Meeting Agenda  
Fall 2013 | Meeting #7  
Wednesday, December 22, 2014  
Graduate Student Center, Stodder Hall | 12-1 PM

I. **Call to Order** 12:03  
II. **Roll Call**  
III. **Approval of Minutes/Agenda:** 32 Minutes approved  
IV. **Guest Speaker: ESC’s request for funding:** The ESC group came back to GSG for the senate to vote on whether they should be able to receive the total amount they had asked for last year. ESC had budgeted money to give to a guest speaker, but the speaker did not accept the money. Since earlier this year we changed the rule, requiring groups to return unused money. ESC was following the rules and wanted to re-budget the money towards garden tools. There was a temporary committee made to review their case and decide whether we should as a senate vote on allowing them the money they original asked for in their grant. This is also a one-time thing and they will be the only group grandfathered in from the change. The total amount they need for the garden is $4,000, but much of it is from donations. What they are asking for is a few purchases for tools, and material fee for each plot. The requested amount is approx. $180 for shovels rakes for people. They are shovel ready, they just need the shovels. Voted for allowing them to receive the money.  

a. **Maureen Correll: Insurance update:** email maureen.correll@maine.edu. They recently had a meeting, so make sure if you have any concerns or questions to email her. As a review there are 3 different insurance plans, there is an international plan, people not supported by the university, meaning if you don’t receive a stipend, and GA plan. The GSG helps with the GA plan. The committee is reviewing good points and bad points of the plan, but are looking for feedback. Please talk to your constituents for feedback. Especially ask your constituents for accessibility and understandability of the plan. The committee is looking for a dental plan. They are having the meeting on Feb 5 or 6. Also please let us know if you have any questionalbe charges.  

b. **Ashley Hellenbrand:** CISV (or Childrens International Summer Village) needs boys, ages 11, to participate so they can send another
troupe. The average cost is $3,000 but some trips are less expensive. There are also scholarships. Please email Ashley if interested.

V. **Advisor Report: Dan Sandweiss:** If you have any PhD student doing dissertation they might be interested in this website: http://lolmythesis.com/

VI. **Ex Comm Report**

a. **President – Jeffrey Falvey**
   a. Student Leader’s Meeting – Late night Transport to Old Town intrigued the group, but they want to know if there is a need for the transportation. The plan may be that they just add a run to the express that goes to Old Town after the last classes are done. Spencer Woods also has started a transport service called the Tip Wip that is tips only. The number is 207-659-9368. There is also a facebook page.
   b. Spring 2014 timeline: It is on the folder

b. **Vice President - Robin Arnold**
   a. Grad Expo: Always looking for volunteers. Applications will be up very soon.
   b. Poster Printing: Printing Services will help with posters and will give us 50% discount if it is done before March 24, also 10% with the coupon. The will give you a proof and work with you to fix any problems. The media center in the library is also another service available.

c. **Treasurer – Jacky Deng**
   a. Looking to present actual spending budget from this last semester.

d. **Secretary - Abigail Jones**
   a. Looking to Participate for Maine Day
   b. Suggest this website to doctoral students: http://lolmythesis.com/

e. **Outreach and Professional Development Officer - Elisa Sance**
   a. Social committee: Looking for more members. There was a survey passed around in order to see the response of grad students towards the socials. Socials are back to Thursday at 9. Coffee hour is Feb 10th at the University club. There will be upcoming workshops
   b. Philanthropy committee: Looking to serve on Maine day.
f. Grants Officer - Amamihe Onwuachumba
   a. Longer Report in Folder
   b. Upcoming Grants
g. BOT Representative - Charles Rodda
   a. Housing Survey: Nee more people to participate. Even if you own your own house we need that information. The town is looking to develop housing specifically for grad needs.
   b. K-12 is putting a science event on Feb 4-5. Needs a dozen students to test the events, don’t need science training to facilitate.
   c. Looking for a new carpool update, trying to get parking services to allow grads to have carpool pass. Also if interested there is a site called carpoolmaine.org.

VII. Old Business
VIII. New Business
IX. Senator Updates & General Announcements:
X. Adjournment

Full officer reports are available on first class