GSG Minutes for 1/24/18 meeting

Minutes from 12/13/17 approved by apparent majority

President

Winter grants session was a success, about half of people who registered showed up. Had around 15 people in attendance.

Camerin Seigars and Walter McCulley are filling the new communication officer role. They will be bringing back the graduate student newsletter.

GSG is gathering ideas for professional development workshops, senators please gather ideas from grad students in your program and bring them to the floor next meeting.

There will be a grad school boot camp this coming August. This may end up becoming an additional day for grad student orientation. Senators are asked to gather information on things graduate students struggle with.

There will be 2 Town Hall meetings for grad students to meet with and voice grad student needs to the Vice President of Research in Stodder room 57:

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

All grad students are encouraged to attend one of these Town Hall meetings.

Vice President

Symposium volunteers are still needed for symposium set up as well registration, contact the vice president if you are interested. If you are willing to be video taped as you do your research also let the vice president know so a promo video can be made.

Presidential search is still on track. Candidates continue to be narrowed down. Senators should assess if there if grad students are interested in meeting with the candidates.

Treasurer

Budget is still balanced, nothing spent yet this semester.

Grants

Grants for this semester are due Feb 2nd at 5pm. See the GSG website all grant related deadlines this semester.

Secretary

GSG is accepting nominations for mentor awards.  It can be any faculty who you feel has been an outstanding mentor over the past year.  More information can be found on the [GSG website](https://umaine.edu/gsg/mentor-awards/)

Old Business

GSG office has moved to Stodder, room 016A

There is a need for graduate thesis feed back services in the writing center although there are Sunday afternoon thesis feed back sessions in Stodder (see signs around Stodder to for details).