TREASURER: Review of budget- does not reflect the proposed activity fee increase
Past years have been over-budget for the GradExpo, but budgets have been fluctuating over the years.
Budget deficit may not be the case, but it is the assumption
Budget has been cut by over 11% in the past two years

BOT: Presentation from Chancellor's planning assistant
Not fiscally sustainable, not attracting or obtaining students
Budget gap shrunk from $42 million to $7 million
Comparison with other schools' enrollment
One University system: One framework, one central office, campus differentiation (“themed”), unified finance (still up in the air), organizing framework, fully integrated university
What to expect: Campus differentiation, administrative integration, Academic transformation (no programs canceled, but programs condensed)
Other universities run on similar systems (PennState, USC, etc.)
Administration will be tailored to individual universities
Benefits to campus: Stabilized finances, reduced inter-campus competitions, increased political support, higher enrollment (numbers for the overall system, not individual campuses)
http://thinkmissionexcellence.maine.edu/the-journey-to-one-university/ for questions
- 700 administrative positions already cut this year, no future cuts currently projected
- Trying to gain more advocates
- Partnering with community colleges directly
- Program assessment to proceed further research into student retention

GRANTS: Recognition of new clubs/organizations
Approved clubs have access to $600/year (must reapply for funding for the two semesters of their first year), must meet mission requirements to support academic and non-academic pursuits, budget for clubs is frozen. Expense reports are submitted regularly and organizations are open to every member of the graduate school.

1) UMaine women in academia
Interdisciplinary exchange and connection on campus between men and women on campus
Discussing topics such as attending conferences with children and dress codes
How to interact with companies
First meeting last week (12 in attendance)
One meeting a month
Fashion show in February for conference dress code conversation
Presentations from women with experience in academia
Discussion: Not all clubs are UMaine clubs, some are state and international organizations, some are professional development operations plan to help toward funding. Discussion that women in academia are significantly under-represented and supported. Group also presents general professional development.

VOTE: Approve-33 Disapprove-0 Abstain-0

2) Graduate Business Association
Focuses on networking, professional development campuswide and in individual departments. Opportunity to connect with undergraduate students. Alumni and all students are invited. Group dissipated previously when execs graduated.

Discussion: Helping to pull undergraduate students in to the MBA program.

VOTE: Approve- 29 Disapprove- 0 Abstain- 1

3) National Association of Women MBAs
National, non-profit organization. Not limited to just women. Working to develop peer-to-peer program to match MBA students with executives in their area.
Opening discussions of genders in workplaces. Planning to reach out to other groups, LGBT, Women in academia, etc.

Discussion: Concern that so many women-focused groups could segregate overall departments. Discussion that perhaps not all departments call for a women focused group, but some departments have lower representation.

VOTE: Approve- 31 Disapprove- 0 Abstain- 1

PRESIDENT: Presentation of budget distribution
70% of money toward grants, 1% on alcohol
Breakdown of how much is spent toward alcohol at separate events
Alcohol distributed at GradExpo and Orientation Social is to meet a demand (reimbursement of alcohol used). Supporting local brewers.

Proposed activity fee increase presentation
Decrease in enrollment
Comparison of system-wide activity fees
Undergraduate discussion of activity fee increase taking place as well
More money being given back to students than money given from students
Breakdown of proposals to be posted in rep folder (includes breakdown of where the extra money would go)
Bring suggestions/ideas to next meeting
Open forum will be held for discussion (timing of forum to be stated at a later date)

SECRETARY: Attendance and committee list sent around

Meeting adjourned at: 1:08