GSG Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2015

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm
Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

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PRESIDENT
- Approval of Minutes from 12/03/2014 – 22 approved, 0 disapprove, 0 abstain

Old Business
- The meeting held on Wednesday, December 10th, 12-2 PM at the IMRC on the sexual abuse/harassment went well. Spencer Wood introduced the work done by Male Athletes Against Violence on campus and in the community and walked us through the sexual abuse training. GSG will continue to work on these issues this semester.
- Formal letters were sent to offer our support and help to the graduate students at USM who were directly impacted by the elimination of faculty positions and graduate programs. This was well received by the students who responded.

New Business
- The University of Maine is celebrating 150 years and the Maine Day celebrations will revolve around this anniversary. You can find more information online at:
  http://umaine.edu/150/
  On Maine Day, GSG traditionally engages in a philanthropy project to benefit the community. We are looking for ideas to get GSG involved in the celebration of the 150 years and are looking forward to your input.
- We will discuss what we want to do about our investment portfolio in regards to divestment from fossil fuel at our next meeting.
- Graduate coordinators would like to hear more about what is discussed at GSG meetings. Please make sure to include your graduate coordinator when you send your notes to your constituent.
VICE PRESIDENT
Updates on the Grad Expo

- The Alumni Association Alum Award will be offered again this year. See our GSG website for more information on the awards (under Grad Expo – Awards)
- The deadline for submissions is January 23rd at 4 PM
- The Thursday social (April 2nd) will be a story slam night
- The Wednesday of the Expo (April 1st), we will organize a brewing competition – more information to come
- It is now possible for GSG to receive donations for the Grad Expo through the UMaine foundation website. Donations will be added to our endowment fund. We hope this will help us raise money on a more regular basis.

OUTREACH & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

- The social committee will be meeting between now and our next GSG meeting to plan our next social events. Stay tuned.
- There will be a poster workshop this semester. More information to come. People who are planning on presenting a poster at the Grad Expo are particularly encouraged to attend.

TREASURER - Excused

BOT REPRESENTATIVE

- The Mentor Award nomination form will be available on our website on Friday, January 16th, 2015. The deadline for nominations is April 1st.
- We need 20 ushers for the hooding ceremony. If you are not graduating this year, consider volunteering. Someone will do it for you when it’s your turn to graduate. Also, if you serve as a usher you will get a free dinner at the banquet following the ceremony.
- If you are interested in being the next Board of Trustees representative, please get in touch with Charles Rodda before our next meeting in two weeks (January 28th). The position is open to all graduate students. For more information, check out our website and/or get in touch with Charles.

GRANTS OFFICER

- The material for GSG spring grants application is available on our website
- The Spring 2015 deadline for grant applications is 4:00 pm on February 6th, 2015.

SECRETARY - Excused

GRADUATE SCHOOL UPDATES

Scott Delcourt

- The annual award nominations are due early February and March. See your grad coordinator for more info and don’t hesitate to be proactive about it.
GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Senator updates:
  - Joel Tebbenkamp: the Department of Wildlife Ecology is now called the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Conservation Biology
  - Eileen Hagerman, History: Our next history symposium entitled “‘I Could Have Mistaken Him for a Norman!’: Jewish Farming Fantasies and The Business of Building New Jews in Interwar France” by Professor Erin Corber, Visiting Assistant Professor of European History at the University of Maine, will take place in Barrow Hall, in the Hill Auditorium on January 22nd, from 12 – 1:30pm
  
- Dr Neivandt suggests that we open the brewing competition to non-alcoholic drinks. We will add this category to the competition.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm