The University of Maine

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (GSG)

Minutes of the GSG Board Meeting, January 19, 2011

In Attendance:

Department Representatives:

K. Brothers   B. Kiehl   J. Killarney   K. Schild   W. Cobath
S. Carter     B. Force   H. Engelberth  P. Muhkerjee P. Spinney
T. Berrigan   B. Hughes  B. Looze      E. White    R. Hodges
S. Hinman     S. Peters* M. Ladd       A. Dorko     J. Jackson
Z. Helm       A. Cook    D. Laliberte  R. Phrennicie T. Smith
A. Burke      N. Heller  C. Castagna   J. Barrett   L. Przybylski
M. Raja       E. Call    M. Brown

Proxies and Guests:
*K. Dawson

Executive Committee:

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

Graduate School:
S. Delcourt

Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm

Secretary

× Approval of minutes motioned by Robert Hodge; supported by Zach Helm and Sarah Hinman. Vote: 27 favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed.

× Motion to approve minutes passed

× GSG Newsletter

× Get senator feedback on newsletter

× Ideas from departments for next newsletter

President

× List of candidates
× Link of candidates is in Rep Forum (http://umaine.edu/presidentsearch/finalists/)

× GSG will get 1 hour visits with each candidate (we need people to show up!!!)
  × James Page, Tuesday 25th 2-3 pm in Wells room 3
  × Paul Fergus, Thursday 27th, 6-7 pm in Wells room 3
  × Donald Farish, Thursday 3rd, 2-3 pm in Wells room 3
  × Daniel Julius, Thursday 8th, 2:30-3:30 pm Wells room 2

× Letter to the Chancellor
  × Will be withheld until appointment of new University President
    × Delay is intended to inform/link the President to the current happenings

× Hooding ceremony update
  × Next year the ceremony is anticipated to be moved from the Alfond to the Collins Center, but in anticipation this year’s ceremony has been scheduled there.
  × The Collins Center has a substantially smaller seating capacity
    × Normal attendance is 2000, the CC has only 1400 seats
    × Seating restrictions will be imposed – each person will be guaranteed some seats (at this point, suggested to be 3), additional tickets will be dolled at as possible.

Discussion
  × Spinney – holding out one more year, may bring the new president on board
  × Carter – seating is unlimited at general ceremony, but better seats/acoustics
  × Delcourt – sound is remarkably poor in Alfond
  × Laliberte – reception location? Union has been suggested.

Please speak with your department for opinions!

× Funding for the Hooding Ceremony is being cut, a student fee increase may occur.
  × A fee hike would facilitate the Hooding ceremony, grants, clubs & organizations.

Please gather some input from your departments
Vice President

- Rental Boards – GSG makes a significant amount of money from board rentals, so please publicize the board rentals.

- The Grad Expo costs money
  - Departmental donations are encouraged; please contact Kurt if your department may be able to contribute.

- Update on the Grad Expo (April 21st and 22nd)
  - Facebook and Twitter pages will be developed, in addition to the website
  - 35 judges, still need more judges
  - Keynote Address – speaker is unclear at present, Steven King is willing to participate as a backup.
  - Award Speaker – Governor LaPage has not yet responded

BOT Rep.

- Mentor Awards – nomination form goes live on the GSG website today.
  - Electronic form submission, all parties must be CC’ed (which will qualify as their signature)

Grants Officer

- Receipts from GSG grants – only 4 people are delinquent in their receipts
  - Spring submissions are currently open; deadline will be 4pm February 11th.

- Clubs and Organization
  - Attempting to streamline the process, see website.
  - New group submissions will be available until Feb 11th at 4 pm.

Treasurer

- Budget update
  - Activity fees check has arrived, we are on budget thus far.
  - Budget is on track.
Other items

- Graduate student support group (see Rep forum)
- TAs – no formal evaluation for TA without their own section of a course, so a draft has been written to establish such an evaluation

Meeting adjourned at 1:26