

GSO Meeting Minutes
17:30, Wednesday, September 30, 2020
Zoom Meeting ID: 953 4196 4861 Passcode: 675923

Time	Item	Notes
17:30	Welcome (President - Khadija El Karfi)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. E-board members Introductions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Name b. Department c. Year d. What your role is 2. Presentation by Ashley Slay from Interrupt – a group that provides training to identify opportunities and build skills to interrupt sexual misconduct on campus. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Overview of Interrupt services and details for signing up and/or organizing a training for your dept or group b. What is SARP <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Free and confidential resource for all BU students to provide information, advocacy and counseling for students who've experienced all types of sexual misconduct or sexual violence ii. Have crisis counselors that do individual and group therapy as well as advocacy operating through a 24-hour crisis response team and hotline → can even do this while you're abroad regardless of where you are c. What is Interrupt <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Graduate training for addressing sexual misconduct within their programs → supporting themselves and being allies ii. Ashley Slay helps coordinate and present iii. Provide step-by-step framework to what you can do in different scenarios to interrupt and possibly prevent harmful scenarios iv. Acting both to empower grad students as well as ensure university is being held accountable d. How to request: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Email them at prevent@bu.edu OR Fill out a form on their website: http://www.bu.edu/shs/sarp/how-we-prevent/graduate-students ii. Oct 22 6-7pm having an open session <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Usually you request a session for your department or student group

		<p>iii. Also willing to co-host and collaborate with you to hold a discussion and debate around a particular reading/film that you'd view, or doing a lecture series</p> <p>3. GSO Representative Introductions</p> <p>4. Overall rules for attending GSO meetings:</p> <p>Any number of people from one department can attend the GSO meetings .</p> <p>We would like to have consistent attendants act as the departments representative, but that is in no way required.</p> <p>The number of people from a department that are allowed to vote are based on the enrollment for that department. (See point 2 above).</p> <p>5. Representative Email List</p> <p>a. Please fill out this Google Doc with your name and department to help us keep track of the rep email list.</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mCkkmd1usU1SkyFqgXZgW4WJ0tbkbVfcpvB3_kOkwQI/edit?usp=sharing</p> <p>6. The proxy system:</p> <p>If you can't make a meeting rather than having to find a replacement student, we have a designated proxy - our Vice President, Shannon Bewley. To use our proxy system, your representative simply has to read through our agenda ahead of time and coordinate their comments and votes with the vice president before the meeting, preferably via email (sbewley@bu.edu).</p> <p>7. GSO's Mailing List:</p> <p>You can subscribe/unsubscribe from our mailing list by following this link:</p> <p>https://www.bu.edu/gso/join-our-mailing-list/</p>
	<p>Updates from President, Vice President, and Secretary</p> <p>(Khadija El Karfi;</p>	<p>1. Goals for this year:</p> <p>The e-board feels that we have the following main goals for this academic year:</p>

	<p>Shannon Bewley; Jessica Garber)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Honor and implement our promise to promote better education on racial injustice and discrimination in academia b. Continue to further conversations on clarity and transparency of stipends and funding between the BU Administration and GRS students. c. Use the budget given by GRS to fund GRS graduate student programming. d. Improving communication between BU's administration and grad students <p>2. Events and workshops we're currently planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. VitaminPhD Podcast: 21 days of Unlearning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Improving inclusivity on campus - Khadija very involved in this b. Inclusive Teaching Training with the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) - date TBD <p>3. Alex: e-board working on better communications between grad students and BU administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. We really need representatives to bring up these issues and ask for increased communications about this. GSO has a line of communication with administrators that we can utilize to get clarification on any issues <p>4. Tax Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Robert Underwood (http://www.tax-biz.net/products.html), a CPA recommended through the Massachusetts Society of CPAs. b. If we agree, this could be paid for with uncommitted funds that rolled over from the 2019-2020 academic year. Underwood proposes two Zoom seminars, one for domestic and international graduate students, on how to file their federal and international taxes in February. He is also available to answer questions over email after the webinars. c. Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Would this be recorded and available or would he be able to provide literature that people can refer back to? Possibly but we'd have to check with Underwood. Likely not because he may not want his paid expertise to be posted publicly on the internet. ii. Budget context → see below <p>VOTE: Majority vote in favor of having the workshop</p>
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	Treasurer's report (Treasurer - James Aglio)	<p><i>**All tentative at this point because GRS has not finalized numbers yet**</i></p> <p>Question: Can we change the earmarks on the different budget aspects? Yes with a vote in a GSO general meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Starting Balance on BU's sheet: \$30,411.45 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Additional amount that we should be getting for the 2020-2021 AY: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$30,000 from GRS \$15,000 for Travel Grants Allocated Funds: \$15,000 travel grants GSO Uncommitted Funds: \$3,000-4,000
	Updates from Travel Grant Chair (Alex Yen)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Our GSO website will have a running tally of meetings attended by representatives. (three meeting requirement) Last grant cycle was an August-September grant cycle <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Only received 16 applications, they awarded 12 people grants Usually they receive 60 applications <i>Need to have more applications for GRS to continue to fund the Travel Grants office as well as they do!!</i> Can apply for <u>research expenses</u> and <u>conference (remote) attendance</u> for one or multiple conferences

2. GSO grant webpage: <https://www.bu.edu/gso/travelgrants/>
 - a. Describes eligibility, grant types, Provost's statement about Travel Grants etc.
 - b. We are technically exempt from Travel and so they now have a broadened criteria
 - c. **Look into the new, expanded COVID criteria!!!**
3. Report on recent application cycles
 - a. December 1, April 1, or August 1 are the usual deadlines
 - b. Email: gsogrant@bu.edu
 - i. Can organize info sessions for your department if interested!
 - c. Incentives for GSO representation: need your departmental representatives to attend 3+ GSO meetings for your department to be eligible
4. COVID broadened criteria
 - a. Hoping to be able to expand Travel Grants to make MA students eligible to apply, however, this isn't done yet.
 - b. Preference is typically given to PhD students in their 2+ year, BUT this isn't a defining factor, particularly with fewer applications coming in lately.
 - c. **PDF for eligibility questions on the website, check it out!!!**
 - d. You're able to use your grant for an **entire year after it's been awarded**
 - e. Broadened criteria for COVID enables people to apply for attending 2 conferences
 - f. Potential research applications that are under negotiation: applying for book lists, other research applications etc.
5. **We are looking for one or two new travel grant committee members!!!**
 - a. Requirements: you need to have won a GSO grant (research or conference before)
 - b. We are looking for:
 - i. one person in STEM
 - ii. one person who is in the humanities
 - c. Expectations of committee members:
 - i. Meet 3x per academic year to discuss grant apps and make decisions
 - d. Email: gsogrant@bu.edu to express interest, identify when you won a grant, and why you would like to serve on the committee

	<p>Updates from our Social Chair (Ethan Mccaslin)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Website Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. More information available and new layout! 2. What are you looking for in terms of networking between other graduate students and what's your interest in available options? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hosting sponsored event @Pavement <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. GSO sponsoring a drink at Pavement ii. Coffee hours and other social aren't really options in the current moment b. Book Club focused on social justice <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Narrative, potentially non-fiction with discussions could have movie night as well ii. 10+ reps interested c. Zoom happy hour or chat hour → very popular! 3. Ethan will send out a poll for books and movies that people are interested in <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Getting started potentially in October
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