The University of Maine

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (GSG)

Minutes of the GSG Board Meeting, October 6, 2010

In Attendance:

Department Representatives:
J. Chen   K. Brothers   N. Gogan   J. Killarney   K. Schild
S. Carter B. Force     A. Thompson J. Plowden    P. Spinney
T. Berrigan B. Hughes   E. Quigley   L. Mayberry R. Hodges
M. Talkish S. Hinman   S. Peters    M. Ladd      Z. Helm
M. Strouse J. Jackson  A. Cook      D. Laliberte T. Smith
A. Burke   A. Martinson C. Castagna Z. Helm      M. Raja
E. Cal**   L. Prabilski M. Harris*   A. Demers***

Proxies and Guests:
* R. Phrennicle  ** R. Hogg  *** J. Beaupre

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

Graduate School:
D. Sandweiss

Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm
Minutes from September 22, 2010 reviewed
Motion passes (29 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)

Secretary’s Report – Chris
GSG newsletter update
➢ GSG newsletter anticipated to launch the week of the 18th, as a pdf.
➢ Dan Sandweiss noted the Graduate School’s newsletter

Grants’ Report – Diane
Grant update
➢ Proposed a change in the Grants review process
  ▪ Each grants category will divided into two reader groups and scores will be averaged.
➢ Merits discussed
  ▪ Con – individual readers could skew a reader group’s scores
  ▪ Pro – reduce reader burden, round table discussion will normalize aberrant reader scores
➢ Motion Passes (29 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions)
Treasurer’s Report – Jacob
- 50% of anticipated budget has been received, resources are matching expectations.
- GSG tailgating event on Oct 16th (flyer has been emailed to all Senators)

Vice President – Kurt
- External committee reps – please communicate meeting details to Senate
- Review Academic Calendar and vote on GSG’s position
  - Discussion of break options
  - Poll of Senator options – unchanged
    - Unchanged was favored
    - March 19th – Mar 30th was second option

Motion was made to allow VP to present the option of an unchanged Academic Calendar, with a backup position of Mar 19th – Mar 30th

Motion passed (29 in favor, 0 absences, 0 opposed)

Faculty Senate has the final vote, but there is a lot of pressure

President’s Report – James

In a meeting with the President, the topic of unequal representation was raised

- UMO is the largest campus, yet has an equal vote in the University system
- A letter will be drafted to address this concern to the Chancellor and BOT
- GSG will continue to discuss this topic and approve the letter prior to its submission to the Chancellor and BOT

Meeting adjourned at 1:31