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## Graduate Student Government Meeting Minutes

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## GSG Minutes for 9/20/17 meeting

Minutes from 9/6/17 were approved by apparent majority

### President

The committee sign-up sheet went around again with the public relations committee added. Also, the professional outreach and development committee was changed to the professional development and social engagements committee

The new vice president for research and dean of the Graduate school, Dr. Kody Varahramyan, will be making a welcome speech to the graduate students at the Oct 4<sup>th</sup> GSG meeting so as many graduate students as possible should attend this meeting

Looking for 2 grad student reps to represent WiSTEMM. Contact the GSG president or vice president if interested.

Chadwick Larson Professional Development talk, “Non-traditional careers with a biomedical-related PhD” Sept. 25th 5:30pm, Stodder 48

### Vice President

The symposium is April 17, 2018 at Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

Looking for ideas, potential ideas at the moment include a sharktank (like the tv show, except people from the community are the sharks) and a political debate.

### Treasurer

The budget for the year was approved and is posted on the GSG website (<https://umaine.edu/gsg/>)

### Board of Trustees Rep

The advisor advisee guidelines are being worked on with the administration.

Rain attended the BOT meeting at Farmington.

### Grants

The research offices have been reorganized so that all research related questions can be sent to [research@maine.edu](mailto:research@maine.edu) and all question related to graduate studies can be sent to [graduate@maine.edu](mailto:graduate@maine.edu)

Feedback is needed on what time of the day the grants workshop should be in the future

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 29<sup>th</sup> to submit!

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

Fall funding deadline for clubs is October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

### Secretary

Faculty senate meeting update to come next GSG meeting

### Old Business

The word "disabilities" was voted to replace "different abilities" in the below inclusivity statement:

"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."

### New Business and Announcements

A GSG google drive folder will be created soon to replace the one on firstclass. Flyers for events can be placed in that folder so senators can post these around their departments.

Maine entomology student organization requested GSG recognition and received it.

Description of GSG committees is up and coming.

The idea of having service awards (with no money attached them) for people serving on GSG committees was proposed and approved