

BU GSO – General Body Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, (February 1, 2023)

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: PSY B39 (64 Cummington Mall)

I. Welcoming remarks by the President

1. Join Slack Channel for GSO Reps:
https://join.slack.com/t/bugso2021/shared_invite/ztobqpc210-gxJTsxWWkWL7n4ioaAfkiw
2. Join the GSO mailing list: <https://www.bu.edu/gso/join-our-mailing-list/>
3. Fill out the attendance log:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kkb0szTL0rvHzXCivle-evkdj2BtHyatZ6yP9JdMcHw/edit#gid=0>

II. E-board Reports

a. President's Report

1. Welcome back
2. Please be in contact via email about any proposed initiatives or events for the Spring semester
3. Reminder about travel grants rules/qualifications

b. VP's Report

1. Description of the Proxy System

c. Treasurer's Report

1. Working with 2 new hires for travel grant disbursement
2. Updating budget and cross-checking with GRS
3. Current estimates:
 - Starting budget FY 2022: \$90,379.30
 - Spending as of Jan 2023: ~\$12,000
4. Opportunities for GSO funding co-sponsored events, social events, etc.

d. Secretary's Report

1. N/A

e. Social Chair Report

1. Weekly coffee table (Poll: Tuesday and Thursday, 9-11 am)
2. First pub night of the semester (Poll: Every other Friday night)
3. Community outreach ideas (EX: community garden in Roxbury)
4. Looking for Social Chair committee members (assist with social media accounts and events)

f. International Student Relations Chair Report

1. The First Day to Boston University: A survival guide for moving to Boston.
 2. Looking for committee members to celebrate international holidays.
- In progress: Creation of a Boston University guidebook (Restaurants? Living supplies? CharlieCard?)

III. Travel and Research Grants

1. We are hoping to solicit feedback on the travel and research grant process: We will need you to send out a link to your departments (email will be sent later this week) so that grad students (PhD and MFA) can complete the short survey (5 min or less)
2. We are hoping to use this feedback to change eligibility requirements and application structure from the August 2023 cycle onward - April cycle will continue with our current guidelines
3. April Grant Cycle (due date April 1, 2023):
 - The application will open on or around February 15, 2023
 - The link will be sent out via email like last time.
 - Similar to the December grant cycle - we will be giving max awards of \$1,000.00 and you can apply for full or partial funding.
 - Please make sure you have signed in on attendance sheets for GSO meetings! We use that to make sure your department is eligible.

IV. Old Business

1. N/A

V. New Business

1. Committees
 2. NAGPS membership
 - GSO was previously affiliated with the National Association of Graduate Professional students, an organization that provides resources to graduate students, opportunities for network, and opportunities for national advocacy work.
 - \$600 in membership benefits
- Vote: Joining NAGPS?
PASSED: 18 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSTAIN
3. Call for programming suggestions

VII. Closing:

1. What do you want GSO to look like?

- **More advocacy work? At BU? Within Boston? Within the state?**
- **More professional development?**
- **More social events?**

Ideas: Teaching Seminars & Coordinating PDPA, CTL, CCD

2. Contact the GSO at gso@bu.edu

3. Contact GSO president, Arcadia, at aewell1@bu.edu

GSO EBoard attending: President, Arcadia Ewell; Vice President, Banoth Hari; Secretary, Jessica Martin; Treasurer, Jessica Garber; Social Chair, Hannah Howard; International Student Relations Chair, I-Ju Lin

Attendees: Connor O'Brien, Guangmei Liu, Maya Chakravorty, John Fallon, Jordan Pickard, Caryne Nicholas, Renée Brown, Elyse Clark, Pol Pardini Gispert, Gizem Kaftan, Averì Giudicessi, Ellie Ash, Elinore Avni