

GSO Meeting Agenda
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. 3. GSO Representative Introductions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Name b. Department c. Year d. What you hope to get out of being in the GSO and how much time can you dedicate to the GSO (planning of events, workshops, etc.)? 4. Overall rules for attending GSO meetings: <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> 5. Representative Email List <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please fill out this Google Doc with your name and department to help us keep track of the rep email list. <p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mCkkmd1usU1SkyFqqXZgW4WJ0tbkbVfcpvB3_kOkwQI/edit?usp=sharing</p> 6. The proxy system:

		<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: 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>8. Any other opening comments from outside groups etc:</p>
	<p>Updates from President, Vice President, and Secretary</p> <p>(Khadija El Karfi; Shannon Bewley; Jessica Garber)</p>	<p>1. Goals for this year:</p> <p>The e-board feels that we have three main goals for this academic year:</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 b. Inclusive Teaching Training with CTL <p>3. 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. This is being 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

		<p>federal and international taxes in February. He is also available to answer questions over email after the webinars.</p> <p>VOTE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. BU Student Health Insurance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Finding a speaker to explain the basics of our health insurance coverage b. Resources that are already available: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Aetna's CoverU - walks you through how health insurance works based on your individual situation and defines some key terms: https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/coverU/index.html ii. Aetna International Students' Introduction to Insurance: https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/en/school/711110/members/WelcomeU_video.html 5. New co-sponsorship application / collaboration form https://www.bu.edu/gso/cosponsoredevents/
	Treasurer's report (Treasurer - James Aglio)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Starting Balance on BU's sheet: 2. Allocated Funds: 3. GSO Uncommitted Funds:
	Updates from Travel Grant Chair (Alex Yen)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligibility Our GSO website will have a running tally of meetings attended by representatives. (three meeting requirement) 2. GSO grant webpage: https://www.bu.edu/gso/travelgrants/ 3. Report on recent August/September cycle (number of applicants, number of grants dispersed) 4. COVID broadened criteria 5. We are looking for one or two new travel grant committee members <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Requirements: you need to have won a GSO grant (research or conference before)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. We are looking for one person in STEM, and one person who is in the humanities c. Expectations of committee members d. Email: gsogrant@bu.edu to express interest, identify when you won a grant, and why you would like to serve on the committee
	Updates from our Social Chair (Ethan Mccaslin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Website Updates 2. Book Club focused on social justice 3. Sponsored event @Pavement
	Announcements, Comments, ideas, suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exciting Announcements - upcoming defenses, families, other events 2. Ideas & Suggestions for the GSO 3. Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What has historically been the role of the union (BUGWU) with GSO?