Summary

How do you hear about GSA Events?

- Brandeis Emails: 150 (88.2%)
- GSA Facebook: 33 (19.4%)
- Flyers and Marketing Materials around Campus: 29 (17.1%)
- Word of Mouth: 43 (25.3%)
- I have not heard of GSA Events: 13 (7.6%)
- Other: 3 (1.8%)

What attracts you to GSA Events?

- Food & Drinks: 112 (66.7%)
- Content Focused Presentations and Lectures: 39 (23.2%)
- Social & Networking Opportunities: 67 (39.9%)
- Recreational Activities: 74 (44%)
- I have never been to a GSA Event: 40 (23.8%)
- Other: 3 (1.8%)
What is your opinion of our current TGIF Events?

Love them! 26 15.7%
Alright 61 36.7%
Not Interested 33 19.9%
Other 46 27.7%

Do you have suggestions on how we can improve the TGIF Event Experience? (Ex. different table set up for socializing, different location etc.)

N/A
Have them on Thursday, there are basically no Heller classes on Friday so a lot of people aren't on campus
Please bring it out of the campus sometimes, like places around Waltham! I love GSA events and want to join more!
Outings
Potential day trip options- chance to hang out outside of school environment
Have not been to them this year, but it would be cool to do something fun and have like trivia or even like board games. A way to meet new people maybe. The food also could be more healthy and at the right temperature. (cold cheese sticks)
Due to time constraints, I haven't had the chance to attend the recent TGIFs (so, things might have changed). I really enjoyed them before, though one suggestion / question is: How can we mix up the groups/ schools? I think it is a good opportunity to mingle and meet interesting people, though most of us hang in our own groups/ peers from same school. Also, some schools (e.g. IBS, Heller) can be overrepresented, due to student body size, making the students from other schools even more socially isolated. Just a thought.
Host somewhere in Boston
Introduce more events even with fees
Change the date. Friday's work for people who live in Waltham.
I liked the suggestion at the Town Hall meeting of doing drink tickets to local bars/restaurants.
Do it more than 1x a semester
Idk what u r talking about.
You may look at MIT and TUFTS to learn what they are doing for students for families.
Yes
It becomes far too crowded! Need a larger space or involve with games and fun!
Activities that everyone can involve and have fun with
Help us be aware of TGIF events
music to dance, less serious venue, other food, maybe get a off campus bar where you make a deal that we pay drinks but you can get the space for free.
More marketing maybe?
have more focused events or discussions around TGIF
Smooth drink ticket dispersing. Name tags with programs. Ice breakers (for part of the time) that get people introduced to those they don't know.
socializing with people from other fields
having events at the Stein; free drinks; trivia nights; performances (open mic?)
Expand times and days options for events/activities.
Stop wasting money on things like alcohol
it's amazing! free beer and snacks and socializing = winner
engage more
If possible, it would be great to have the events on Thursdays – more grad students are on campus, and it makes it easier for Jewish grad students to participate.
I think it's far away? Also, I never stick around campus long on Friday afternoons.
have it on days other than Fridays
Setup should be more informal to encourage socialization. A different location would also help
Rides home
Make it as OGIM (Oh god! it's Monday)
It'd be better if they were sometimes in the middle of the week since most people in the MPP program don’t have class on Fridays
They haven’t been popular with others in my department due to not as much food or alcohol. Not sure if things have changed recently since we have lacked initiative to actually go. Also being at the faculty club was a large drawback for us it seemed.
I haven’t been, so I’m not sure!
Post flyers in grad student lounges.
Help us get unionized
Market it as a way to engage with the greater community
Different snack options every time; cocktails; bigger facility
Don't do it. Get more transportation.
Once again, what event is this?
I liked how it was last time!
never been
different day! don't always have it on Friday, since some of us can't be there on that day
I know most grad students in my program are not on campus on Fridays. Have you thought about having them on different nights?
not sure
more publicity?
TGIF was best when it was in the Stein (better location) and we weren't limited to one drink (bringing back PBR is fine! We don't need nice beer!).
Different location can work!
Better communication about when they are- it always seems like they are getting moved and canceled and changed and It is difficult to keep up with the changes.
More publicity
I have barely seen any advertisement for TGIF during this whole academic year and it seems that this event has been much less frequent than the previous year. I think this is unfortunate, as from what I think and hear around me, it is probably the most preferred event organized by the GSA. I think the Stein Bar was more "fun" than the Grad Lounge (a little too formal). Having other game nights (trivia, role game, etc.) is a good idea for socializing.
Not spending enough
Set up can be better - needs to be more spacious and have more food.

**More TGIF!**

Did you know that each TGIF event costs about $3,000 of our budget (~10%) dollars to put on? We want to know your opinion on this.

- Keep TGIF events as they are: 43 (27.7%)
- Have TGIF events that are similar to how they are now but hold them off campus to make them more affordable: 42 (27.1%)
- Do away with TGIF events all together and use funds for other types of social events: 48 (31%)
- Other: 22 (14.2%)

**Below are some proposed activities for the upcoming Spring Semester. Let us know what interests you!**

**Large Scale Events:**

- TGIF Events Onsite: 57 (38.5%)
- TGIF Events Offsite: 68 (45.9%)
- Formal Spring Gala: 47 (31.8%)
- Ski Trip: 58 (39.2%)
- Basketball & Baseball Game Outings (Celtics & Red Sox): 65 (43.9%)
- Other: 12 (8.1%)

**Mid-Sized Events:**
Movie/Game Nights 83 53.5%
Roller Skating 35 22.6%
Bowling 64 41.3%
Lazer Tag 54 34.8%
Farm Harvesting 58 37.4%
Language Exchange Event 56 36.1%
Hiking/ Outdoor Activities and Outings 86 55.5%
"Escape Room" Event 54 34.8%
Community Field Day (Grad student's families welcome) 52 33.5%
Other 6 3.9%

Seminar Style Events:

Tax Seminar 69 64.5%
Multidisciplinary brainstorming and socialization (More info at : https://deisorium.wordpress.com/) 64 59.8%
Other 7 6.5%

GSA Budget

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How are you most interested in using GSA funds?

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Do you have any additional suggestions regarding the GSA Budget?

Thanks for funding me on a Travel and Research Grant!
Have more small food events like Tuesday breakfast, have small awards to recognize students (ie research, community engagement, teaching...), have phd focused events
Thank you for providing the budget chart - it is helpful to see how the budget is spent now. I am most interested in using GSA funds for either educational programs or research/ conference support for graduate students.
That's a lot of funds for TGIF EVENTS. I do wonder what the turnout is though I have not attended an event.
I think TGIF would be more fun and cheaper off site. With the money saved, I think there is a real need for helping students with transportation, lead free housing, and I really enjoyed the massage days last year at the graduate center. Those are some ideas I'd vote for
Nope.
More retreats...or refund us the money
It would be very useful to organize events outside campus or even on campus which can allow maximum people to attend!
Be clearer on how to apply for funds and who is eligible (ie PhD vs. masters students)
Please, collaborate with the athletic department to provide skill-courses as part of the educational programming
I appreciate having more insight into how the budget breaks down.
no
Have you considered using some of your budget as a grant for students in emergency/crisis situations rather than entertainment activites?
This is good to know – I had no idea how the funds were being spent. I have wished I could opt out of the activity fee because I haven't been to any GSA events at all.
increase the TRG funding!
Ski Trip, Sailing Training, Float trips in summer
I would like to see some of the budget devoted to expert help for writing and editing. Many of us are in the process of writing our dissertations and the help offered at the writing center does not meet the needs of
advanced PhD students. Some editing services would be appreciated!

More travel grant funding.

Include the sciences more. I see tons of funding and other opportunities for other areas of study, but none for the science grads.

No.

At the town hall the number one issue was improving transportation and getting more shuttles.

Looks fine as it is, similar to the Northeastern GSA budget (when I was there)

I really appreciate the funding and educational opportunities

No, the budget looks great!

grad student shuttle to riverside

You need to solve the issue of getting to riverside station. I know the bus didn't work because they never followed the schedule or correct route. However many graduate students have academic obligations in Boston during the week at least 1-3 times/wk. There needs to be parking vouchers for riverside, discounted T tickets, reliable transportation to the station, or a downtown shuttle that runs a couple times in the mornings/evening. Getting downtown is really the largest source of frustration about being a graduate student at Brandeis. I don't care if you have to cut down on social/ TGIF and other activities- that is what is important to daily life for many graduate students.

TGIF is by far the symbol of GSA on campus. Most people ignore everything else they hear about the GSA. Do not get rid of TGIF it will be the end of the GSA. Also more town hall meetings would be nice– I really enjoyed the one last fall.

Summer stipends.

Number of daily responses

![Number of daily responses graph]