

BU GSO – General Body Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, (March 14, 2023)

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Zoom

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. Working to gather information about teaching resources that are provided by the university
2. Potential workshop on publication/grant writing tips & tricks in the works

b. VP's Report

1. Description of the Proxy System

c. Treasurer's Report

1. Disbursement timeline: ~6 weeks
2. Current estimates:
 - Starting budget FY 2022: \$90,379.30
 - Spending as of March 2023: ~\$
3. Opportunities for GSO funding co-sponsored events, social events, etc.

d. Secretary's Report

1. N/A

e. Social Chair Report

1. GSO Coffee Hour is happening every other Thursday from 9:30-10:45am in GSU Link Lobby! Drop by for Pavement coffee and bagels!
2. Proposed Pub Night dates, please vote on one:
 - Friday, March 31 (POLL: 6 individuals)
 - Monday, April 3 (POLL: 0 individuals)
 - Friday, April 7 (POLL: 6 individuals)

TIE: Friday, March 31 and Friday, April 7

f. International Student Relations Chair Report

1. Email of "Reminders from ISSO about the 2022 tax season"
2. Sprintax Webinars for Tax Return, due on April 18:
 - Nonresident Tax Session - Boston University [[recording on demand/NEU](#)]
Tue, Mar 14, 2023 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EDT
 - International students around the US for a Sprintax webinars:
 - Tuesday, March 21st @ 10am EST - [Register here](#)
 - Wednesday, April 5th @ 2pm EST - [Register here](#)
 - Tuesday, April 11th @ 12pm EST - [Register here](#)
 - Friday, April 14th @ 12pm EST - [Register here](#)
3. Committee recruitment for poster creation & distribution of related announcements from GSO, GRS, ISSO, and CCD.

III. Travel and Research Grants

1. APRIL GRANT CYCLE IS OPEN!
 - Links to apply have been shared via email, a reminder will also be sent out
 - As GSO Reps, please also send an email to your department's grad student list serv, encouraging them to apply and giving some information about how your department handles conference travel funding (if at all)
 - We are asking people to FIRST READ THE WEBSITE - <https://www.bu.edu/gso/travelgrants/> - before they ask the grant review committee or the GSO e-board questions. This is the equivalent to asking your undergrads to read the syllabus before they email the TF. :)
2. We are also hoping to solicit feedback on the travel and research grant process:
 - 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
 - This survey only takes about 5 min to complete <https://tinyurl.com/travelgrantsurvey>

IV. Old Business

1. Still seeking committee members
 - International Student Relations Committee
 - Social Committee
 - Interested members should email gso@bu.edu
2. NAGPS membership is in the works

V. New Business

1. N/A

VII. Closing:

GSO EBoard attending: President, Arcadia Ewell; Secretary, Jessica Martin; Treasurer, Jessica Garber; International Student Relations Chair, I-Ju Lin

Attendees: Elinore Avni, Cole Correr, Joseph Maimone, Florian Bodamer, Kara Saar, Jordan Pickard, Gabe Schumm, Makenzie Coker, Renee Brown, Danielle Williamson, Okrah Oppong