**Fall 2021 GSO General Meeting 1**

**Thusrday, October 7th, 2021, 6:15pm - 7:15pm EST**

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**Agenda Items**

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| 6:15pm - 7:00pm | Welcome (back)!  Some problems with receiving emails. Sobia will send out a test by this Sunday. Please let her know if you don’t receive it.   * GSO Reps 2021-22 List * Fill out the following Google Sheet with your name and department to help us keep track of the rep email list.   <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eyDmDZjdhDuuWXcBvfFKzmnxXw7PMgcOaBZNc4b6E3Q/edit?usp=sharing>  Reminder to use the excel to mark attendance when entering meetings.  Agenda’s and meeting notes are available on the website.   * GSO Reps Mailing List * Use the following link to subscribe/unsubscribe to our mailing list. <https://www.bu.edu/gso/join-our-mailing-list/>   Sign up for the mailing list. Expect a test email by Sunday at midnight. Email [gso@bu.edu](mailto:gso@bu.edu) if you do not get it.   * Eboard introductions * President – Sobia * VP – Ryan * Treasurer – Cameron * Secretary – Arcadia * Social Chair – Hector * Slack Channel for GSO Reps * Use the following link to join the GSO Reps Slack Channel   <https://join.slack.com/t/bugso2021/shared_invite/zt-obqpc210-gxJTsxWWkWL7n4ioaAfkiw>   * GSO Reps Role * Why Attend all GSO Meetings * Ensure your department’s eligibility for [GSO Travel Grants](http://www.bu.edu/gso/travelgrants/) by attending the minimum required number of meetings per semester (3 of 5) * Make your voice heard and use it to make BU a better place for all graduate students. * Have the opportunity to plan fun events for your peers! * Free food at in person meetings!   Rep responsibilities: to attend meetings. Must attend 3 out of 5 meetings to qualify for grants. Also you are here to use your voice on any issues you are passionate about. Might be something you’ve faced or your peers have faced. Can also raise social or professional event ideas. Can also volunteer to plan events.  Meetings are open to any graduate students.   * The proxy system. * If you can’t make a meeting rather than finding a replacement student, we have a designated proxy - our Vice President, Ryan O”Dea. 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 (ryanodea@bu.edu).   If there is a meeting you cannot attend, contact your co-rep. If your co-rep cannot attend, look for someone in your department to attend on your behalf. If no one in your department can come, contact Ryan at [ryanodea@bu.edu](mailto:ryanodea@bu.edu) HOWEVER… if Ryan is your proxy you *do not* get counted for attendance towards travel grants.  You can use Ryan to vote on your behalf or raise issues on your behalf.   * General Meeting Scheduling * Please fill out the following when to meet polls to schedule the next three GSO General Meetings.   Fall 2021 GSO General Meeting 3  <https://www.when2meet.com/?12942875-59Jcd>  Fall 2021 GSO General Meeting 4  <https://www.when2meet.com/?12942897-H2c6Z>  Fall 2021 GSO General Meeting 5  <https://www.when2meet.com/?12942916-YlkdS>  Need people to vote on polls for the next meetings so that we can schedule them in advance.   * GSO Eboard Elections in Meeting 5 * The GSO will hold its annual Eboard elections for the following positions in its final meeting of the Fall semester. Do apply through the circulated google form if interested in being on the Eboard. * Positions:   President  Vice President  Treasurer  Secretary  Social Chair  E-board tenure runs out in December. There will be a transition period between December in January. Any grad student in GRS is eligible to run. You can run for multiple positions.  Contact current e-board members with questions on their positions.  Arcadia – aewell1@bu.edu   * BU student Government Quarantine Learning Brief.   Undergrad representative body of BU is working on addressing issues related to quarantine learning. No formal policy from BU on this issue.  Report from The SGA:   * Started working on this initiative after a town hall which unrolled the general academic policy which applies to grad and undergrad students. This sets out that professors are not allowed to record lectures * Problems: students who have to isolate due to COVID. University forbids from entering classes. Detrimental for several reasons. * University suggestions: asking for notes, one-on-one meetings with professors. * This is also a problem for professors. What should they do if they end up getting sick? They’re still not allowed to record * For undergrads: missing 10 days is a 3,600 dollar loss in education * What SGA did: put together a resolution on 9/20/21 which says the uni needs to change the policy to encourage faculty to record lectures and provide to students who need them. This is not to advocate for LfA. Recently put out a survey to get data. 96% of students felt there should be learning accommodations. They also put out a petition for individuals to sign with 2,000+ signatures. Recently met with the Dean of Students to have some questions fielded such as who was consulted in it. He said the lectures would need to be send to students in a secure matter. * What do they want from the GSO: Co-sponsoring the proposal, and have GSO reps at future meetings.   Questions/Comments:   * Can we add TF concerns to these proposals? -> Yes, they would love to get more of the instructor point of view. * Financial argument may not be the best argument. The Admin wants that money and to avoid law suits. Instead, focus on the pedological and public health concerns. * A financial argument may hold weight from undergrads though! * Perhaps the current proposal doesn’t represent both grad students and undergrads equally. Can we come up with a common form together? -> They are putting together a google doc that they would like feedback on and from there we can work on a new proposal with the graduate student perspective   Vote, should we cosign this:  20 yes, 1 abstain, 0 no  WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH COLLABORATION  GSO Reps: please circulate the TF survey with your peers to get their perspective.   * GSO travel Grants Application deadline December 1st, 2021.   Circulate this news within your departments   * PhD Students Pandemic Grant * Zachary Gardner working on the petition. ([gardnerz@bu.edu](mailto:gardnerz@bu.edu))   Last meeting: we discussed the issues with this grant and we decided to draft a petition on this. Contact him if you have any concerns that you would like addressed in the draft.   * Boston Grad Federation working towards advocating for affordable housing in Boston. Survey coming soon to collect data on housing costs!   Boston Grad Federation is a collab of grad orgs in Boston. They will be going into the state house in the spring to raise issues. They would like to collect information on graduate student housing and costs to analyze affordability of housing in Boston.  This data will be used to advocate for BU lowering on-campus housing costs, to compare housing costs across universities, and to advocate for affordable housing in the city as a whole.  Vote on acting for this:  17 yes, 5 abstain  WE WILL BE WORKING TOWARDS THIS  GSO Reps: help us get traction on the survey once its ready to send out   * Compensation for GSO Eboard in the future. (Vote Required)   Creating paid positions for E-board to encourage engagement and participation. Updates from the Boston Grad Fed meeting was that our e-board was the only unpaid e-board in the city.  Questions:   * Logistically how would that work. Where would it come from? * How does this relate to International students   Keep coming up with questions and we will evaluate this in the next meeting.   * Fall 2021 Events * Welcome back Lunch * LinkedIn Photos   Two options for the lunch: on-campus with pre-packaged food or book a restaurant off-campus.  Suggestions: BU Catering, On Campus Lunch, Pavement, BU Pub  Also hoping to plan an LinkedIn Headshot photoshoot event. Would like to do this before the weather gets too cold. Will get a date for this ASAP. Please spread the word in your departments.   * Collaboration on Events.   If your department has events you would like us to collaborate with, please email us at least 2 weeks in advance. | Sobia Shadbar |
| 7:00pm - 7:10pm | * Other Eboard Members’ and Reps’ Comments * Arcadia: Social Media Collaboration with GRS for Master’s Student Recruitment   Email Arcadia if you would like to help promote GRS to prospective students over Instagram or through and interview. | GSO Eboard and Reps |
| 7:10pm - 7:15pm | * Any closing Comments   My name is Katelyn Tarrio (Earth & Environment). I’m working with Sasha B. Goldman (Assistant Director of PhD Professional Development dept.) and we’re putting together two non-academic career panels, one for the humanities and one for STEM; these will feature people with PhDs who’ve left academia and gone into industry/government/non-profits, etc.  We’re still looking for a few more people for both panels, so if you know of anyone with a STEM or humanities PhD that’s not in academia, please let me know.  \*\*\*Main point\*\*\*: we have a list of people and questions prepared already and we are offering the opportunity to \*\*host\*\* these panels to PhD students, particularly the community-minded members of the GSO. This is a university-wide panel so it’ll look great on a CV, and given the careers we pursue are a key reason we’re doing PhDs at all, it’s great experience to directly interact with panelists and ask questions. They will be 1 hour long each.  My role in this is to help moderate the chat, because from my past experience it’s always very active, and so I’ll be there to handle that + logistics/registration/etc. So give it some consideration, I’ll put my email here if you want to reach out, and feel free to share this info with any graduate students who you think might be interested. Thanks!  Non-academic career panel host opportunity: [ktarrio@bu.edu](mailto:ktarrio@bu.edu)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  The Antiracism and Museums Working Group will be meeting next via Zoom at 5:00-6:30pm EST on Friday, October 8th to discuss the MOVE remains at the Penn Museum and use in university courses. All BU museum-adjacent folks are welcome (students, faculty, staff, alumni, lecturers, etc.)  If you're interested in coming to future meetings and aren't yet on the AMWG email list, please email lizneill@bu.edu to make sure you're on the group list. I've copied in a bit more information about the working group below.  Looking forward to seeing you at 5pm on next Friday the 8th. The call-in info is below. Please reach out if you have any questions/concerns/suggestions!  Best,  Liz  Who: a group of museum-adjacent folks and art historians (students, faculty, staff, alumni in HAA and elsewhere at BU)  When: sixth meeting at 5pm on October 8th, future scheduling to be determined by polling members  What: one case study meeting per month (this month is the MOVE remains at th | Anyone |