

BU GSO – General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

April 15 2026, hybrid

Time: 11:15-12:14pm

Location: Zoom, GSO

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- I. Introduce new board members:
 - A. Ryan Pham, Travel Grant Committee Chair
 - B. Diana Harambas, International Students' Chair
- II. Overview of responsibilities of representatives
 - A. Attend at least 3 out of 4 meetings, use the sign-in sheet to maintain good standing.
 - B. Share important updates with your department (i.e forward the meetings).
 - C. only one representative needs to attend.
- III. Reminders about travel grants and a call for reviewers
 - A. April funding is unavailable. Funding resumes in August
 1. Due August 1st, 2026 at midnight for travel and research taking place between 8/1/26 and 8/1/27.
 2. website for information: <https://www.bu.edu/gso/travelgrants/>
 3. Email gsogrant@bu.edu if interested in becoming a grant reviewer.
 - a) Question: Can you be a reviewer and an applicant?
 - (1) Yes. Anyone can volunteer.
 - b) Question: Can we propose a new structure? Retroactive reimbursement or move the deadline to the middle so that it accommodates a 6 month window.
 - c) Ryan: amenable to the idea, but want to be mindful of the reviewers' bandwidth.
 - (1) You do not necessarily need to have already been accepted to the conference to be awarded a grant.
 - d) Differences between Conference / research grants from past 3 years?
 - (1) Conference → presenting paper or poster at conference
 - (2) Research → consumable, resources, etc.
 - e) Can you review for grants if you haven't received a grant? **Yes.**
 - IV. Special Meeting about Travel Grants May 1st 2-4pm by Zoom (using the same zoom room as the GSO general meetings.
 - V. Update on the Budget
 - A. Previous meeting: \$7,461.75
 - B. Today: \$5,461.

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C. If you submit a reimbursement request, we will not be able to file it until after May 15.

VI. Seeking help to connect with missing departments

Present:

List of attendees (use attendance Google sheet to track)

Allison Jodoin, Olivia Kulczycky, Dane Scott, Brooke Rothamer, Mingqi Sha, Hania Bandzou, Matthew Vince, Matheus Ely Pessoa, Annabelle Gao, Shahar Lahad, Mike Barry, Sarah Grimes, Kate Finnerty, So Young Bae, Kendra Melniczek, Sam Berrettini, Paolo Degiorgi (alt), Julia Ryshkewitch, David Hacket, George Shane, Josh Smith, Erika Villalobos, Elinore Avni