

# BU GSO – General Body Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, (April 12, 2023)

Time: 6:00 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](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. Interest in presidential position
2. Working to incorporate more legislative affairs into GSO programming

#### b. VP's Report

1. Description of the Proxy System

#### c. Treasurer's Report

1. Starting Balance: \$90,379.30  
Rollover from FY'21: \$55,739.30  
Current Balance: \$73,931.95
2. Current Allocations based on FY'22 budget of \$20,000:

Social Events: \$12,000	Current Spending: \$150 + pub night
Memberships & Stipends: \$4,500	\$TBP
Co-sponsored Events & PD: \$3,000	\$0
Meeting Food: \$1,000	\$479
Travel Grants: \$35,000	\$19,280
Unallocated Funds: ~\$500 + rollover	
3. High volume of travel grant applications received this cycle. Reasons: attendance at conferences increasing, and students are forced to go through GSO before their department. A possible reallocation of travel grant funds is needed.

#### d. Secretary's Report

1. Archive request – trying to build out GSO's archive both for organizational memory and for use in social media, etc. Request to share photos of current or old events in either digital or physical formats. Please share with Jess (jmartin6@bu.edu).

#### **e. Social Chair Report**

1. There are still two coffee hours left this semester! Join us every other Thursday from 9:30-10:45am in GSU Link Lobby for grab and go bagels and coffee or stay and chat awhile!
  - Thursday April 13
  - Thursday April 27

#### **f. International Student Relations Chair Report**

1. Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Tax workshop from BU's Professional Development & Postdoctoral Affairs :
    - Zoom recording link with passcode: %204?70!+!\$
    - BU Intl Student Tax Presentation 2\_8\_2023.pptx
  2. Sprintax Webinars for Tax Return:
    - Nonresident Tax Session Recording - Boston University [[on demand/NEU](#)]
    - International students around the US for a Sprintax webinars:
- Friday, April 14th @ 12pm EST – Register here

### **III. Travel and Research Grants**

1. April Grant Cycle is being reviewed currently, decisions will likely be given at the end of April

For the August 1 cycle:

- Departments that were not eligible due to not attending the GSO meetings need to make sure they will attend all GSO meetings in order to be eligible for the August deadline.
  - There might some changes to the eligibility requirements for the grants - if so, we will send an email around once eligibility requirements have been updated.
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. NAGPS Update (Membership paid out by GRS on 04/13/2023)

### **V. New Business**

1. Continue reaching out for co-sponsored events! Propose this information to people in your department!

### **VII. Closing:**

1. Contact the GSO at [gso@bu.edu](mailto:gso@bu.edu)
2. Contact GSO president, Arcadia, at [aewell1@bu.edu](mailto:aewell1@bu.edu)

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

Attendees: Cole Correr, Guangmei Liu, Ayush Gupta, Peter Kovacik, Anamika Dutta, Samantha Nadel, Kara Saar, Renee Brown, Gizem Kaftan, Makenzie Coker, Elyse Clark, Pol Pardini, Elinore Avni, Caryne Nicholas, Okrah Oppong, Jordan Pickard, Kaijie Ji, Maya Chakravorty, Gabe Schumm