

BU GSO – General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026, hybrid

Time: 12pm

Location: Zoom, CGS

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See [agenda here](#).

I. Introduction of new e-board members.

- A. reiteration of points of contact (mainly gso@bu.edu)

II. Presentation of the budget

- A. discussion of starting budget and remaining balance.
- B. Overview of FY 2025 numbers
- C. Travel grants will be postponed for spring 26, and restart after new fiscal year (July 26)
- D. Overview of unallocated amounts (refunded)
- E. Solutions for the semester
 - 1. forgoing eboard stipends
 - 2. no social events until fall 26
 - 3. no travel grant award cycle for april 2026
- F. July 26 FY '26 updates
 - 1. travel grants encouraged to submit after FY '26 (July)
 - 2. budget to be allocated to new goals of
- G. Questions:
 - 1. Questions about use of budget for the doctor event last year.
 - 2. Any legal consequences for mismanagement for the budget?
 - a. looking into it.
 - 3. Clarification on the communication with departments?
 - a. wait to submit to reimbursements until July 26
 - b. reimbursements that have been submitted will be distributed.

III. Introduction of new GSO policies to be approved/discussed:

- A. Hybrid meetings going forward
- B. A renewed focus on professional events
- C. Better use of website
 - 1. Department Representatives + Department Standing
 - 2. Updated information, meeting minutes, events, updated mailing list

- D. Operation: Clean Slate
 - 1. Renew confidence in GSO; Goal: reinstate all departments into good standing to be eligible to apply for travel grants
 - 2. Vote at next meeting

IV. Travel Grant updates

- A. Three cycles, August, December, April
- B. Anonymous review by two reviewers, scored, reviewers meet as a group (aim to get out within 1.5-2 months)
- C. Successful travel grants: targeted toward non-specified audience; how project will be helpful for your studies; budget/other funding sources
- D. Will propose things next meeting

V. Presentation by Maggie at ERC

- A. Maggie (Assistant Director) introduces ERC - available for graduate students! 100 Bay State Road
- B. Academic coaching, study spaces, workshops
- C. Free professional development, will forward documents to GSO email
- D. Writer's salon, one-on-one tutoring with graduate students, writing retreats (applications for these, but less application/evaluation based, more about waiting list/knowing more about you)

VI. Discussion of next meeting time.

- A. Potential meeting times
- B. To be in good standing, only one rep needs to be there
- C. Potential last meeting at Fuller's Pub? BYOB

Present: List of attendees (use attendance Google sheet to track)
Allison Jodoin, Olivia Kulczycky, Dane Scott, Jackie Reynolds, Averì Guidicessi, Haylee Backs, Brooke Rothamer, Guangmei Liu, Mingqi Sha, Matthew Vince, Matheus Ely Pessoa, Sophia Tigges, Gabriel Rourke, Mike Barry, Michela Gerardin, Katie Wynn, Zachary Lacy, Kate Finnerty, Alen Abdildayev, Alec Koppers, Julia Ryshkewitch, Vera Staub, David Hackett, Meredith Rowe, Fargol Khosravanifard, Elinore Avni,