The University of Maine

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (GSG)
Minutes of the GSG Board Meeting, November 6th, 2008

In Attendance:

Department Representatives:
A. Mullen    A. Kristo    J. Beaupre    S. Perry    R. Logan    C. Clark
M. Royer    N. Spaulding    E. Wadoski    L. Calhoun    A. Marinson    E. Simons
M. Snell    J. Epps    F. Paterni    W. Slade    K. Kluppenbach
M. Jones    W. Plourde    M. Davidson    C. Mahaffey’s Proxy

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

Graduate School:
D. Sandweiss

President’s Report- Jeremy

• Fellowship Initiative
A fellowship database – gathered information of external funding online to increase the funding for graduate students. We would like to make an inter-disciplinary committee for such a thing; we already have the Research Committee and they do not have a research project yet so this could be a good project for them.
[JulieAnn Scott & James Beaupre are interested]

• GSG Visitors
Visitor on December 11th from the Innovation Center!

Please contact Jeremy Logan if you have any ideas of other visitors. Thanks!

• Miscellaneous updates
We have chosen a webmaster, Mark Royer. Thanks Mark!

Last Graduate Board Meeting: used to better graduate education.

~Committees that need some input:

a) ABD Teaching - formalizing the process to get students to teach classes [Eva Wadoski & Kara Soule are interested]
b) Fellowship & Recognition – awards and funding from outside our campus for graduate students [Lucas Calhoun & Aleksandra Kristo are interested]
c) Interdepartmental Resource & Course Sharing – used to save money and resources to free up faculty to form a better educational community [Amanda Mullen, Michael Davidson & Christine Clark are interested]

~If you are interested in volunteering and were not able to voice your interest due to absence please contact Jeremy Logan via first class.

Board of Trustees (BOT) – Ken

• Graduate Singles Group
Going to start a database for single graduate students. Ken will post everything to the folder. Send corrections to Ken Hoyt via first class.

The first meeting is Nov. 12th at 5pm in the Bangor Room 232 in the Memorial Union.

• Financial & Institutional Planning Committee:
There was a campus wide 5% deficit even after the tuition increases.

Student prospective:

* Lecture for longer classes is not productive so if longer classes are to be implemented then the teaching technique needs to be appropriate for longer classes.

* What about overlap of courses, wont this affect the ability of students to get out of here in an appropriate time table.

It would be good to get input from the Center for Teaching Excellence OR the

• ABD Graduate Board Committee
Send further input to the Rep Forum.

coke contract is up in June. Water is the most sold bottle beverage on campus.

• BOT update:
10% cut in total operating expenses campus wide.

"The System is implementing spending control, and will have a second round of belt tightening there will be no knee jerk reactions" said, Chancellor Pattenaude

The system is researching previous depressions and resesions.

Grant’s Officer- Julie-Ann

• Grants
All the readers will be done by the end of the week and the scores will be tallied over the weekend. Jeremy will get them early in the week and then the checks can be distributed

Treasurer- Jianing

• Financial Committee
Planning for a workshop:

a) Introductory class by a Business school professor for investment and how to use a steady income to create these investments.

**Vice President’s Report- Patrick**

- **Expo update**
  Last year it was in Buchanan Alumni House but we would like it to be more central, i.e. the LASST section of Barrows OR Wells Commons. The location is dependent on the date of the Expo, which has not been decided yet.

- **Missing grades**
  They have finally decided that automatic Fs are a bad idea and instead decided to make them an incomplete when a faculty is late in submitting the gradewhere it will not change until the faculty input the actual grade. Incompletes reflect on the student where as missing grades reflects the University.

  A big concern is the fact that if a graduate student is applying for a grant this incomplete will not reflect well on the student and may prevent funding awards.

  ~It would be good to inform students once they have an incomplete that they need to resolve it if it is supposed to be an actual grade.

- **Committee Updates**
  None

- **Side note**
  November 12th Foster Innovation Center from 3-4:30pm is having a Credit 101 in order to learn how to earn credit and maintain it.

**Secretary’s Report- Kara**

- **Minutes**
  Minutes approved after I correct the note next to Ken’s business from “not here” to “absent”.

**New Business**

~Adjourn~