

BU GSO – General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2025

Time: 12:30 pm

Location: Zoom

I. Welcome from the President

- A. E-Board Re-Introductions
- B. New Representatives can add their name and email to the attendance tracker to receive future communications.

II. Guest Presentation

- A. 9-Day Positive Health (Mental, Spiritual, Physical) Challenge by Pramit Maakoday

III. Upcoming Events

- A. Future General Membership Meetings
 - 1. October 6, 12:30-1:30 pm (in-person)
 - 2. October 27, 12:30-1:30 pm (in-person)
 - 3. November 17, 12:30-1:30 pm (Zoom)
- B. Upcoming GSO Social and Professional Events
 - 1. 2 Pub Nights being scheduled for this semester
 - 2. Paint Night Social event being scheduled
 - 3. Professional Headshot Event scheduled for October 6
- C. STEMpeers “Maintaining a Stable Career in STEM after Grad School” Conference upcoming
 - 1. October 4, 2025 at Metcalf Trustee Center, Questrom School of Business
 - 2. GSO has free tickets available for students to attend; first come first serve

IV. Reminder of Attendance and Voting Guidelines for Representatives

- A. Representative attendance affects department eligibility for travel grants
- B. To be in good standing, at least one representative from the department must attend each meeting or send an official proxy (the proxy’s name should be emailed to the Vice President cag@bu.edu or President arjunyug@bu.edu).
- C. Representatives must be present to vote.
- D. If neither a representative nor a proxy can attend for a department, a representative from that department must email the President (arjunyug@bu.edu).

V. Travel Grants Updates

- A. August cycle applications are under review: awards expected to be announced in the last week of September or the first week of October
- B. The next cycle submission deadline is December 1, 2025

- C. Your department must be in good standing for students in the department to apply. You can email gso@bu.edu to check if your department is in good standing.

VI. Other Announcements

- A. Request for GSO event photos for the archive
- B. GSO Suggestion Form is open!

VII. Welcome to the new Treasurer

- A. Robert Trottier is starting as the GSO Treasurer.

VIII. Questions

- A. Can slides be emailed to representatives? Yes, we will send them!

IX. Closings

- A. Thank you for attending.

Present: Brooke Rothamer, Charles Gobert, Alec Koppers, Annabelle Gao, Arjun Sharma, Bhavya Vadavalli, David Hackett, Dominic Howell, Emily Nootbaar, Fargol Khorsravanifard, Guangmei Liu, Haylee Backs, Jack Ott, Jackie Reynolds, Mackenzie Coker, Matthew Vince, Mike Barry, Robert Trottier, Shahar Lahad, Shane George, Xander Tyska, Yasemin Girgin