The University of Maine

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (GSG)
Minutes of the GSG Board Meeting, February 19th 2009

In Attendance:

Department Representatives:
L. Beers        N. Nadeau       D. Cassidy    N. Spaulding    K. Klappenbach
M. Royer        S. Ladd          V. Gaete-Martinez   M. Sanclements
J. Passanisi    L. Calhoun       C. Mahaffey    J. Epps             J. Fales
W. Slade        K. Minott        A. Shearin     S. Doore

Executive Committee:
J. Logan        P. Spinney       K. Soule       J. Scott    J. Beaupre    K. Hoyt

Graduate School:
S. Delcourt     D. Sandweiss

President’s Report- Jeremy
• Change to the Standing Rules (see below)

Proposed change to the standing rules

Currently:
Each department must have an GSG representative attend at least 75% of the GSG board meetings during the current and previous semesters in order to qualify for funding.

Change to:
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~Think about wording please, so we can clarify it and vote on it next time.

• Library Expansion Ideas

~This is early on in the process. We need to know what you and your department think about expanding the library and what kind of space would benefit you if this were to be done.

Lucas Calhoun: Rental desk for work and book space. Believed that we used to have these and that they are thinking about reinitiating it.
Lee Beers: access to scientific articles needs to be looked at and improved.

Air conditioning would be really nice during the summers and too much heating during the

Will there be fees for this expansion? We are not sure as of yet but undergraduate senate is looking at writing a referendum to get the ball rolling.

Let Jeremy know about your thoughts on this topic, via email.

- Hooding Ceremony
  Please ask your departments if they would like to volunteer, we have about 5 and need 15-20. Also you could volunteer yourself!

- Moving Date: March 23
  We are officially moving to stodder on the 23rd of March so we will not have an office in the union after this date.

- Task Force Open Session
  A discussion on reorganization and centralization of services, please go and offer your thoughts. **Next Wednesday Feb 25th 1-2:30pm in Wells Room #2.**

**Treasurers Report – James**

- Account update
  ~Waiting to finish audit to file taxes.
  ~Check books & budget & funds given are up to date.

**Grant Officers Report – JulieAnn**

- Grant Deadlines
  Grant readers have the grants are in the process of grading them. Will be done by the end of spring break. You should get your scores before the end of the third week in March.

Time line on the GSG conference, you might want to send this out to your departments.

- Mentor Award Reminder
  Please get those in! There should be one per college. Don’t need three people but can do up to three. Can use alumni of up to 5 years as long as one of the individuals making the nomination is currently enrolled. **Due Feb. 27th.**

**Vice President’s Report- Patrick**

- Relay for Life
  Come join our team! $10 fee for a tshirt and organizing fees. Please think about this because we need to fill our team.

- Expo update
  ~Workshops on business in Maine, grant writings…
~Inviting undergraduates doing research and have an active poster session during lunch.
~Collecting donations.
~Submissions are allowed right now and due by March 16th.
~Orals - 15min for the talk and 5min for questions.
  • Committee updates
~Social this Friday.
~Parking committee is looking to increase bike commuting to hopefully decrease car commuting. Maybe create housing for bicycles with tickets for monitoring. Steam plant is a big issue between faculty & students. Shuttle is happening at some point soon between downtown Orono and the university. Trying to extend BAT bus hours and these buses are also getting older so a quality check is necessary.
~Health Insurance Committee needs more people so please join.

BOT Report - Ken
  • BOT Task Force update
How can we restructure our system to save money? Big picture type decisions: should we consolidate campuses/services. We have a $40 million cut and need to determine where this is going to happen. It is really important that we give input because it affects our funding, services and education. We the students are the consumers and need to let them know what we are SO please send your thoughts and ideas to Taskforce@maine.edu or Ken because our voice needs to be heard and the more input the better.

Going to form an ad hoc committee to work on getting a professional document. Lucas Calhoun will be the chair of this committee. We will need to get signatures from our departments.

Secretary’s Report- Kara
  • Minutes
Minutes passed.

New Business

Start thinking about

~UMaine sustainability alliance: The president signed a global carbon challenge and we need to come up with a formal document that will be a collection of ideas on how we can meet the reduction challenges.