

Graduate Student Organization

Agenda

January 28, 2008

Welcome from the Incoming President and Officers

Introductions of Official Department Representatives

Departments Represented:

- o Archeology (2)
- o Astronomy
- o History
- o Geography
- o Religion
- o International Relations
- o Earth Sciences
- o Romance Studies (French)
- o Math
- o Economics (3)

Announcement of Meeting Dates and Times for the Spring 2008 Semester:

Monday, January 28, 2008 at 5:00

Tuesday, February 26 at 5:30

Monday, March 31 at 5:30

Tuesday, April 29 at 5:30

No objections to this schedule.

Report on Finances – Treasurer

- o FY: July 1; budget must be spent by end of May
- o Budget: \$10,000/FY (\$6,600 remains for Spring 2008)
- o Travel Grant Budget (\$3,600 remains for Spring 2008)
- o Funds to be spent mainly on social events (e.g. Pub Night)
- o General Recommendations (need specific allocations within maximum budget):
 - Dinner for GSO meetings @ \$600 for Spring 08
 - 2-3 more Pub Nights @ \$4.50/ticket for 200 = \$900 total/each event)
 - Jazz Brunch @ \$1,500
 - Summer BBQ @ \$2,000
 - Sponsored Events @ \$1,500-2,000 total

Report on GSO Sponsored Events – Sponsored Events Chair

- Update on approved events
 - o 2 events approved in December
 - WIB/WIC event declined approved sponsorship; good attendance
 - WIP event could not get faculty speaker, so needs new approval of \$150 sponsorship for an event now to feature Liz's talk on parental leave
- Criteria and proposal form for new applications
 - o Purpose is to invest GSO funds in graduate social events with minimal GSO work
 - o No objections to proposed application; additions follow:
 - Sponsored event advertising/publicity must state GSO's co-sponsorship

- GSO will not be responsible for publicity (e.g. posters) except to send an e-mail to reps
- Applications must be submitted electronically one week prior to the GSO meeting in which the applicant wants the proposal considered
- o GSO president will forward applications to reps with meeting invitation/agenda
- o Reps should announce co-sponsored events to their departments
- o Funding a number of strong proposals might give the GSO a strong argument for requesting additional funding in order to fund even more

- Summary of new applications

- o \$150 for WIP event on parental leave (re-vote due to speaker change)
- o \$500 for religion event on religion and the arts: graphic novels – the first national conference on the topic; professor to speak on his graphic novel regarding Exodus from the Egyptian viewpoint
- o \$250 for WIB event on launching a teaching career in a research university

Votes of the GSO

- o Proposal to cap GSO Co-sponsored Event funds at \$250 unless waived by GSO vote
 - 24 yes (unanimous); motion carried
- o Vote on \$150 for WIP event
 - 24 yes (unanimous); motion carried
- o Vote to increase sponsorship for WIP event to \$200 due to extra GSO attendees
 - 23 yes; one abstention; motion carried
- o Vote to clarify/amend the voting rule in the by-laws:
 - “If three quarters or more of the GSO representatives
 - present at a meeting, or
 - casting an absentee vote through the gso@bu.edu account prior to the meeting, vote in favor of a motion, the presiding officer shall deem the motion carried.”
 - 23 yes; 1 no; motion carried
- o Vote on \$250 for WIB event
 - 24 yes (unanimous); motion carried
- o Vote on \$250 (cap on \$500 request) for Religion event
 - 3 yes; motion tabled until February meeting

Report on Social Events – Social Chair

- Update on January 25 Pub Night
- 167 tickets of 200 used

- Proposed ideas for future events
- To be discussed in February meeting

Report on Travel Grants – Travel Grants Chair

- o Deadline: April 8, 2008
- o Chair requests volunteers to serve on committee during mid-April (contact Sue)
- o Chair provides list of eligible departments (forwarded)

Other Business

Officers should notify outgoing president of availability for meeting with the deans in early February
 Active GSO Committees: Parental Leave (Chair: Liz) and Recycling (Chair: Alex)