The University of Maine

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (GSG)

Minutes of the GSG Board Meeting, October 23rd, 2008

In Attendance:

Department Representatives:

R. Logan  C. Clark  D. Cassidy  K. Rademaker  W. Plourde  S. Ladd
E. Wadoski M. Burgess M. Snell  S. Breems  J. Bolton  C. Mahaffey
J. Epps A. Mullen J. Passanisi L. Calhoun T. Falkner F. Faterni
K. Minott A. Martinson  W. Slade L. Edmond A. Shearin’s proxy
V. Gaete-Martinez  K. Klappenbach

Executive Committee:

J. Logan P. Spinney  J-A. Scott  K. Soule

Graduate School:

President’s Report- Jeremy

- Jeffrey St. John - Director for Center of Teaching Excellence

Extended to faculty, staff & graduate teaching assistance.

Programs throughout the year: teaching & technology

Large lecture class strategies

November 6; 8am-12pm in the Wells Conference Center:

“Fostering Classroom Democracy” by Todd Kelshaw, Ph.D

Pilot program in the spring: To incorporate intense basics of teaching into the graduate teaching assistants orientation.

~Hope to extend this to further orientations in the future.

If you are looking to teach after graduating form the University of Maine it is a good idea to go to the center to hone your teaching skills and this may pay off in the future

There is a TA folder and general announcements list, programs & events are posted here.

- Health Insurance "Town meeting"

Maybe wait until the beginning of next semester, allows for a more thorough input to start collaborating on what changes we would like to make to our insurance policy.
Jeremy will schedule a time and pertinent players and then let us know!

- Miscellaneous updates
  Webmaster – prefer graduate student but an undergraduate will work if necessary.

Do we want informational updates (5-10mins) from different programs (e.g. Innovative Center) that are pertinent to graduate students during the meetings? Seems like this is a good idea.
  Please bring ideas to the meetings or folder or Jeremy.

Vice President’s Report- Patrick
- Committee updates

Faculty Senate Meeting
  Change they are making on grading policies: Missing grades will become automatic F’s.
  We obviously do not think that this is a good idea
  Social Committee: Dunn Parking lot near the banner, free food!

Give Jason Bolton feedback if you would like to see different events.
  Publicity Committee: Please bring information to us (Kara Soule, Christine Clark, James Passinisi & Michael Davidson), or post in the publicity committee folder in the GSG folder.

Board of Trustees (BOT) – Ken (not here)
- Graduate Singles Group
- Financial & Institutional Planning Committee

Grant’s Officer- Julie-Ann
- Grants
  $50,000 requested and only $29,000 to give out. Feel free to let your departments know this. Readers are reading and a meeting will be set up after Halloween and hope to make a decision by the second week of November.

- Clubs & Orgs
  Decisions have been made and are being sent out or have been sent out.
  Julian Epps – starting a Permaculture Club: travel to conferences for education, start getting teachers out there to start promoting sustainability and permaculture on campus and in the local communities.
  ~We want to be able to fund this group but they need to be an official club before that can happen.
Motion to approve recognition of the Permaculture Club so that they will be in a position to get funding, seconded:
   Approved - 25
   Opposed – 0
   Abstain – 0
Permaculture is now an official graduate club.

Secretary’s Report- Kara
   • Minutes
Motioned to accept the minutes.
   Motion passed!

New Business

~Adjourn~