4/5/17 GSG Meeting

Meeting called to order 12:01 PM

Minutes from 3/22/17 approved by apparent majority

President

Activity fee increase poll still taking in votes, was almost exactly 50/50 in terms of votes at time of meeting

The only reasonable insurance bid given to the grad students was the same plan we have now but with a 10% increase in cost. The other 2 bids gave a much higher cost for the same coverage. GSG will be looking into how to make some more affordable options available.

GSG officer elections to take place next meeting so send your name to shane.cushing@maine.edu if you wish to run for a position. The current treasurer and vice president will be stepping down while all other current officers will be running for re-election.

Vice President

Volunteers still needed for symposium, sign up with link below:

<https://docs.google.com/a/maine.edu/spreadsheets/d/1PthWJOZGrLj3dJEjLp82pCNYUuiszwP3g-BK0rM7Tz8/edit?usp=sharing>

Treasurer

The wrong date (2016 instead of 2017) was placed on the grant checks, try to cash them and if they do not go through let the treasurer know

Board of Trustees Rep

Interviews for the next BOT rep will start in September

Results of VPR search to be announced 4/7/17

Grants

Grant scores were very close together due to the high quality of grants submitted this cycle.

Outreach and Professional Development

Current discount program at Woodman’s is going well so perhaps we can get more discounts in the future? Will need to implement a way that grad students can show proof they are indeed grad students when they request the deals.

Secretary

Mentor award winners announced:

College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture: Dr. Joseph Zydlewski

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Dr. Rebecca Schwartz-Mette

College of Education and Human Development: Michelle Gayne

College of Engineering: Dr. Aria Amirbahman

College of Business: Deadline extended to April 8th due to lack of nominations

Old Business

Vote for club expense report changes: 24 for, 2 against, 1 abstaining PASSED

Vote for increasing food spending cap for clubs/orgs: 24 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining PASSED

Vote to eliminate OPD position: 17 for, 5 against, 2 abstaining PASSED

Meeting adjourned 1:06 P.M.