

BU GSO – General Body Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, (September 17th, 2024)

Time: 4:30 pm

Location: CDS 363

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

President's Report

- a. Welcome Back!
- b. Constitutional Review: Based on previous discussions on concerns regarding grant eligibility, we decided to do a review of the Constitution (2019) and update it.
- c. Old Constitution Link (2019): <https://bit.ly/GSOCONST2019>
- d. Constitution Proposal Link (2024): <https://bit.ly/GSOCONST2024>
- e. Main Changes/Updates to the Constitution:
 - Departmental Good Standing: 3 meetings based on either the previous or current semester.
 - Before: Lacked clarity, departmental good standing solely based on current semester.
 - Involvement: All grad students are able to attend meetings/events (not just GRS). However, official membership/voting is limited to GRS (including grant eligibility).
 - Number of Representatives per Department: 2 + 1 alt regardless of department size.
 - Before 1-3 based on size.
- f. Vote to change the Constitution (2024):
 - YES: 17 out of 18
 - NO: 1 out of 18
 - Did NOT pass

Vice President Report

- a. **Meeting attendance:** Mandatory for department reps.
Note: If you can not attend, your proxy can attend. Email me your proxy name.
- b. **Voting:** Mandatory to be present (Online/Offline).
Note: If you can't attend, your proxy can vote. Email me your proxy name.
- c. If you and your proxy can not attend, email me with the reason.

- d. Any suggestion/ opinion, don't hesitate to reach out us arjunyug@bu.edu

Secretary Report

- a. 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).

Treasurer's Report

- a. Starting Balance on BU's sheet: \$50,000
Current Balance: \$40,587.42
Travel Grants: \$35,000 allotted for this year's three TF rounds
- Meeting Expenses: \$1,000
 - Social Events: \$6,000
 - Co-sponsored Events: \$3,000
 - Professional Development: \$1,500
 - Exec board stipends: \$3,500

Social Chair Report

- a. Pub Night on Thursday was a hit! Thank you all for coming, it was great to meet, drink, eat, and chat with you all!
b. 150~ graduate students in attendance from a range of different departments and programs
c. Future Pub Nights will use an EventBrite

Travel Grant Chair Report

- a. August 1st cycle grant applications are in review. Results will be released in late September.
b. December 1st cycle!
c. In order to apply for a GSO grant, your department must be in good standing with GSO. If you would like to confirm your department's standing with GSO, please email gso@bu.edu.

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; Treasurer, Annie Shapiro

Attendees: Ryan Deneen, Brooke Rothamer, Guangmei Liu, Ningyuan Wang, Ryan Pham, Matthew Vince, Allison Jodoin, Jerray Chang, Katie Wynn, Jae Hyung Sim, Matthew Brewer, Gabe Schumm, Gizem Kaftan, Abigail Beech, Meredith Rowe, Rosana Hernández, Elinore Avni, Danarenae Donato