Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm
Minutes from October 6, 2010 reviewed
Motion passes (34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention)

President’s Report – James

- Letter to the Chancellor
  - A letter written to the Chancellor to address the changes in the system
  - Does the GSG support such a letter

Open discussion on topic of a letter to the Chancellor

Positions in support of letter

- One vote / campus may be ineffective in representing the population
- Refocus BOT towards student issues
UMaine is the most expensive college in the system, yet stand to receive less services if UMaine budget continues to be cut

UMaine has more facilities, more courses, college experience... Change could alter enrollment

UMaine has accredited facilities, the state stands to lose facilities

Alterations to the Academic Calendar are likely a forerunner to further changes... reductions in funding, programs being cut, faculty being cut... this letter seeks to forestall further homogeneity within the system

Limited funds are being reallocated to elevate satellite campuses, it is important to remember that the foundation of those campuses is UMaine

Undergrad Rep will be contacted and brought in for final letter writing

Positions against a letter

Satellite campuses provide support for rural areas, allow students who may not otherwise be able to attend college
  - D. Sandweiss addressed the fiscal implications of funds being shunted to the satellite campuses from UMaine

Motion to draft a letter (Meg Ladd & Megan Patterson)
  - Motion passes (29 in favor / 2 opposed / 1 abstention)

Development of a GA checklist to streamline process
  - Amaranta Ruiz-Nelson presented the flow chart

Grants’ Report – Diane

Discussed approval of club for funding
  - Three clubs GABA, ISA and YEP (see attached for explanation)
  - Motion to approve clubs for funding issued by P. Spinney
    - (23 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention)
    - Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 1:39