I. Call to Order 12:012
II. Roll Call
III. Approval of Minutes/Agenda: 21 Minutes approved
IV. Guest Speaker: UMeFood
   a. Julia McGuire from ecology and environmental sciences is representing the
      UMeFood club and is looking for recognition. UMeFood looks at food
      systems because there is lack of discussion on campus. It was informally
      formed in September, but it has grown, and this year they are looking to
      attend Agriculture and Innovation, and compete for $100,000 to develop
      real world plans to improve food at Umaine and Maine as a whole. Right
      now they have undergrad involvement want to work more with the
      surrounding community. They already have partnerships within the
      community. The simple definition of food systems is everything involved in
      producing food, from growing it to getting it into our mouths.. Maine is the
      most food insecure within New England and the club is also working with
      fisheries and people involve with aquaculture. They are looking for more
      participation. They have a facebook group if interested. It is recognized as
      a group.
V. Advisor Report
   a. Dean Sandweiss has been talking with fellow graduate students to establish
      a larger meeting of grad students in order to ask what has brought them to
      the University of Maine. Looking at meeting the second week of December
      to get people interested and to start the process of better targeting our
      graduate population.
   b. President — Jeffrey Falvey
      a. Ad hoc Meeting: Basically since there was a change in the rules for
         grant funding for clubs and organizations, an ad hoc committee has
         been established to review a unique case. Basically an organization
         asked for funding for a speaker, and the speaker turned down the
         money, so they built a new budget for that money. Since we asked
for organizations to return money that was not used according to their budget, they did, but they want to ask for it back for their new program. The ad hoc committee is to review their new budget.

b. Grad board is Nov 26
c. Still keep an eye out for groups that does not have GSG Representation

c. **Vice President - Robin Arnold**
   a. Grad Expo: looking to expand the awarded categories
   b. Mentor/Mentee award: We are asking if you are working with a undergraduate mentee to email Robin Arnold with some general details about you research. The Grad Expo will be offering an award for the mentor/mentee category. We are looking for more involvement in this category in the spring semester. The research does not have to be with honors undergrad student.
   c. Ask faculty to be judges
   d. Grad Expo committee will be meeting at new IMRC facility

d. **Treasurer – Jacky Deng**
   a. Audit is all done

e. **Secretary - Abigail Jones**
   a. Constitution Committee
   b. Newsletter Committee

f. **Outreach and Professional Development Officer - Elisa Sance**
   a. Recap of past events
      i. Coffee Social had about nine people
      ii. LinkedIn and grants writing went well, Linda Silka has a program coming up in the spring. She said she had a great time with the students who showed up, and three grad students said that her grant writing class is great
   b. Upcoming Events
      i. Woodman’s Social Tuesday Nov, 26 9 to 11
      ii. In the process of doing the holiday party which will be Dec 12, it is ugly sweater themed
      iii. Winter Clothes Drive: This is to benefit Umaine black bear drive. Get a box for your department and place it in your department’s central office. The flyer is in the folder. Put the flyer on the box. This drive will be going from now to Dec 3, on
Dec 4 please bring it to the meeting and philanthropy committee will collect them.

**g. Grants Officer - Amamihe Onwuachumba**

a. No updates

**h. BOT Representative - Charles Rodda**

a. Board of Trustee Meeting: Sunday and Monday was the recent BOT meeting. As a state we have a declining college ages, but Umaine is the bright spot since we have increased enrollment. Also at the meeting there was talk about shared governance: asking about what is the proper role of the board and proper role of the faculty. Talk about the role of students has been historically ignored, so Charles sat in on the board meeting discussing this topic. He has scheduled follow-meetings concerning the topic of our voice as students. The collective bargaining close to being resolved. The Housing survey went extremely well received. Approximately 80 people participated, thanks for the effort. This survey will be used all across the Umaine system. The survey will be put out again and will need to get several hundred more participants.

b. Orono has a committee talking about reevaluating the housing situation in Orono. The reason for this committee is because there is a disconnect between what students need and what the town wants. It would be tremendous help to have gsg participation on this committee. The comprehensive plan minutes should be available on the town of Orono’s website

**VI. Committee Reports**

a. Book store is doing event on Dec 11 at 4pm involving poetry from Emily Dickinson. Contact Cathleen Ellis for more information.

b. GSG should look up put flyers up and workshops on Polycom since some of our population are farther away. We have access to professionals that will do the tech.

c. Visiting lecturer at 4pm at the CCA. Mayan archeologists Breck Hauck will talk about Mayan Cities in Belize.

d. Christmas tree sale in Nutting: weekdays 3-6, Saturday 9-4

**VII. Old Business**

**VIII. Orono Bog: Informed meeting Dec 18th.** If anyone would like to get together over the Thanksgiving break and talk about any plans you can contact Nancy Prisk.
IX. New Business
X. Senator Updates & General Announcements:
XI. Adjournment 12:54

Full officer reports are available on first class