In Attendance:

Department Representatives:
M. Patterson  K. Brothers  N. Gogan  A. Demers  K. Schild  
W. Colbath  S. Carter  B. Force  P. Muhkerjee  P. Spinney  
T. Berrigan  B. Hughes  E. Quigley  L. Mayberry  R. Hodges*  
M. Talkish  S. Hinman  S. Peters  M. Ladd  M. Strouse  
J. Jackson  Z. Helm  A. Cook  R. Phennicie  T. Smith  
A. Burke  A. Martinson  C. Castagna  M. Raja  R. Hogg  

Proxies and Guests:
*J. Miller

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

Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm
Minutes from Nov. 17, 2010 reviewed
Motion to approve minutes made by M. Ladd, seconded by T. Smith
Motion passes (27 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)

BOT Rep.
* BOT update
  o BOT is interested in having 2 graduate students accompany the BOT rep to
    the BOT meetings, beginning in January.
    ▪ Each presentation has a 3 minute time limit
  o The intent will be to enhance the BOT’s understanding of Graduate studies
    at UMaine. We would like to put a face to the Graduate college.
  o Ideally seeking students who have received funding or have accomplished
    some notoriety

Vice President
* First Class folders – Please check if your GSG folders are operational, if not
   please contact Kurt Klappenbach
• EXPO update
  o Senators are implored to seek judges for the EXPO from their departments
  o In negotiations with the author of PhD comics, Jorge Cham
  o Undergrads from all over the state will be visiting the EXPO
  o LaPage’s invitation – will be asked to present EXPO awards
  o External funding for the EXPO has/is being sought
    ▪ After the lunch, private contributors to the EXPO will have a 5-10 minute spiel

President
  • Letter to the Chancellor
    o University President advised to omit some elements and include others
      ▪ Exclude
        • Academic calendar change has been tabled for 2 years
        • GSG’s vote had a large impact, the GSG received credit from the Provost. KUDOS!
      ▪ Include
        • The impact of the financial strain on the educational experience of graduate students while they are at UMaine

Please submit any and all information on the financial or social impact of graduate students on the local area/Maine you have to James Beaupre

Treasurer
  • Taxes were submitted and we passed out audit
    o Jacob Baker is available to discuss the details, contact via Firstclass if you have questions/ concerns
  • Budget remains on track
    o Big ticket items are still in the future (EXPO and Summer Grants)
  • Bad sweater party on Dec. 10th at 7 pm – 10 pm (see flyer in the Rep Forum)
New Business

- Intermedia 16th 8:30-9:00 a live band will be performing
- 34 artists will be displaying
- See flyer in the Rep Forum