings this semester to maintain your department's eligibility for travel grants!!</i> 3. Introductions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Name b. Year c. Department d. Exciting Announcements - upcoming defenses, families, other events 4. Any other opening comments/announcements from outside groups etc. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Federica (Philosophy) – discrimination against international students within the dept by hiring them for small jobs; wants to start an association of international students → know any association that could help? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i. Circulate her email call throughout your depts</i>

17:20	Vote on Application for GSO co-sponsored event: Romance Studies Graduate Student Conference (Kelly & Sarai)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Romance Studies Graduate Student Conference Event: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. GSO Funding Policies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Submitted to gso@bu.edu one week prior to general meetings ii. Proposed event will take place at least one month after general meeting and within the same semester as general meeting iii. Proposed event must benefit graduate students in more than one CAS department iv. The host department(s) must have GSO representation (attendance logs are posted on the website) v. The GSO does not generally provide more than 40% of an event's funding or amounts in excess of \$1000. b. Go through the application – “Seeking Voices, Seeking Silences” <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Total event cost: \$1,241.90 ii. GSO Funding requested: \$441.90 (36% of total budget) iii. International conference benefitting scholars around the world iv. Also applying for BUCH funding 2. Vote on GSO co-sponsored event application: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Unanimous: Yes, GSO will fund
17:30	Plans for GSO Uncommitted Funds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GSO Uncommitted Funds: \$3,244.47 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Should be trying to spend that as much as we can so GRS doesn't limit 2. E-Board Suggestions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Social event b. GSO swag 3. Suggestions from representatives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Money in the budget for a social event at the end of the semester <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 100 ppl showed up @ Sunset Cantina b. Could fund 6 more travel grants BUT may be a separate budget c. Boosting already existing social events d. \$3,000 for co-sponsored events left in budget 4. Other ideas or comments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Khadija will be creating a survey that she will send out in the GSO update → answer and think about potential options for next meeting

17:45	GSO Annual Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GSO Annual Report: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A document that will be presented to the BU Administration that discusses the progress of the GSO and provides justification for any new funding requests. b. Currently being polished to be presented to the BU Administration to request additional funding. c. Will be presented once completed. d. Topics covered: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Purpose ii. History iii. Membership iv. Leadership and Elections v. Communications, Operations, and Archives <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making sure we communicate past successes of the GSO 2. Send out a BRIEF survey of what the GSO has done for everyone and what they could improve upon vi. Professional Development <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-sponsored Events 2. Travel Grant vii. Activities viii. Budget ix. Strategic Plan for Upcoming Academic Year e. Any ideas or recommendations for our annual report that will help us get more funding
17:55	Open floor for comments and suggestions for GSO E-Board and new GSO President Khadija El Karfi	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendations or ideas on what GSO should focus on: 2. Suggestions or recommendation for new President and GSO E-Board members: 3. BUGWU's Food Insecurity Survey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. http://bit.ly/FoodSecSurvey b. Take the survey to incorporate 4. Releasing the TF survey to BUGWU to include it as another initiative 5. How's the university planning on spending 1.8 billion 6. Transitioning the International Students' Coffee Hour to talk about international student issues