Graduate Student Association
Senate Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2019

Senators in Attendance

Melissa Dilillo (GSA)
Tyler Johnson (GSA)
Roshan Chandapeta (GSA)
Lauren Rodriguez (OGSL)
Carole Hughes (OGSL)
Brittany Viola (GMA)
Sophie Savelkouls (GISA)
Dana Ostberg (GNA)
Megan Sherrington (STM Student Forum)
Ryan Mossman (SSW)
James Hadaway (GEA)
Margaret Summerfield (GPA)
Vicente Munoz Reja Alonso (GASA)

Absent: GSCA representative

Boston College Library Services Speakers
Sally Wyman- Head of Collection Development
Over 800,000 online and eBooks, over 3 million print volumes, and over 800 research databases available in BC libraries. Inter-library loans allows BC to borrow/obtain books from several libraries all throughout Boston. Every school and department has a library liaison responsible for building that department’s collection. They can be a great resource for accessing research guides and resources for your specific subjects.

Sarah Melton- Head of Digital Scholarship
Library also offers publishing support both through print and the web. Currently host 16 active journals at BC, will assist in fostering the creation of more open access journals. Can establish and ORCID to connect you to your academic work even if your name is changed. Read and write (text to speech) software accessible for those who struggle with reading and writing. Connors Family Learning Center available for tutoring in over 60 subjects, writing help, and help for those with English as a second language. 4th Floor of O’Neill Library has a study lounge for graduate students only. Open 24 hours between Sunday-Thursday. Slides will be shared with the senate to distribute to their schools/organizations.
Executive Board Updates

Executive Director Updates

Hiring Process: Carole, GSA, and hiring committee will begin interview process for the new GSA (Executive Director and Director of Programming replacements). Asking anyone interested to apply including incoming first year students.

Senate Bios and Portraits: any representatives that have not yet submitted theirs, please send them to Melissa so the GSA website can get updated and look professional.

MIT/All-Boston GSA Meeting: Melissa, Roshan, and Tyler met with seven other Boston area GSA’s on the MIT campus. Brandeis, UMass Boston, Bentley, Babson, Boston University, Boston College, and MIT. The BC GSA will be meeting with this group of a monthly basis focusing on combined social initiatives and programming between schools. All schools will be making a combined trip to the MA statehouse to support bills that match our GSA initiatives. GSA acts as a representative for all schools and the Senate leaders act as representatives for all our schools. We would like all Senate leaders to speak to students in their programs and come up with a few bills and initiatives important to them that we can sign off on and potentially bring to the MA statehouse trip in April.

Joy Moore Meeting: Melissa, Tyler, and Carole will be meeting with Joy Moore VPSA at BC to address what is being done concerning racial incident on campus that occurred with an undergraduate student last semester. The GSA will be drafting an official letter addressing their stance and what is being done on campus to create a safer environment

Director of Programming Updates
- BC vs Miami men’s basketball game (February 17th)
- BC theatre presents Hamlet (February 22nd)
- Pottery paint night in Brookline. BYOB! (March 22nd)
- GRAD BALL (April 6th)
- Grads Give Back (April 13th)
- Graduate Appreciation Week (Last week of April)

Director of Finance Updates
- Stipends for graduate affinity groups should’ve gone through over winter break for previous semester, this semester’s will be sent by SABSC some time over spring break
- Hannah Chalufour, AD for Graduate Student Life will be out on maternity leave in the next few weeks. Carole Hughes will be replacement sign-off on financial forms, Tyler will take over all financial documents/questions as well as providing ticketing reports through CashNet Services
- Asking for donations of any amount from graduate organizations to contribute to our Grad Ball funding. Organizations that donate can be represented on our walk-of-fame stars or get shoutouts from our DJ