President’s Report- Jeremy

- Health Insurance Update

September gap seems to be the major issue, which is over and done with now because the new cards should have been sent now. This is dependent upon your address on Maine Street, you may want to double check this to make sure it is being sent in the correct place.

What about international student insurance? We will look into this further and update you soon.

A meeting with Amaranta from the Graduate School was used to discuss how to overcome this issue in the future. There may be no way to fix this for new students due to processing the paperwork. Solutions to opt in sooner allows this gap to be prevented. Via the flyer, Maine Street or contacting the Graduate School.

- Cutler Update

Cutler is becoming outsourced and may become another problem. Good for waived students due to direct billing. Should also save the University money. Also they will be selecting a health care provider in the community, which may have more applicable hours than Cutler.

Pharamacies: Orono & Miller Drug will bring you your prescriptions at no costs. But pharmaceuticals will most likely not be brought back to Cutler.
Call Lisa Farrington 1-800-537-6444 ext 211 with questions or a new card.

- **Webmaster Position**
  Paid position. Should we increase the pay or keep it the same? It would be best to keep the pay the same.

We are looking for someone to fill this position. Jeremy will send out a brief description of the position so please look for people that would like to do this!

- **Carpool Program**
  They say we are not eligible but you can try and it may happen for you depending who you talk to.

Bat bus hours extended?? Still working on this.
Shuttle to Orono? They say it will not happen because it will take too much man-power and resources.

- **Misc. Updates**
  Jeremy invited a guest for the Center for Teaching Excellence (Jeffrey St. John). If you have ideas or questions for the center please bring them to the next meeting.

**Grant’s Officer- Julie-Ann**
- **Grants**
  Were due yesterday. People seem to be asking for more money due to conferences being farther away. But with a bigger budget shouldn’t be a problem. They will be given to the readers by next Tuesday. Then funding should be known within a month.

It is too late to pass more grants in or to fix your grants.

- **Clubs & Orgs**
  Forms due Oct. 15th after break.
  Remember this is for academic and professional groups.
  Should expect your money within a few weeks.

- **Mentor Award**
  This is an annual reward for a graduate faculty member for each college that has gone above and beyond a typical advisors position. They receive a free membership to the University Club and their name on a plaque.

This award can be nominated by enrolled graduate students only. Should we extend this to those that have already left the university already? How long should we allow them to be out of school to nominate their mentor. This is an issue with small departments or faculty members that only advise a few students. Please go back to your departments to figure this out!
Secretary’s Report- Kara

• Minutes
~Christine Clark motioned to approve
  Motion Passed!

• Environmental Committee
Masters Swim – we need names of people who might be interested in getting hours at the Wallace pool.

Safety on Campus – Meeting on October 15th @ 2pm.

Green Ideas – Trying to figure out a network to figure out who is doing what to make the University more environmentally friendly. Please go back to your departments and ask them if they know of anything so that I can start a contact list!

• Publicity Committee
Looking for information to put out a newsletter in December (electronic) and then a paper copy in January. A good place to start might be those applying for grants, though approval from those applying may need to be given.

Please go back to your departments and fill out the flyer I gave you and bring it back next meeting!

• Attendance - should we put a running tally online for all to see?
It’s a go! I will send the information to Jeremy and he will put it on the GSG website. We will update this after every meeting, so hopefully we find a new web master so Jeremy doesn’t have to do it all the time!

Vice President’s Report- Patrick

• Environment & Sustainability
Talked with Gordon Nelson who is a huge part of the Green Campus Initiative. GCI is divided into 4 groups: public relations, dinning commons, transportation & dorms.

Need help with public relations & transportation. Maybe we could take on one of these roles or look at specific issues outside of these, such as recycling on campus.

Maybe not making our own group due to such redundancy already on campus. Julian Epps is willing to help network.

  Commuter board: a physical way to encourage commuting.

• Easels
Should we rent them? The wear and tear may be a problem. They were $200 original price and we were thinking to rent them for $10 each. If they damage the easel then they need to pay for it.
Committee updates

Advocacy committee: Ken Hoyt, Kristina Minott & Michael Burgess; please go to them if you are having problems on a broader scheme.

Treasurer’s Report- Jianing

- Finance Committee
  Knowledge for accounting & finance and investing. Very important in such a time of economic decline. Lectures would be useful.

  What other activities would be useful? What kind of information is pertinent? What time works best?
  Ideas - Home buying (Maine State Housing)

New Business
Graduate student singles: Platform for just single graduate students; they will update us further next meeting.

~Adjourn~