The University of Maine

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (GSG)

Minutes of the GSG Board Meeting, March 30, 2011

In Attendance:

Department Representatives:
M. Patterson  K. Brothers  N. Gogan  A. Demers  J. Killarney
S. Carter  P. Muhkerjee  P. Spinney  T. Berrigan  D. Lemire
E. White  R. Hodges  R. Snell  S. Hinman  S. Cottrell
M. Ladd  A. Dorko  J. Jackson  Z. Helm  A. Cook*
D. Laliberte  A. Burke  A. Martinson**  C. Castagna  M. Raja
L. Przbylski  I. McCullough

Proxies and Guests:
*J. Poirier  **R. Pickering

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

Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm

Secretary
× Approval of minutes from 3/16/11

× Motion to approve minutes - Daniele Laliberte, Robert Hodges (22 in favor, 1 abstention, 0 objections)

President/ Treasurer
× Ex-com Officer nominations – nominations can be sent to James Beaupre via First Class

× Officers described positions – (contact reps individually with questions)

× Treasurer
× Create the GSG budget
× Manage the GSG budget
× Provide financial perspective on GSG budgets
× Compiles tax information (taxes are outsourced)
× Meticulous with numbers, not necessarily a Business major
- Secretary
  - Take minutes during meetings
  - Communicate information between GSG/Senate/other graduate students
  - Manage laptop loan program

- Grants Officer
  - Two cycles of grants
  - Generate grants application form
  - Form a grant reader committee
  - Determine funding of grants

- Vice President
  - Monthly meetings with President
  - Faculty Senate meetings
  - Graduate EXPO

- President – Head of the GSG
  - Organizes other Officers
  - Monthly meetings with Grad school
  - Bi-monthly meetings with University President

- Average officer time commitment ~ 10 hours a week (varies)

- GSG budget
  - Response to survey
    - Survey respondents indicated that no increase was the preferred choice
    - The second choice was a $5 increase

- Fee increase
  - Motion to increase by $10/semester by S. Carter & E. White
× 13 in favor, 7 opposed, 5 abstention (motion carries)
× A referendum will be created to propose a $10 increase
× Volunteers to oversee process (S. Hinman, A. Dorko, N. Gogan, R. Hodges)
  × Oversight committee to ensure a fair campaign
× An informational packet will be compiled to send out to Grad. Students with proposition.

Vice President
  × Grad Expo
  × Philanthropy

Grants Officer
  × Grants update