I. **Call to Order: 12:01**

II. **Roll Call**

III. **Approval of Minutes/Agenda:** Minutes are approved

IV. **Guest Speaker**

   a. **A hub for permaculture at Umaine:** Eileen Palmer, Mike Emery, Dee Clark are residents of the Terrell House and are implementing a garden for hands on and cooperative learning. They became a group in 2012. Grad students assisted in building Terrell house and transformed it for sustainable experiments and place based education/community outreach. The project is working on sustainability facilities, improving the grounds, transplanting flowers for pollination, and adding organic material. The garden can be used by students for research which can include food production, developing the landscape with permaculture techniques, making use of wasted resources, experimenting and building. The Terrell House is working with many other groups, and the garden will be wheel chair accessible and a corridor for wildlife. Participation will allow engagement in the Umaine/Orono community. Three people live in the house because of zoning policies, but the project wants to give students a sense of ownership of the garden because it’s an interdisciplinary project. Hoping to have 8 to 12 plots by the spring, it is a group planning initiative; the main purpose is the exchanging of skills and knowledge. Contacts: facebook.com/groups/terrell.house/ and terrellhousepllc@gmail.com

   b. **International Program:** Orlina Boteva is the study abroad advisor on campus. She works primarily with undergrad, but has had quite a few grad students. Some programs work more easily with study abroad programs, but some grad students have done summer internships that involve research in the field. Advisors and faculty are usually supportive of studying abroad. There is the Fulbright program which provides funding for teaching English abroad and research. Francois Amar is the Full Bright advisor.
V. Advisor Report: Urge people to apply to Umaine Graduate School

VI. Executive Officer Reports

a. President – Jeffrey Falvey
   a. Student Government Leadership meeting on November 26, if you have anything to take to administration let us know.
   b. Be on the look-out for more GSG representation on committees.
   c. Joined Athletic Advisory and Planning Committee
   d. Make sure you report to your constituents because there has been a lot of lost communication

b. Vice President - Robin Arnold
   a. Digital Commons will showcase Expo research: It’s a place for publishing, looking to do a workshop
   b. Continuing communication to create Mentor/Mentee Expo Award: A lot of undergrad looking for help for honors thesis. Honors undergrads can have a graduate student on committees
   c. Start talking about the Expo: April 3rd and 4th want a lot of participation
   d. Grad Expo Committee will meet after the morning meeting

c. Treasurer – Jacky Deng
   a. Annual Audit: Almost complete
   b. Issuing checks for grants
   c. Activity fees are all in, less than we projected

d. Secretary - Abigail Jones
   a. No Reports

e. Outreach and Professional Development Officer - Elisa Sance
   a. Halloween Social went well
   b. Next Social Tuesday November 26 from 9-11 starting to plan winter holiday party
   c. Ideas for philanthropy: Please send ideas for the ideas
   d. LinkedIn Nov 8 2-4 professional photos
   e. Grant writing workshop: Learn the basics to write, work in little groups to have your project fit in to all requirements, please register

f. Grants Officer - Amamihe Onwuachumba
   a. Grants update: The amount awarded isn’t as high as normal because of how many people applied.
   b. Clubs and Orgs

g. BOT Representative - Charles Rodda
a. Introducing Housing Questionaire: please pass to constituents, wants it on the BOT meeting. We are over capacity, looking for what grads want for on campus housing, discussing at various levels about building, there is a waiting list for housing plans to build some of that. Will put a link in webpage, folder and facebook.
b. First Science Saturday: looking to extend the program, if you have project ideas, identify professors who wants help

VII. Committee Reports

VIII. Old Business
a. Resource Powerpoint: Graduate students on the TAship are entitled to the employee system which allows up to 10 meetings with a counselor, and can provide you with other resources. You can walk in, specialize in time management and thesis. Open from 12 to 4:30. Mental illness is covered under GA plan
b. Rec Center: Top 10 rec centers in the country. It’s LEAD silver, there are seasonal tennis courts, ice skating 11-1, You get 3 guests passes.
c. There are ski bus trips is through Maine bound. Maine Bound also does outdoor hiking. There is a new planetarium that will be up next academic year. The observatory is free for use.

IX. New Business
a. Orono Bogwalk: Information on folder

X. Senator Updates & General Announcements: Earth and climate department from Poland Springs a 12 at Bryan on Friday at noon. Nutting Hall speaker from Harvard speaking open access and peer review, for academic career. International affairs is interviewing new faculty member 2:15-3:30 in Coe room. Talking about international security, 3-5 tomorrow.

XI. Adjournment 12:59

Full officer reports are available on first class