The University of Maine

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (GSG)
Minutes of the GSG Board Meeting, February 11, 2010

In Attendance:

Department Representatives:

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Executive Committee:

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

Graduate School:

D. Sandweiss

Meeting called to order at 12:33 pm.

Klappenbach/Laliberté Motion to approve minutes from 1/28/10
Passes (21 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

President’s Report – Pat

Social Event
Friday February 19
4-7 pm
Beer, wine, nonalcoholic options
Appetizers, music, informal meet & greet time (Happy hour kind of thing)

Meeting with President Kennedy
UMaine as a tobacco free campus:  This is an initiative from the President’s office that is moving forward and will probably happen. There will be one more public hearing:
Thursday, February 18, 12-1 pm in the Bangor Room in the Memorial Union.

Budget: almost $6 million deficit for UMaine after ~6% tuition increase
There will be a competitive process for the System’s Strategic Investment Fund distribution
Health Committee Update – David Cassidy

Met with representatives from Cutler and the insurance company
Our premiums will probably be increasing from $2195 to $2300
The Graduate school is advocating for us to maintain our current coverage
We will have a formalized quote by spring break
Looking at other companies, but only 4 do grad students (some may be mad that we left in the past
Looking at a higher cap that could be supplemental and paid out of pocket.
Wellness Benefit and dental might be combined and broadened in scope to allow more freedom for less cost
Issue: The wording could be weird, but the one big thing is that STD testing and
Women’s exams are only covered at Cutler, not at your individual Doctor’s office
The Cutler website is the best place to go for finding forms about medical things and insurance information
Please read the policy before you go to the Doctor
Our contact is Lisa Farington (sp?) (On the information sheet under Cross insurance)
We have to be more proactive than with a lot of other policies
Issues with Cutler can be addressed by Renee Sibly (sp?). She can help with issues of billing
We’ve been looking into the gap between coverage years. If you need to be covered, have your administrative assistant contact Amaranta Ruiz. She can get your name to the insurance company to be covered sooner
Any suggestions to modify the insurance should be sent to David Cassidy

A recent graduate from Berkley will be giving a talk to generate excitement about Humanities: Wednesday Feb. 17, 3:15 in Hill Auditorium, ESRB

Vice President’s Report – Jason

Graduate Exposition

Fundraising:
Deans have been contacted to request funds
$1,000 from College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture
$500 from College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
$500 - $1000 from UMaine foundation
$1,500 from the Foster Student Innovation Center
$1,500 from IT
About $17,000 total
The Foster Student Innovation Center will present a workshop on getting ideas into the marketplace
Abstract Submissions are due Feb. 28
Talks have prizes of $500, $250, $125

Philanthropy Committee
The GSG Relay for Life won’t be at UMaine this year because it is the same weekend as the Expo. We’ll go to Old Town instead (mid-May, outside)
We’ll bring tents and hope to have a large presence
Grant Officers Report – Christie
Grants
Application due next week (2/17/10)
Peer review session last night (2/10/10): 8-10 people showed up
Still need more grant readers (at least one, but more are better). We would like to have
more from Arts & Humanities

Clubs & Orgs
No applications yet, some were expected

Treasurer – James
Financial Review
The review is complete, and our taxes are ready to be sent. Our annual income was
$86,000 (lower than usual, but we lost a lot due to the stock market). Our accountants
are very happy with current bookkeeping. The total cost was about $2800, and we
budgeted $2700.
If you are interested in more information, contact James

Board of Trustees (BOT) – Julie-Ann
Mentor Award
No Mentor Award applications have been submitted yet
Applications should include examples of professional mentoring, not personal stories
Letters may be written by anyone who was at UMaine within the past 2-3 years

BOT Update
Not much happening right now.
USM is creating a \Grad. Student Government of their own

Secretary’s Report – Trevor
Department Update
Resource Economics and Policy has been incorporated in the School of Economics.
Some of you may be approached about your departmental needs.

New Business
Dan – When you do good stuff, let us know. We want to be able to talk about all the good
stuff that is going on in the grad school at UMaine. We haven’t seen much lately. There
must be good things happening, but we’re not hearing it.

Pat – Anything you would like on the GSG website, send to Pat

Christie – Grad Students have MaineCard access to the Graduate Center: Spread the
word.

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm
E-mail Allen Rosenwasser or Carol Kim@ Biomedical Sciences