

GSO Minutes - March, 22, 2010

Welcome

Finances:

We have \$3610.54 left. If we spend what is allocated to activities for the rest of the semester (e.g. pub nights, meetings, summer bbq etc.), then we will have to make an additional \$10 on the Berry Tripping event.

If we have a summer bbq, then it has to be scheduled for the first week of June.

Upcoming event:

1. Berry Tripping - Thursday, April 1 at the BU Pub. Berry Tripping will be outside the pub and drinks will be sold on the inside. \$700 of GSO funds was devoted to this event. We would have to pay the pub for the food since they have a strict food policy - they must provide food on their premises. The food may cost up to \$200 bucks and the berries cost \$150. We will be charging \$5 a ticket for people to participate, so that should cover the costs we put out.

Topics discussed: Do we want to keep this as mainly a Berry Tripping event? Do we want to add funds that would go to the last pub night towards this Berry Tripping event in order to provide drinks? Do we want to sell 22 tickets (\$110) and once we collect the cost of the berries, put the rest of the money collected towards drinks?

The question posed for an unofficial vote: Do we a combined Berry Tripping event plus pub night, or a Berry Tripping event with limited drink tickets?

Voted YES to Berry-tripping with limited drink tickets.

2. Walk for Hunger - May 2, 2010. Approximately 20 miles. Ads go out to the GSO mailing list soon.

Co-Sponsored events:

1. African Studies Conference was this past weekend.

2. The IR Film Screening has been rescheduled from March 25 to April 13.

3. We have a new application for a co-sponsored event from the Music Department. The conference is scheduled for April 3. The Music Department is requesting \$275 from the GSO (a little over a third of the budget for the event). This is a little more than was requested last year because the keynote speaker is more prestigious.

Deliberation: We have \$175 left in the budget for co-sponsored events, but we may bring in extra money from the Winter Party which could go toward this event. Caution: We are waiting on Building and Grounds for the final bills.

Started the voting at \$175, and increased the amount to \$200.

Voted YES for \$200 to be allocated to the Music Department for this co-sponsored event.

4. Marc got an email from a campus organization concerning a professional development program about getting a post-doc. The email for this event will go out once we get more information.

5. Survey coming soon via email about the Parenting program.

Travel Grants:

This year, we have \$635 left over from travel grant awards. We have the top 7 applicants from last fall and the previous spring travel grants. Topics discussed: Should we give the money to these people? Should we roll it over to next year?

Decisions: We will only consider applicants within the same fiscal year. These applicants are usually asked to keep their receipts anyway in case something like this happens where we have surplus money.

Voted YES to split the remiaing money between the next best candidates.