

GSG Meeting 10/03/2018

Meeting called to order at: 12:02 pm

Approval of minutes from 9/19/2018: Majority apparent, APPROVED

Outreach and Professional Development Officer Vote:

Four individuals ran for the OPD Officer position. Those four individuals gave brief speeches highlighting why they would be good for the position. The senate then, using ranked-choice voting, voted in Haley Poston, Masters of Science in Teaching, to be our 2018-2019 OPD Officer.

President:

The president gave a brief description of a few boards the executive committee members sit on. He highlighted the Graduate Board, asking the senators to reach out to their constituents to ask about how to better the research at the University of Maine. The Graduate Board is asking the GSG to put together a list of items that graduate students feel are weak points in research the university can work on bettering. This item has been added to the bi-weekly feedback surveys sent to the senators.

The president also asked the senators to please CC the executive committee on their emails to constituents.

The following events are coming up for graduate students to attend:

- Public Speaking Workshop Thursday Oct 11th at 4 pm in Room 57 Stodder Hall
- Engaged Black Bear Workshop Thursday Oct 25th at 4 pm in Room 48 Stodder Hall
- WiSTEMM Days: Graduate Student Work/Life Balance Panel Thursday October 18th 11:30am-1pm in Room 57 Stodder Hall

The president also mentioned the halloween social is currently being planned and is asking for any help with that.

Vice President:

The student symposium is on April 10, 2019. Abstracts for the symposium are due March 15, 2019 at 4:30PM.

Treasurer:

N/A

Grants Officer:

Reminder that club grants are due October 5th.

Board of Trustees Representative:

Maine Question 4, The University of Maine System Bond Issue.

The BOT rep addressed the senate quickly with the following thing to say:

“During the September Board of Trustees meeting I met with Samantha Warren, Director of Government and Community Relations to discuss ballot question 4, the University of Maine System Bond Issue. Question 4 would authorize \$49 million in general obligation bonds for the construction and remodeling of existing and new facilities within the University of Maine System that are intended to expand the system's workforce development capacities and attract and retain students. To receive funds from the bond revenue, projects would need to be matched by other public or private funds. The 16-member University of Maine System Board of Trustees would be responsible for approving what projects are eligible for bond revenue. If you have any questions for me or would like to be in contact with the director of government and community relations with questions please let me know and I would be happy to pass on any information.”

Secretary:

The secretary reminded the senate that if they are absent from a GSG meeting, that they responsible to stay informed on the GSG's agenda items.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

N/A

Senator Updates & General Announcements:

Graduate Business Association has begun to meet again.

Tyler Van Kirk asked the senate if they were aware of Mandated Reporting and the senate had a discussion about mandated reporting. Tyler mentioned he requested office hour time with the President of the University to ask her more about it.

Adjournment: 12:58PM