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GSG Minutes for 9/6/17 meeting

President

There was no president at the meeting since the previous one left his possession to take on a new job. See new business below for results of the election that took place this meeting.

Vice President

The following inclusivity statement was passed:

“At the University of Maine, we are proud of our diverse student body and inclusive community. The Graduate Student Government advocates for all graduate students regardless of their age, culture, disabilities, ethnic origin, sex, gender, gender identity, marital status, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, residency or socioeconomic status. Join us.”

Board of Trustees Rep

The GSG is starting to construct a contract between grad students and advisors that would state what protocols should be in place. All grad students are encouraged to share their ideas on the following google doc:

<https://docs.google.com/a/maine.edu/document/d/1XJ-1zFMd8qJoRNE-KUKpbrZLAMcw5touuK0-s47f9WE/edit?usp=sharing>

Abby Roche will replace the current BOT rep, Rain, after the remainder of the succession process is complete

Grants

There is a call for grant readers! The GSG needs as many volunteers as possible. You would read and score grants and then have a 1.5 to 2 hour meeting to go over scores (dinner is included). Let Anne Lausier (umaine.gsg.grants@gmail.com) know if you would like to be a grant reader.

September 14th 12 pm: Grants workshop in Stodder Hall

The deadline for individual grants is Friday, September 29, at 5 pm. Follow instructions carefully, and don't wait until 5 minutes until 5 pm on the 29th to submit!

In the spring semester, organizations can apply for grant funding in the spring semester only, not for the following fall.

Club recognition paperwork is due on Monday, October 2nd at 4 pm. All new clubs must present themselves to the GSG senate for recognition.

Fall funding deadline for clubs is October 6th at 5 pm.

Clubs and organizations can only request up to 50% of their budget for food costs. If they feel they require more than 50% of their budget for food, they may petition for an exemption.

Clubs and organizations are encouraged to actively advertise their events. If they want to advertise their event on the GSG facebook page, they can send an email to Anne Lausier: umaine.gsg.grants@gmail.com.

Treasurer

The budget for the year is posted on the GSG website and will be voted on at the next meeting (<https://umaine.edu/gsg/>)

Secretary

There are still quite a few programs with no representative. Grad students are welcome to email the secretary (gsgsecretary@gmail.com) to ask about becoming the senator for an unrepresented program. You find the list of all the programs and their representatives (or lack thereof) at <https://umaine.edu/gsg/2016/04/02/grants-representatives/>

New Business and Announcements

Magdalena Blaszkiewicz and Walter D. McCulley III both ran for president and Magda won the election.

The Graduate School Picnic will take place September 13th 4-6pm near Stodder Hall

There is a new vice president for research and dean of the Graduate school: Dr. Kody Varahramyan. He will be attending a future meeting of GSG and when he does he would like to extend a greeting to the grad students.