

# BU GSO – General Body Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

Friday, (February 9, 2024)

Time: 10:00 am

Location: CAS 203

### 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/1r5KZHSx8zPkePDpKdSbbF3UGdYdAmrHafOtZRQupNF0/edit>
4. Welcoming the New Executive Board
  - **President:** Sarah Benhalima
  - **Vice President:** Arjun Sharma
  - **Secretary:** Jessica Martin
  - **Treasurer:** Annie Shapiro
  - **Social Chair:** Mikaela de Lemos
  - **International Students Relations Chair:** Oscar Wu
  - **Travel Grants Chair (continuing):** Hafsa Arain

### II. E-board Reports

#### a. President's Report

1. Will plan to set the dates for the entirety of the semester and have that communicated to you in about a week via email.
2. Current Departmental Representatives:
  - 18 Continuing
  - 20 Unconfirmed
  - 20 Vacant (1 incoming)
3. Funding Request from the Philosophy Department for a co-sponsored event: The Boston University Philosophy Graduate Conference

#### b. Treasurer's Report

1. **Starting Balance on BU's sheet:** \$66,293.81
2. **Current Balance:** \$44,927.24
3. **Allocations Funds:**
  - Social Events: \$7,000
  - Exec stipends: \$3,500
  - Meetings: \$1,000
  - Memberships (NAGPS, Canva, ect.): \$1,000
  - Co-sponsored Events: \$3,000
4. **Travel Grants:**

- \$20,000 allocated for the next two TF rounds (Dec and April)

- Awarded: \$16,988.85

**5. GSO Uncommitted Funds:**

- Professional Development: \$1,500(T5)

Headshots

Tax webinars (note: PDPA is doing them now)

- Extra social budget left over from the winter party- ideas?

**c. Social Chair Report**

1. GSO website & social media platforms will be updated in the next week

**d. Other Business**

1. Funding Request: The Boston University Philosophy Graduate Conference  
The Graduate Students of the Philosophy Department at Boston University will host a two-day event on values in science, specifically focusing on academic scientific research.

**-Date:** 3/29/2024-3/30/2024

**-Request:** \$900 (\$150 per non-BU Student Speaker for traveling expenses)

**-Vote: YES: 13; NO: 2, PASS**

2. GSO Suggestion Form

- Would you like to recommend GSO hold any certain events? Professional? Social?

- Do you have a concern you would like GSO to amplify or address?

- Idea for GSO to implement?

- Submit them here! <https://forms.gle/MgByttHUyVc7nMQd9>

**III. Closing:**

1. Contact the GSO at [gso@bu.edu](mailto:gso@bu.edu)

2. Checkout our website: [www.bu.edu/gso](http://www.bu.edu/gso)

**GSO EBoard attending:** President, Sarah Benhalima; Vice President, Arjun Sharma; Secretary, Jessica Martin; Treasurer, Annie Shapiro; Social Chair, Mikaela de Lemos

**Attendees:** Ryan Deneen, Connor O'Brien, Ryan Pham, Matthew Vince, Maya Chakravorty, Lily Seitelman, Soala Ekine, Isaline Lefrançois, Megan Horn, Kate Finnerty, Amber Sheldon, Gizem Kaftan, Jonathan Martin, Lauren Bernier, Kara Saar, Elinore Avni, Matt Brewer