

BU GSO – General Body Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, (March 6, 2024)

Time: 12:30 pm

Location: CDS 264

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/1r5KZHSx8zPkePDpKdSbbF3UGdYdAmrHAFotZRQupNF0/edit>

II. E-board Reports

a. President's Report

1. Working with CAS Academic Advising, the CAS Diversity and Inclusion Action team, and Student Wellbeing on a collaborative event!
 - Date TBD
 - Plans look like having a wellness/health workshop
2. Funding Request from the Romance Studies Department for a co-sponsored event: Graduate Student Conference, "Remembered & Forgotten."
 - VOTE:
YES: 10, NO: 1, PASS

b. Vice President

1. Meeting attendance: Mandatory for department reps.
 - Note:** If you cannot attend, your proxy can attend. Email me your proxy name.
 - Voting: Mandatory to be present (Online/Offline).
 - Note:** If you can't attend, your proxy can vote. Email me your proxy name.

If you and your proxy can not attend, email me with the reason. Any suggestions/opinions, don't hesitate to reach out to us (arjunyug@bu.edu)

c. Secretary 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).

d. Treasurer's Report

1. Starting Balance on BU's sheet: \$66,293.81

Current Balance: \$44,049.46

Travel Grants: \$20,000 allotted for the next two TG rounds (Dec and April)

a. \$10,603 awarded in December round

b. \$9,397 available for April

Co-sponsored events: \$3,000

c. \$900 awarded to the Philosophy Department conference

d. Proposal to award ~\$1,200 to Romance Studies conference

Allocated Funds: \$17,000

Uncommitted Funds: \$3,000

e. Social Chair Report

1. Potential collaboration with BU Pavement for an event – stay tuned!
2. In touch with other BU organizations for joint events
3. Temperature read on a BU Pub event? Yes, keep having them. Pub nights are much appreciated by the graduate students!

f. Funding Request

1. Funding Request from the Romance Studies Department for a co-sponsored event: Graduate Student Conference, “Remembered & Forgotten”

-Held on April 13 at CAS

Expense breakdown:

-Speaker’s Honorarium: \$350.00

-Printing Expenses: \$229.00

-Catering: \$225.00

-Dinner with Keynote: \$300.00

-Total Estimated Expenses: \$1,104.00 (does not include tax)

-Requesting \$300

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

2. Checkout our website: www.bu.edu/gso

GSO EBoard attending: President, Sarah Benhalima; Vice President, Arjun Sharma;
Secretary, Jessica Martin

Attendees: Brooke Rothamer, Connor O'Brien, Matthew Vince, Leeza Moldavchuk, Lily Seitelman, Isaline Lefrançois, Megan Horn, Amber Sheldon, Gizem Kaftan, Jonathan Martin, Arcadia Ewell, Elinore Avni, Rosana Hernández, Sam Vee