In Attendance:

Department Representatives:

- G. Gilbert
- R. Logan
- C. Clark
- D. Cassidy
- N. Spaulding
- W. Plourde
- M. Royer
- S. Ladd
- E. Wadoski
- M. Burgess
- M. Snell
- S. Breems
- J. Bolton
- A. Kristo
- M. Jones
- C. Mahaffey
- J. Epps
- T. Falkner
- F. Faterni
- W. Slade
- K. Minott
- K. Klappenbach
- V. Gaete-Martinez
- A. Shearin

Executive Committee:

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

Graduate School:

- D. Sandweiss
- S. Delcourt

President’s Report- Jeremy

- Health Insurance Update

~Health insurance gap: getting the insurance started problem until waiver deadline (Sept. 26th). You are still covered during this gap but you need to wait until everything has settled out to get your claim paperwork processed. Cutler used to take care of prescriptions and such so that students with this insurance policy could get prescriptions without putting money down. Now Cutler is not set up to do this therefore students are having to pay out of pocket.

This year the problem should be over soon because claims will go through in the beginning of October. If you are having problems contact Amaranta Ruiz-Nelson (amaranta@maine.edu, 581-3222) in the Graduate School.

Therefore for this year we aren’t going to be able to do much about it and you should not be denied care for this issue. If you are then please let us/insurance company know.

Solutions to avoid this in the future may need to be separate for new and existing graduate students.
Solutions:

i. **Returning Students**: going through the Bursars office to indicate that you are not waiving out and to process the pay and the paperwork more efficiently to prevent gap.

ii. **New Students**: Get information out sooner, for instance the advisors may need to become more responsible in their information during the acceptance policy into the assistantship. May be fixed by a generalized letter that advisors send to accepted students.

How long does it take to get reimbursed?

2-3 weeks if you are lucky; though sometimes paperwork gets lost then it may take longer.

- **Rewards Program**
  ~We want to know what Graduate Students are doing. Therefore we want to give a reward for giving us these kinds of information. We were thinking about giving a small amount of money in certificate form to Woodmans or business of choice for the reward. We don’t want to put more than $100 per semester/year but this could be a good trial run.

What is this information going to be used for?

Newsletter, Board of Trustees, Graduate School

~DO this in order to get more resources for us as graduate students.

Closed with saying that the Publicity Committee will think about this and others will be invited. **LOOK ON THE FOLDER FOR THE MEETING DATE**.

- **Miscellaneous Updates**
  For systems mail (@maine.edu) go to [http://mail.maine.edu/](http://mail.maine.edu/), this is called your UNET/UMS account. This is your preferred account…if you would rather use the UMIT system then you can forward your mail from your UMS account.

For more information on email addresses visit: [http://www.umaine.edu/hr/newemployees/emailaddr.htm](http://www.umaine.edu/hr/newemployees/emailaddr.htm)

**Grant’s Officer- Julie-Ann**

- **Grants**
  ~Grants are due early October 8th. **BRING THEM TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**, or they may be lost and not processed correctly and you may lose funding.

- **Clubs and Orgs**
  ~2006 application is floating around; please let us know where you found this. It may just be due to getting it before it was updated on the GSG website…but if you run into one please let JulieAnn or any of the executive committee know. Thanks!
Mentor Committee
~Have not paid for all of the mentors yet, but will be taken care of shortly. Thanks for your patience.

Treasurer’s Report- Jianing
• Budget
~Budget increased 31% from last year due to Grants, Clubs & Orgs, Officer Stipends (due to a new officer position), Social Activities, Web & Technology, Laptop loans (need 3-4 more laptops), Auditor, Miscellaneous & Orientation Week.

  Officer Stipend - 5% increase last year. So this year should remain the same.

  Web & Technology – used to update the GSG office computers either via recitation or new ones.

  Web master used to be Jeremy Logan; he is still continuing to do this but isn’t taking the money. We would like to find someone to do it…Farrah knows someone.

  But the fees went up so keep that in mind.

What is the Graduate Schools role?
They essentially have NO role with this money.
Most of this money is from the graduate student activity fee.

Deferred expenses?
Not 100% sure…but due to the timing of dealing with this.

~Christine Clark motioned to approve the budget. Motion was seconded.
  All in Favor – 25
  All opposed – 0
  Abstention – 1
Motion passed!
  ~Miscellaneous money use can be decided on later.

Board of Trustees (BOT) – Ken
• BOT meeting update
  Had a meeting on September 17th
  Documents are scanned in at the end of the minutes.

SIDE NOTE:
~Last year they needed to make $17 million cut…this is a reason for marketing students.
Secretary’s Report- Kara

- Minutes

~Wayne Slade motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded.
  - All approved – 23
  - All opposed – 0
  - Abstention - 3
Motion Passed!

Laptops

We will be buying new laptops for graduate resource use. Hoping 3-4 based on budget and maybe some travel bags for them. The type of computers was brought up. Since we have the majority of PCs we could by 2 Macs & 1 PC or 3 Macs & 1PC depending. Still up for debate though. If you could put your feedback in the folder than I can start figuring out the purchasing process! Thanks

Vice President’s Report- Patrick

- Committees

We still have openings so please sign up if you do not have a committee to be on.

Sustainability Committee? Not a bad idea but let's think about it.
  ~Brought up by Julian Epps

New Business

- Getting out the Vote for Nov. 4th
Come to Kara M. Soule for voter registration cards or go to your town office! Remember voting early makes your life as a busy graduate student easier.

Parking committee will meet today. If you have any questions or suggestions for this committee please contact Sherry Ladd.

Social event – Friday Oct. 3rd around 7pm; Trivia night at the Bear Brew on the second. Floor.

~Adjourned~