GSG Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2011

Meeting began at 11:30 am
Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm

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PRESIDENT

- Housekeeping: Reminded rep’s on how to correct the attendance record
- Introduced Special Guests: Provost Hunter & Alan Stormann of Parking Services

- **Questions asked and discussed with the Provost:**
  - a. She really appreciated the invitation and was eager to start a conversation. She was really happy that they renovated Stodder. This is her 21st year on the faculty and fourth year as provost. She was a cell biologist before and adjunct professor at start of her UMaine career.
  - b. She has an appreciation for the role that grad students play, as a research university this applies to our mission directly. There is a benefit for the atmosphere of the university, culturally different, a vitality and air of intellectual debate.
  - c. She reflected on the fact that “we” (everyone at the university) haven’t done a good job communicating within the state about why it is important to have a research university. It is something we struggle with because you don’t want to be a talking head in people’s faces.
  - d. She mentioned the Mitchell lecture and how the lecturer spoke of the need to improve communication from the sciences. She requested that as graduate students move around the state and interact that they try to include that in their communications (that a research university is important) because there are not a lot of layers and we have access to all sorts of people and should represent ourselves well.
  - e. For example the outreach to K-12 program, 7 departments involved and graduate students made that program what it was.
  - f. David from MALS asked how her background has affected her work regarding environmental and energy issues.
  - g. She responded by saying that a cell biologist is not really an environmentalist, but she is proud of SSI and the EPSCOR grant the university got.
h. She talked of the need to get the word out through UMaine Today and that great discoveries need to be passed along with information flowing up to those who can publicize it around the state.

i. Someone from Eco Environment asked what a Provost does.

j. She is the senior VP for Academic affairs and Provost. Basically everything within the division of academic affairs reports to her, all of the deans...which she listed. About 60% of the budget.

k. David asked about the growth of disciplines and how those decisions are made.

l. She said there is a formal shared government document and the PCRRC that is in charge of program creation and evaluation that then goes forward to the UMS system. There are 15 steps in the document for consideration of new programs.

m. James mentioned that maybe there could be an easier way for graduate students to give their ideas about where programs should be going, like a think tank so that there is an incentive to take the next step.

n. Provost Hunter agreed that it would good to cultivate opportunities and set up places for more formal communication. She mentioned the precedent of Faculty Senate ad hoc committees.

o. History guy suggested that public relations should be expanded because history students present at conferences, but they could be presenting all over the state, more than willing to display their research in Maine.

p. The provost agreed saying we need to find ways to talk to non-academics – because we’ve pretty well convinced each other how important we are. Haha!

q. Kurt made a plug for the Grad Expo.

r. Sandweiss mentioned what a good job Robert Hodges did explaining his research to Commissioner Bowen.

s. Provost suggested some sort of speakers’ bureau.

t. Nick Dehaus from International Affairs spoke of a course on partnerships that are hosting a webinar on what works.

u. Provost spoke about being interdisciplinary, which is a buzzword but it is where academics are going. Working horizontally. Which doesn’t work in the way the university counts students but that is how new profs want to work and do their scholarship because the questions are big ones.

Questions asked and discussed with Alan Stormann:

a. 59 years in Maine, 3 years Army, Police Officer 37 years and now he’s the Assistant Director for security, parking and transportation.
b. Believes in the philosophy of community policing, developing partnerships and problem solving, wants people involved in identifying and applying.

c. He talked about the 581 info program and the availability of overnight parking permits for those who work late on campus and may be affected by the parking ban (call parking services). If you don’t have a pass call public safety 4040 and they won’t give you a ticket. There are two overnight lots, Bridge tennis lot and the College Ave south lot.

d. Nick Dehaus asked about an as-needed parking ban like they have in Portland.

e. There has been very little discussion about that, in the Old Town city council they talk about removal a lot but they worry about Friday and Saturday night visitors and getting the information out.

f. Facilities management decides when to plow. Maj. Stormann invited Nick to come talk more about it with him.

g. He explained that the parking ban goes into May so that facilities can make lot repairs after the winter.

h. Some other issues were brought up like making repealing parking tickets easier and making the shuttle a real shuttle service.

i. Alan spoke about the BAT service development in general but didn’t directly address the question about a direct route to and from Orono but apparently the bus program has been successful.

j. David asked if there is a committee where people can bring issues…there is and everyone is welcome.

k. They just increased faculty parking near Cutler and after Thanksgiving there will be 80 commuter spots on hilltop. There is a lot of parking but maybe not convenient parking.

VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER
  o Requested more volunteers to join finance committee.

GRANTS OFFICER
  o General update on GSG funds being released to grantees.

BOT REPRESENTATIVE

SECRETARY