

## Zoom Meeting

Time	Item	Notes
17:05	<p>Welcome (President - Khadija El Karfi)</p> <p><b>Sasha Goldman</b> (Program Manager, Office of Graduate Affairs)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reminder about the <b>proxy system</b>:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If you cannot attend the meeting and cannot find anyone in your department to take your place, please email our Vice President – Shannon Bewley (<a href="mailto:sbewley@bu.edu">sbewley@bu.edu</a>) who acts as our proxy</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Reminder about the <b>rep mailing list</b>:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. People can subscribe/unsubscribe from the rep list here: <a href="http://www.bu.edu/gso/join-our-mailing-list/">http://www.bu.edu/gso/join-our-mailing-list/</a></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Professional development resources available for current Doctoral students across BU's 14 schools               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Role is creating professional development opportunities for all graduate students at BU</li> <li>b. Bigger picture:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently finished report with Sarah Hokanson outlining <b>6 core professional development competencies</b> that departments need to adhere to including:                       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. research skills</li> <li>2. teaching skills</li> <li>3. self-awareness</li> <li>4. discipline-specific knowledge</li> <li>5. project management</li> <li>6. leadership</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Some departments already have the classes but this isn't consistent across all departments so these are ways to build up these aspects that the dept may not cover</li> <li>• Hoping that these things are already happening in the departments but adding courses that are offered annually and people can take them as needed to supplement what's available in the dept</li> <li>• <i>Most current grad students will not be required to have completed these courses</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Upcoming events:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translating teaching to online learning spaces May 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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17:25	President - Khadija El Karfi	<p>1. <b>Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>The <b>Graduate Student Tax Workshop</b></i> for next Spring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on finding someone to lead a tax workshop for the future even though we couldn't get someone for the current tax year</li> <li>• Wanting to have a resource for students to understand how to file their taxes both on service and non-service stipends</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Votes on the future of the GSO's <b>relationship with the Union</b> will be taking place next Fall (October/November) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Talk to people around your department</b> about what the general sentiment about any potential relationship with the BU Grad Worker's Union (BUGWU) so we can begin to have a representative discussion of what that relationship would look like</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. The E-board is working on the <b>Annual Report</b> to be submitted at the end of May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Way for us to communicate our interests and what we do for the incoming Dean (replacing Dean Barman)</li> <li>• <u>If you have any suggestions for possible additions, email one of the eboard members</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General GSo: <a href="mailto:gso@bu.edu">gso@bu.edu</a></li> <li>2. Shannon (VP): <a href="mailto:sbewley@bu.edu">sbewley@bu.edu</a></li> <li>3. James (Treasurer): <a href="mailto:aglio@bu.edu">aglio@bu.edu</a></li> <li>4. Jessica (Secretary): <a href="mailto:jagarber@bu.edu">jagarber@bu.edu</a></li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>2. <b>Emergency Fund Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Provost's Office created a form on the Graduate Education website for students to request emergency funds</li> <li>b. <a href="http://www.bu.edu/grad/resources/covid-19-emergency-funding-request/">http://www.bu.edu/grad/resources/covid-19-emergency-funding-request/</a></li> </ul> <p>3. Join the <b>Slack Workspace</b> BU Doctoral Students 2020 for helpful updates and information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To join the Slack Workspace follow this link <a href="https://join.slack.com/t/gradbu/shared_invite/zt-cqkm34hg-Yh1knt79ob6kNleyOH1PkQ">https://join.slack.com/t/gradbu/shared_invite/zt-cqkm34hg-Yh1knt79ob6kNleyOH1PkQ</a></li> </ul>
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17:35	Update on Travel Grant Deadline - <b>Alex Yen</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spring GSO application cycle deadline pushed back to <b>May 15th, 2020</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Contact information if you have any questions: Alex Yen <a href="mailto:gso.travel.grants@gmail.com">gso.travel.grants@gmail.com</a></li> <li>b. Any conferences that are planned for August 2020 or later (up to a year from when you apply)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
17:40	Treasurer's report - <b>James Aglio</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GSO Uncommitted Funds: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. All reimbursement requests have been submitted and anyone who's waiting on reimbursements should get those soon</li> <li>b. Roughly \$30,000 unspent this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It will roll over to next year if we would like</li> <li>• Have also asked GRS if there's other things we could do with that money <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emergency Fund potentially? Waiting on a response from the Dean</li> <li>2. Way for GSO to distribute funds to other grad students → GRS did not give a positive earmarking experience for another organization but unclear whether this would be the case</li> <li>3. James will let us know when he hears in the future</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>
17:45		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information on helpful resources available to graduate students <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Students on non-service stipends can request an advance on their paycheck if needed</li> <li>b. Grad students are eligible for SNAP (food stamp benefits) over the summer if you need to take advantage of that program</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Announcements - upcoming defenses, families, other events <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. We don't know who Dean Barman's replacement is</li> <li>b. Initiatives for International Students had met with Dean Barman but they hadn't heard back</li> </ol> </li> </ol>