The University of Maine

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

In Attendance:

Department Representatives:
N. Nadeau    D. Cassidy   K. Klappenbach   W. Plourde   G. Holman
M. Royer     S. Ladd      V. Gaete-Martinez   E. Wadoski   M. Sanclements
J. Passanisi L. Calhoun   C. Mahaffey    J. Epps       M. Snell   J. Fales
W. Slade     K. Minott    A. Shearin    S. Doore     S. Breems   A. Kristo
A. Mullen    L. Edmond    T. Smith      J. Fales     D. Belanger

Executive Committee:

J. Logan    P. Spinney   K. Soule    J. Scott       J. Beaupre    K. Hoyt

Graduate School:

D. Sandweiss

President’s Report- Jeremy
  • Task Force Resolution
Gave time for everyone to read the resolution, please see it attached at the end of the minutes.

Lucas introduced the resolution. This resolution describes us as graduate students as a broad group that contributes in many many ways to the University and to the system. This is about graduate students as a whole so if you see something that is not described enough in detail please let Lucas or Ken know.

Open for questions.
  ~The GK-12 program is discussed because we have more data and is still operating.
  ~There are additional sections for this resolution: specifically a quote page from graduate students characterizing their work here at the University and outside the university.

Please send quotes/ideas to JulieAnn Scott or Patrick Spinney for the quote section.

We need to vote on this.
~need to fix a few editorial issues.
Sherry motions to send this resolution to the Task force with the mind that editorial revisions be able to made; Kurt seconded this.

Yay – 22  
Nay – 0  
Abstain – 1

Motion passed.

• Last call for BOT candidates
Interviews have been started so if you are interested let Jeremy know immediately. Decision should be made by next meeting.

Also officer elections will be brought up next meeting. Please ask the executive committee member who’s position you would like to take over. Remember that there are stipends involved!

• Change to the standing rules:
Wanted to clarify this so that it is easier to follow. This was discussed last meeting.

Trevor motioned and Eva seconded
Unanimous pass!

• Hooding ceremony
NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please let Kurt Klappenbach know if you are interested…we have 7 or 8 and need 15 to 20 so please help out.

An organizational meeting on April 2nd at 1pm right after our meeting.

• Misc Updates
Health insurance committee will send out an email soon to the Rep forum to let people know that we have the ability to steer the insurance policy to our liking. So we are looking for ideas of what people are interested in getting changed. Needs to happen quickly because we only have 2 more meetings to vote on these changes.

**Grant Officers Report – JulieAnn**

• News club
Communication graduate students would like to form this organization to have representation at the Faculty senate meeting. This organization is about preparing people for professional development. We need to officially recognize them as a club for them to get funding.

Lucas motions to accept them as a club and Amanda seconds it.

Yay – 23  
Nay – 0  
Abstain - 1
Motion passed!

- Grants Update

We will be hearing next week about grant funding. The GSG office should be distributing checks because the graduate school with be in transit.

- Mentor Award Update

Will be determined next week. The winners will be emailed with the nominee cc:d on that. All of the mentor committee members please stay after to talk with JulieAnn.

Vice President’s Report- Patrick

- Relay for Life

Please sign up… it will be a fun time!

- Expo update

Posters to go around so everyone please take 2 to put up in your buildings. Workshops: A. Building a teacher portfolio B. Turning … into a business initiative & C. Interactive writing session.

Abstract date has been extended till next Monday. Please remind your departments.

- Committee updates

None.

BOT Report - Ken

- BOT update

Task force update. Please see attached notes at the end of the minutes.

UMaine in the black for the financial update where the other campuses were in the red.

Lastly the advisor/advisee relationship as well as the graduate students responsibilities and rights are now written out thanks to Ken. The graduate school, president and provost have backed this and we are moving forward to make this a formal document that will go out with the graduate student handbook. This is a draft so we will put it up on the rep forum so please look at it and we will discuss it next week and vote on it to make it an official document.

If you go to the graduate student government website there is BOT information under Kens section.

Secretary’s Report- Kara

- Minutes

Sherry motions and Trevor seconds.

Yay – 22
Nay – 0
Abstain - 1
• Newsletter
Will be sent to the rep forum. Please send to your departments. Also on the website under news!

• Laptops
Please let your departments know that we have laptops available to borrow.

• Proxies
Have your proxies print their names please because it’s hard for me to read their signatures and I need their actual name for the minutes.

• Campus Building Efficiency Analysis

• Equality Maine

Treasurers Report – James
• Account update & funds for the remainder of the semester
~considering expo is more than we budgeted, we need to juggle some sections of the budget to cope with this without affecting next years expo budget.
~we also have a phone line & fax line that we could potentially get rid of the them. We can think about it though.
~Hooding ceremony went over last year and may go over this year. Another thing that we may need to juggle for, though we are trying to cut costs with the ceremony

We have enough money as is right now is the take home message.

New Business

Elizabeth Barry’s insights to being a graduate student and an adjunct faculty member.

If you are a graduate student that works at the University of Maine as a staff member you may know that there are issues with free tuition that adjuncts get because they are a graduate student. Elizabeth will becoming next meeting and so please think about this and maybe discuss with your departments so we can talk about it with her next meeting.

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:
Each department must have an GSG representative attend at least 75% of the GSG board meetings during the current semester and the previous semester in order to qualify for
funding
March 17, 2009

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FR: J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk of the Board

RE: Notification of Board Actions

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 16, 2009 at the University of Maine System, the Board approved the following actions:

Acceptance of Minutes. The following minutes were approved as presented:
January 6, 2009 – Trustee Affairs Committee Meeting
January 11-12, 2009 – Board of Trustees Meeting and Board Committee Meetings
January 11, 2009 – Audit Committee
February 10, 2009 – Investment Committee

Appointment of Trustee Nominating Committee. The Board of Trustees authorized the Chair to appoint members of the Board of Trustees to the Trustee Nominating Committee.

Approval of the Board Meeting Schedule and Calendar for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Academic Years. The Board of Trustees approved the Board of Trustees meetings for 2009-2010 and the proposed dates for 2010-2011, as presented.

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Confirm Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees approved the appointment of the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, as presented.

FY2010 Endowment Distribution Rate Per Share. On the recommendation of the Investment Committee, the Board of Trustees approved and ratified the FY2010 endowment distribution rate per share of $15.64336.

Program Eliminations – UM (BS in Environmental Management and Policy and BS in Information Systems Engineering). The Board of Trustees approved the elimination of the BS in Information Systems Engineering and the BS in Environmental Management and Policy at the University of Maine.
Academic Program Proposal – UMM (BA in Interdisciplinary Studies). The Board of Trustees approved the creation of a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Maine at Machias.

Tenure Nominations 2009. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendations for tenure submitted by the universities of the University of Maine System in 2009. Approvals will take effect September 1, 2009.

Appointment for Trustee Approval. The Board of Trustees approved the appointment to positions at or above the level of Dean or equivalent or with tenure as recommended by the Chancellor, as follows:

- Margaret A. Weston, Vice President for Advancement and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Southern Maine Foundation, USM

Establishment of the Acadia Professorship of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing – UM. The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the Acadia Professorship of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing.

Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research Tank Enclosure – UM. The Board of Trustees approved construction of a Tank Enclosure at the Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research at a total project cost of $1.9 million.

Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on May 18, 2009, at the University of Maine System Office in Bangor.

cc: Richard L. Patenaude, Chancellor
    Faculty & Student Representatives
    University Presidents
    Tracy Bigney
    James Breccia
    John Diamond
    Rosa Redonnett
    Frank Gerry
    John Lisnik
    Eduard Dallidge
    Rebecca Wyke
    Tracy Elliott
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**Budget Update**

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