

GSO Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, April 7, 2009 (5:30-6:30pm)

Welcome from Marc

Next meeting: Monday, April 27

Besim on Finances

We have \$3900/\$10,000 remaining in our budget: this money will pay for this meeting and the next and the BBQ this summer (we want to spend less than the \$2000 for last summer's BBQ); we also contributed approx. \$500 to the Winter Social bar.

We still have \$350 unaccounted for

Marc on Travel Grants

We have 10 eligible applications for Spring 2009: we need another person to help read apps.

We have 3 eligible applications for Fall 2009: we need to move back the deadline to give people more time to submit proposals

Discussion: Should we move the deadline to May 2009 or September 2009? There are concerns that April 15 is too early to even know about fall conferences – does May offer any more of a margin? But then does moving the deadline back to September counter the changes we've recently made to travel grant policies?

Perhaps a summer deadline would be best?

VOTE: decision to extend Fall 2009 travel grant deadline to June 15 – passed

Laura on Social Events

Nearly 300 people attended the Winter Social – three times what we expected! Thanks to everyone who participated and to Abram who provided music.

Thank you note to Dean Whitaker signed by everyone; contributions for gift certificate (for him) are welcomed.

Walk for Hunger by Project Bread: May 3 – please join Christina's GSO team!

A bake sale in GSU has been organized on April 21 (10am-3pm) to raise money for the walk.

BUGS Pub Night on Wednesday, April 15: Marc will send email with more information (details are currently unclear).

GSO Pub Night on Friday, April 24: 150-200 drink tickets will be available.

VOTE: to have pub night in first two weeks of fall semester – passed

Marc – misc.

NAGPS: national graduate student professional society that's represented in Washington; 70 schools belong; cost of \$300/year

Should we join? Marc will forward more information after the meeting.

MIT wants to collaborate with other schools in Boston – BGLO, Boston Graduate Leadership Organization

BGLO event: Thursday, April 30 (8pm-1am) at the Roxy; cover of \$4; 1000 people expected to attend

Financial Planning event – when should we host this? Planning for April or early summer.

Still talking to the dean about health care – Marc will keep us updated.