GSG Senate Minutes  
September 8, 2009  12:30pm – 1:30pm  
Stodder Hall Room 57 

Their being a quorum of representatives (a list of those present may be found below) the Senate meeting was called to order by President James Beaupre:

He introduced Dan Sandweiss Dean of the Graduate School and Scott Delcourt Associate Dean of the Graduate School who both gave a brief welcome and greeting.

President Beaupre then spoke about the need to fill the position of GSG Secretary and after describing the responsibilities of the position called for nominations.

President Beaupre nominated Chis Gendron for the post – the nomination was seconded by Pat Spinney. Representative Jim Killarney - nominated Robert Hodges and representative Andrea Burke seconded Mr. Hodges.

The candidates were then asked to speak on their qualifications for the post Robert Hodges spoke first – followed by Mr. Gendron. President Beaupre then asked both candidates about how they go about preparing a newsletter for the GSG and what would be in it. After the candidates answered the question they both left the room and a call for discussion was made. There was no discussion. The candidates returned and a secret ballot was held for the position.

President Beaupre and Vice President Klappenbach tallied the ballots and the winner Christopher Gendron was announced.

Next Vice President Klappenbach (who was also acting as Secretary for this meeting) described the responsibilities of the representatives including attendance and serving on committees. A reminder that all representatives must serve on at least one committee (internal and external) was made.

The discussion of the attempted Gubernatorial Meeting Update was tabled until the next meeting.

There were no remarks from the Secretary that position being vacant

Next the Treasurer Jacob Baker went over the 2010-2011 GSG budget.

There was a brief discussion about the fax lines mentioned in the budget, and a discussion of what happens to the excess money in we as a unit goes under budget. Treasurer Baker explained that the excess money goes into the Foundation account. There was some discussion of the line item of philanthropy was then held. The discussion of the Budget was tabled until next meeting at this point.
President Beaupre then led a discussion of health insurance. A number of problems including departments not submitting a list of grad students or submitting names and not having them recorded by the Graduate Schools services office was then briefly held.

The **Grants Officer** Diane Belanger then discussed some proposed changes to the Grant Submission Form. A decision to table any vote on the proposed changes was made until the next meeting to give time to the representatives to review the changes. Next Ms. Belanger discussed Clubs funding.

Time running short the **Board of Trustees rep** Evan Pollock briefly discussed the BoT over the summer – he will complete the briefing at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

The Graduate School Picnic to be held Wednesday, September 15, 2010 4pm-6pm was noted and Graduate Business Association’s UMaine vs. UNH Event on October 2 was mentioned.

It being 1:30 pm the meeting was adjourned by President Beaupre.

Representatives present included:


Executive officers present:

James Beaupre, Kurt Klappenbach, Jacob Baker, Diane Belanger and Evan Pollock.

Departments not represented: