The University of Maine

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (GSG)
Minutes of the GSG Board Meeting, September 22, 2010

In Attendance:

Department Representatives:
J. Chen  K. Brothers  N. Gogan  A. Demers  J. Killarney
K. Schild*  W. Colbath  S. Carter  B. Force  A. Thompson
P. Muhkerjee  P. Spinney  B. Hughes  E. Quigley  L. Mayberry
R. Hodges  M. Talkish  S. Hinman  S. Peters  Z. Helm
M. Strouse  J. Jackson  A. Cook  D. Laliberte  R. Phrennicle
N. Heller  C. Castagna  K. Minott  L. Prabilski  M. Raja**
R. Hogg***

Proxies and Guests:
* N. Spaulding  ** S. Jain  *** P/ Damkot

Executive Committee:
J. Beaupre  K. Klappenbach  E. Pollock  J. Baker  D. Belanger  C. Gendron

Graduate School:
A. Ruiz-Nelson  S. Delcourt

Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm
Minutes from September 9, 2010 reviewed
Passes (30 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)

Secretary’s Report – Chris
Representatives asked to collect information for a GSG newsletter
- A brief synopsis of achievements within the department (awards, grants, research, etc)
- Submissions are required by Oct 1st, only submissions from senators will be accepted

Grant’s Report – Diane
New grant application forms were reviewed
Grant form changes - Passes unanimously (31 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)
Additional grant information disseminated
- Umaine.gsg.grants@gmail.com is the new submission location
- An additional GSG grants workshop will be held on Oct 1st, another date may be offered if schedules conflict (contact Diane)
- Oct 8th is the deadline for GSG grant submission
**Treasurer’s Report – Jacob**
Review of budget changes
Budget vote - Passes (28 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions)

**BOT’s report – Evan**
Update from BOT meeting
- An additional $4 million approved for completion of conversion of Stewart commons
- Landfill gas modification for steam plant
- Anticipated 5-8% increase in tuition, 3-4% if state budget increases

**Vice President – Kurt**
Reviewed committee requirement of GSG senators
- Any GSG senator not currently enrolled in a committee will be assigned
Academic calendar – Senators are asked to poll their department for input on spring vacation options
- Option 1 – Two one week breaks Feb 20-24th, March 26-30th
- Option 2 – One two week break during Feb 20-March 2 (5 days earlier) or Mar 19 - Mar 30th
- Option 3 (unofficial option) – No change

Gubernatorial Candidates – attempts are underway to get access to candidates to emphasize the importance of graduate students to the university

**President’s Report – James**
Seeking to collect instances of problems encountered with healthcare/ GA assignments or other such problems within the university
- Amaranta Ruiz-Nelson – GSG is attempting to correct issues that arise, contact her with any concerns/ problems
New Business –
- Development of a long term plan for the GSG, address areas of concern
- Presidential search committee
- Nicole – Oct 2nd, at the football game, a food/money drive is being conducted. Proceeds will be direct towards student events as well as the Black Bear food pantry

**Meeting adjourned at 1:31**