

GSG Meeting 04/15/2020

Time meeting was called to order: 12:01 P.M

**Election:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Saman Zare</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Janina Deisenrieder</b>	<b>OPD officer</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Karina Iskandarova</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Charitha Perera</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>SuriyaPrakaash</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**President: N/A**

**Vice-president: N/A**

**Treasurer:**

**Secretary: N/A**

**Board of Trustees Representative (BOT):**

1. The CARES Act will provide \$17.2 million to the campuses within our system, half of which must be given directly to students for emergency expenses related to the disruptions to campus operations due to coronavirus. The directive with these \$8.6 million in funds is to "provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care)
  - a. University of Maine \$3,801,847

- b. University of Maine at Augusta \$675,763
  - c. University of Maine at Farmington \$1,079,026
  - d. University of Maine at Fort Kent \$313,019
  - e. University of Maine at Machias \$146,778
  - f. University of Maine at Presque Isle \$305,499
  - g. USM (includes Maine Law) \$2,308,123
2. Additional guidance from the US DOE about who is eligible for these funds and how we are allowed to distribute them were received, International students are not eligible for this fund
  3. Chancellor has directed campuses to look for other ways to support international students using resources that are not restricted, including the crisis funds already in place on several of our campuses that are funded through the foundations
  4. Students who were enrolled in entirely online programs on March 13 are also ineligible per federal directive.
  5. It has been decided campuses will distribute 85 percent (3,231,569.95) of these funds to eligible students with award amounts tiered by the number of credit hours. Whereas the leftover 15 percent (570,277) will be available through a campus-administered emergency fund that students with further need could apply to. Those eligible students that already have a FAFSA account linked to their student account, have started receiving the funds to their linked banked account. Those that have never filed a FAFSA will have to go through with extra paperwork.

**Grants officer and Deputy grants officer: N/A**

**OPD Officer: N/A**

**Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 P.M**