The University of Maine

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (GSG)
Minutes of the GSG Board Meeting, November 20th, 2008

In Attendance:

Department Representatives:
G. Gilbert       D. Cassidy       N. Spaulding       K. Klapenbach       M. Royer       S. Ladd
S. Campbell       M. Burgess       S. Breems       J. Bolton       J. Passanisi       J. Epps
T. Falkner       F. Faterni       A. Martinson       W. Slade       K. Minott       B. Silva
D. Steele       S. Perry

Executive Committee:
J. Logan       P. Spinney       K. Soule       J. Gao       K. Hoyt

Graduate School:
D. Sandweiss       S. Delcourt

President’s Report- Jeremy

- Health Center
Outsourcing has been finalized and will occur on Jan 1st: EMMC/Norumbega is taking over at Cutler.

Are we anticipating any issues? Cost will not be kept low for those that do not have an insurance policy BUT those that do not have the University insurance policy may actually receive better benefits due to this change.

- Budget
They had anticipated a $10.6 million cut for the whole system but instead it is a $8.3 million ($5.3 mill for UMaine) cut.

If you see any major effects please let us know!

- Guest speaker for next meeting
Two individuals from the Innovation Center (Renee …)
Library Advisory Committee of the Faculty Senate

Institutional Repository: Implement some form of open access publication repository online & through library.

Who would be “required” to use this? Thesis & Dissertations for graduate students and literary publications for faculty.

Do we support this idea?

What do we mean by require? All thesis & dissertations.
Extra cost? Unknown but most likely sponsored by the library.

*Wayne Slade thinks that this would be a waste of resources and that the need for such a repository is not necessarily a necessity? Wants to make sure it is utilized.

Why is this a good resource? Easy access to the information created by our graduate students and faculty in order for citations and greater institutional collaboration.

*Information should be protected through …

Vote to support the concept of this repository with our concerns (*) being expressed:
Christine Mahaffey motions and Jason Bolton seconded.
Approved – 20
Opposed - 0
Abstained –1

PASSED!

~Draft of support letter will be sent to the rep forum before being sent.

Vice President’s Report- Patrick

• Philanthropy

Food banks are suffering more so this year than in the past. We are going to donate money to Crossroads as well as do a food drive. We have a handout that we would like you to bring back to your departments in order to encourage food/money donations. Bring everything in or ask us to pick it up by December 11th (the next meeting).

Any questions please email Patrick Spinney.

• Expo update

Engineering Research Building in the 3rd week of April.

• Committee Updates

Social Committee:
What night? Dec 5th (Sports Café) or 12th (Bear Brew or Sports Cafe) – Theme party!!
**DECIDED DEC 12TH @ THE BEAR BREW!!**

**Ken (BOT):**

The budget decrease of $5 million was taken out in a lump sum from one time budgets. This then works in a systematic approach to decrease funds by a specific percentage from each dept.

**Look for these at the end of the minutes:**
- Campus violence policy was passed.
- List of academic awards and academic degrees.

**Sherry:** Parking Committee will be meeting today. Look for minutes on the Rep Forum.

**Kurt Klappenbach [Communication & Journalism Rep]**
- Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee

Graduate Student grades are not being done through Peoplesoft, but it is being implemented. No grade turns into a permanent incomplete in Peoplesoft when graduate student grades are being reported there. Period of time be extended from 40 to 120 days for the grace period to work out the grade problem.

Room reservations for classes are made by departments. This results in buildings being coded and if a building has diverse departments then you may end up having a class all the way across campus. This is more of a problem for professors than students due to instruction materials.

Office of Student records has been majorly cut back and are being overworked so please be respectful!

**Treasurer- Jianing**
- Financial Committee

Dr. Bob Strong, professor of the business school, will lead a discussion on finances.

Dec. 3rd – risks and investments. 2nd week of Dec. will be on housing & mortgages.
~ Jianing will post the information for us. Then we can bring it back to our departments.

There will be a meeting to set up writing circles for each discipline so go back to your department coordinators and tell them to go to the meeting. Held by the Writing Center and Jeremy will let us know about that.

**Secretary’s Report- Kara**
- Minutes

Motioned to approve: Minutes passed!

**New Business**
~Adjourn~