

BU GSO – General Body Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, (December 13, 2023)

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: CAS 326 (745 Commonwealth Ave)

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 (necessary for applying to GSO grants):
GSO 2023 Attendance - Google Sheets

II. E-board Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

- **Budget Report**

1. Starting Balance on BU's sheet: \$66,293.81
 2. Current Balance: \$52,752.99
 3. Allocated Funds: \$12,500
 - a. Social: \$7,000
 - b. Exec stipends: \$3,500
 - c. Meetings: \$1,000
 - d. Memberships (NAGPS, Canva, etc): \$1,000
 4. Travel Grants: \$15,000 (+\$10,000 rollover)
 - a. Awarded: \$10,474
 - b. Remaining: \$14,526
 5. GSO Uncommitted Funds: \$4,500
 - a. Co-sponsored events: \$3,000
 - b. Professional Development: \$1,500
- **Website:**
 - a. All text and links have been updated!
 - b. Going to submit it to IT for it to go "live" by the beginning of next semester.
 - **Remaining issue:**
 - a. Updating subscribe/unsubscribe feature for the GSO email list.
 - b. Temporary solution: compiling a separate list of current representatives to make sure everyone is included in communications.
 - c. Be on the lookout for an **email in January** requesting any updates to your department representatives!

b. Social Chair Report

- a. Thanks to all who came to the collab with GRS at the pub!

- b. Holiday Party on Friday (December 15th, 7-9 pm). Hannah will send out a reminder flyer. There will be snacks/drinks, bingo, and gift cards.

c. Travel and Research Grants

1. December deadline is now December 20th at 11:59 PM. NO LATE APPS!

Note: Hafsa will send out a reminder email roughly one week before the application deadline. Voting on GSO uncommitted funds will need to be done ASAP, so the grant review committee can decide how many travel grants to award in the December cycle.

2. If you have questions about your department's eligibility based on attendance at meetings, you can ask the President and Secretary.
3. We are adding 2 new members to the review committee for December's cycle. More are welcome to join - ideally, we would like to add at least 2 more people. Looking for representatives from:
 - American Studies
 - Classics
 - Earth and Environment
 - History of Art and Architecture
 - Physics

To join, you must have successfully received a GSO grant in the past or have been able to secure a research/writing grant from another BU source or external funding.

d. Elections

Due to the limited number of department representatives at this meeting, voting on GSO uncommitted funds and 2024 GSO EBoard members could not happen. A hybrid voting style using a Google form was suggested.

- This was put to a **vote**: 11 out of 16 individuals.

Statements: https://docs.google.com/document/d/16HA53ChWUofD7sMht-wktjNzAgIm_w5YRQQ7f-I3p4/edit?usp=sharing

III. Closing:

GSO EBoard attending: President, Banoth Hari; Secretary, Jessica Martin; Treasurer, Jessica Garber; Hafsa Arain, Travel Grants Committee Chair; Hannah Howard, Social Chair

Attendees: Ryan Deneen, Ryan Pham, Matthew Vince, Maya Chakravorty, Leeza Moldavchuk, Hristiana Stoyanova, Lily Seitelman, Isaline Lefrançois, Ben Krewson, Gizem Kaftan, Nicole "Cole" Correrri, Elinore Avni, Mikaela de Lemos