GSG Meeting 11/4/15
Meeting Called to Order at: 12:01

Approval of Minutes from 10-21-15: Approved: 25  Opposed: 0   Abstaining: 0

President: Discussion of Issues that the GSG can address:
Would like to see an increase of volunteers at the GradExpo
Electronic Dissertation and Thesis Committee for Grad Board: Looking to eliminate the need for paper copies of dissertations in an attempt to make things easier and cheaper for graduate students. It was passed last year that an electronic copy is required already. Will require staff training to learn to review theses onscreen rather than in paper.
Graduate School does cross-share with the library to purchase abstracts.
Working with IT to develop a ListServe for all graduate students to be in direct contact with students. Major items will be passed through this, but senators will still need to pass along information.

Vice President: Ranked Choice Voting presentation
Vote for RCV: In favor: 28 Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 4

OPD: Crawlloween was a huge success, with over 100 in attendance.
$3 Pint Night every first Wednesday of the month. At OBC at 7 and Woodman's starting at 9. ½ apps and burgers available at Woodman's after 9 on these days.

Starting to plan winter social
Professional Development workshop Nov. 18- CV peer-review workshop 6-7:30 in Stodder 57
Working to plan more professional development, and looking to create a Q&A forum with new hires on campus.
Open to suggestions

Grants: Last grants review session complete
Funding levels to be determined by early next week
Friday Nov. 13 is anticipated release date, packets will be available at the front desk
Grants committee will be meeting next week

Treasurer: Paid for Crawlloween
Grants food reimbursed
UClub membership paid for

BOT: Academic and Student Affairs meeting on Monday- will be discussing IT and other items which will be passed on through the Presidential update. Any concerns should be brought attention so they can be mentioned at the BOT meeting.

President (2): Official committee meeting dates will be sent out within the next week.
Activity Fee proposition would be ideal by the end of the next meeting. Suggestion to form an AdHoc committee to work on this referendum and keeping it from being formed solely by the ExComm. Looking for volunteers to serve on committee (Michael O'Brien, Mitchell Herring, Cyle O'Donnell, Alice Ren, Magda B.)

Senator Updates: Veteran's Week: Flag raising Monday noon outside memorial Union, to be followed by a BBQ. Tuesday- Free Dunkin' Donuts coffee and donuts. Wednesday- 5K.
Thursday- Theater of War in downtown Bangor, free shuttle.
Tuesday lectures at IMRC 7pm. Visit IMRCcenter.com to find information on weekly lectures.

Discussion: It was mentioned last week that there may be an issue with the circulation of minutes, some ideas for helping with this issue: 1) Perhaps someone could record the meetings and allow senators to create their own minutes. 2) Perhaps a WordPress could be created to allow an online forum and the sharing of notes.

Question of how this forum will differ from FirstClass. The idea would be that it would be a discussion between senators only.

There are ongoing discussions of the future of FirstClass, so a forum that can continue after the potential loss of FirstClass could be positive.

There are already many ways to hold discussions already, and it could be confusing to add another forum to the mix. Google Drive may have more potential than a separate forum.

Maybe a private forum could be added to the GSG website, or something similar. The separate forum could be introduced at the first GSG meeting every semester. There would be no additional cost for a separate forum.

Potential to create an exploratory committee for this idea.

Motion to create an online forum that does not include the Executive Committee- tabled.

Keeping website's newsfeed updated- this year's budget, activity fee proposal, etc.

Meeting adjourned at: 12:41 p.m.