In Attendance:

Department Representatives:
P. Bates L. Beers D. Belanger A. Burke D. Cassidy
G. Holman B. Hughes J. Kastelein J. Killarney K. Klappenbach
A. Martinson E. McCarthy J. Moulton N. Nadeau J. Peimer
K. Pingree J. Poirier A. Prang M. Royer E. Schultz
A. Shearin W. Slade* N. Spaulding

Executive Committee:

P. Spinney J. Bolton J. Beaupre T. Smith C. Mahaffey J. Scott-Pollock

Graduate School:

D. Sandweiss S. Delcourt

Proxies & Guests:
*N. Blouin

Meeting called to order at 12:35 pm.

President’s Report – Pat

Meeting with Governor Baldacci
Meeting with several UMaine students and one Farmington student
Governor Baldacci has strong ties to UMaine
He is looking for big structural changes to show that the University System is willing to
work to fix the budget gap.
Baldacci supports the idea of setting up two System hubs: one at UMaine, one at USM,
and eliminating the Chancellor’s office.

Meeting with Chancellor Pattenaude
The meeting was quite a challenge.
The most controversial point is the strategic investment plan that would take 3% of the
budget from each of the campuses to be redistributed by the Chancellor. The fear is that
we would not get our full 3% back. Also, we could not use that money for hiring
personnel as it would not be part of our base funding.
We will be organizing a graduate student presence at the Chancellor/BOT Meeting on Wednesday, October 28 at 10:30 am.

Health Insurance Committee
Met with Dick Young about N1H1 vaccine: November 9 & 10 in the Field House 10am-6pm. Expecting 5000 vaccines. Students 24 and younger can get vaccine for free. Report if you have any symptoms. You don’t have to get tested, but they want to know if/how it’s spreading.

We’ll be meeting with insurance representative in 2 weeks to get quotes for auxiliary coverage: more dental, eye insurance, etc. If you have any issues you’d like raised, e-mail David Cassidy or Patrick Spinney. We’ll be meeting on Nov. 3.

Vice President’s Report – Jason
GSG Trivia Night – Wrap-up
Huge turnout (~100). A bit over budget compared to “normal” expenditure from other trivia nights. Next event in November and will most likely consist of less than five hours of trivia. Send suggestions to Jason Bolton.

Faculty Senate Update
If you teach classes, it’s up to you whether or not to accept H1N1 as an excused absence.

Proposed budget cuts (~3%): $3.47 million cut in 2010, $3.5 million cut in 2011

There is a proposal to create a web portal to consolidate user names and passwords for PeopleSoft, FirstClass, WebCT, etc. and make logins easier. With the current financial situation, this may be put on hold.

Faculty very concerned about Chancellor’s visit and making plans to visit with Chancellor. Our presence there is very important. We can’t control whether or not the Chancellor listens, but the BOT has to hear what we have to say. This is our chance to get our concerns heard by the media and the public as well.

Need a volunteer for the Community Outreach Committee. The faculty overseer for this committee is quite serious about it, so please don’t volunteer lightly.

Grant Officers Report – Christie
Grants Committee met this week.
Club funding has been decided. Checks will be going out within the week.

Grant readers are getting their packets now, those decisions will be made in a couple weeks.

Meeting cut short due to fire alarm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02