*Boston University School of Theology Student Association*

**Executive Meeting**

**December 1st 2015**

1. Opening/Introduction/Reflection
   1. Name/Program/Position/Pronouns
2. Class Gift 2016
   1. Graduates donate a minimum of $20.16
   2. Recruiting people for committee members
      1. Write letters for graduates
      2. “Wish List” given by school
         1. Compost/trash/recycle bins for the third floor
         2. Renovation for 2nd floor gender neutral bathroom
         3. Push pads for bathrooms
         4. Donation of money for the school
      3. To be on the committee, contact Yusin via sthalum@bu.edu
      4. Facebook Page: BUSTH Class Gift 2016
3. International Student Update
   1. International Town Hall raised concerns
   2. Laura will visit with Deans to address them
   3. Encouraged to sign up for the Peer Editing Workshop
4. Town Hall Review
   1. Five Sections
      1. Accessibility
         1. Great amount of action to be taken
         2. Signage for around Campus
         3. Dean Moore has said she has worked on this for a while, with little success, however Provost meeting soon
      2. One and Two Level Course
         1. Sessions to help get support
         2. Grant-writing class, Theology in the Streets
      3. T.A. Grading
         1. Inconsistent
      4. Older students
         1. Academic Support
      5. Workload
         1. Writing Works
         2. Library
         3. Manageability
      6. International Students
         1. Writing Works
         2. Mentor program with domestic students
         3. Student Response to an Incident
         4. Reiteration of Plagiarism policy to Teaching Fellows
         5. Decorum should also be discussed
      7. Discussion of the Theme
         1. Some disappointed that there was little time offered with that theme
         2. What does the theme do?
         3. Course on Critical Race Theory
         4. Ableist language
         5. Academia’s place in conversations about race
         6. Feedback for faculty
   2. Ideas or Suggestions?
      1. Could STHSA mediate discussion with faculty directly as opposed to going through Deans?
         1. How an STHSA member could attend a meeting is discussed
         2. Ask faculty to come to meeting if concern is raised?
         3. Potentially only show up for part of the meeting to honor confidentiality of some information.
         4. Connect students together to organize a response
            1. Public Letters
      2. Writing Center concerns
         1. Staff being worn thin
         2. Individual tutors?
         3. Widening the pool of tutors to Master’s Students?
         4. Other staff being maxed out of hours
         5. Student Accountability (how students use resources) also considered
         6. Possible evaluation system for tutors?
         7. Appointment sign-ups are available on Writing Works Calendar: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/selfsched?sstoken=UU9qcHc1RlotTk9CfGRlZmF1bHR8MTRlMmFjNDY0NTQzNzllMjBhYTA0NjI0MDYwMmVlNWE&pli=1>
         8. Can there be certain hours for grammar/spell check?
         9. Peer Editing for the entire semester
            1. Funding the program?
            2. Training for Peer Editing
         10. Time Issues with the 1-hour per week appointments
             1. Leaves very little time for actual proofreading
             2. Leaves some paper proofreading incomplete
      3. More “101s”
         1. Korean Student and Disability 101s in development for upcoming semesters
      4. ABS/Raices Latinas/KSA
         1. Focus of student retention
         2. What needs to be said in larger community?
         3. How do we institutionalize “101s”?
            1. “So You Think You’re Ready for Seminary”
         4. How to help students who have never heard of liberation theology/pronouns?
            1. Separate people who care but are afraid to admit unknowing v. genuinely apathetic?
         5. Critical whiteness
            1. White students deconstructing whiteness
            2. How to be more supportive for marginalized groups
5. Other Business
   1. Sacred Worth
      1. Follow-Up to 101 from earlier this semester (Gender and Sexuality 102 perhaps?)
   2. STHSA SAO Budget?
      1. $32,000 out in the ether
      2. SAO leaving us in the dark as to why or when we are getting that amount
      3. Community Lunch will get more support
      4. Matt Llewlyn being trained for new Treasurer
6. Next Tuesday (12/8/2015) : LAST MEETING OF THE SEMESTER
7. Meeting Adjourned