The University of Maine

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (GSG)
Minutes of the GSG Board Meeting, April 16th, 2009

In Attendance:

Department Representatives:
V. Dahlgren    D. Cassidy      K. Klappenbach    W. Plourde    G. Holman
M. Royer       M. Snell       V. Gaete-Martinez   L. Calhoun   C. Mahaffey
S. Ladd        A. Mullen      A. Martinson        D. Belanger  W. Slade
K. Minott      A. Shearin     S. Doore             J. Bolton    N. Spaulding
T. Falkner

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

Graduate School:

President’s Report- Jeremy
• President’s Report
Thanks to the Expo Committee for Expo this year!

We are going to be meeting with the Graduate School & the board on April 30th @ 3pm in Stodder.

We will bringing food to our last meeting…don’t know what but it will be here!

Health insurance plan for next year: keeping it the same or possibly some small changes…? We will have a better understanding next week after the Insurance company meets with the Graduate School.

Vice President’s Report- Patrick
• Expo
Thanks to all those that helped out with the Expo! We had a workshop and 130 presentations so thanks to everyone who made it happen!

• Relay for Life
Please join us at the Field House this Friday from 4pm to 10am the next day!
Grant Officers Report – JulieAnn

• Mentor Award Update
Plaques have been ordered and the University Club won’t let us get the new memberships until July.

We need input about how to word the application in a more appropriate manner because we have been getting applications that aren’t necessarily professional mentoring. ~maybe put in what it is not.

• Grants Update
The Grant summary is up. Out of 82 grants we had 12 that were not funded.

BOT Report - Ken

• Rights & Responsibilities Document
Used to protect the advisor and the student in an advisor-advisee relationship. This will set up the framework for undergraduates as well. We made this document from the students’ standpoint so it will be brought to the Graduate board for further approval. We are looking for input:

This may be a springboard so that the departments can individually write up their own rights and responsibilities documents. This should help when there are issues between a student and their advisor or vise versa.

The Graduate School may become the ‘teeth’ when there is a problem. We may need to write up a document about the process when there are issues. May be able to go to the University’s professional documentation.

Secretary’s Report- Kara

• Minutes
Minutes are passed!

New Business

Jason Bolton: Social event on May 1st - theme teams @ 7:30 or 8pm at the Sports Café! Flyers should be out soon. We may want to have a BBQ during the summer as well.

Task force document has been sent!

Those that won an award from the expo can pick it up after the meeting or pick it up later if you contact Patrick.

Parking Committee meets on April 30th as well and Sherry will give us an update at the meeting.

JulieAnn will be at a conference next week so she may not get back to your emails.
The student BOT reps will be having a telecom meeting next week about the task force with a sneak preview and input about student issues. We hope to get some feedback back on this from Ken.