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GSG Minutes for 10/18/17 Meeting

Minutes for 10/4/17 meeting approved by apparent majority

Meeting was held in Coe Room of union

Guest Speaker Laura Wilson

Presented the follow a researcher program

This program helps educate children in elementary school on what grad school is like by allowing them to “follow” a researcher through virtual means

Video about it is located at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVJSMFNaI94>

Learn more at followaresearcher.org and become the researcher kids “follow”!

President

Activity fee increase will take effect in the fall of 2018

Looking for grad student feedback on good timing for grants workshop

Perhaps winter is a good time for it?

Vice President

Absent, no report

Treasurer

Audit has been submitted, should be closed out in a few months

Board of Trustees Rep

Be sure to provide feedback on the advisor-advisee guidelines via the google doc

Some areas are dark around campus at night so a chat will be had with facilities about this

Grants

Umaine research council meeting:

Proposed having faculty members travel abroad to recruit grad students

Discussed extending symposium into a week-long event

Town Hall meeting for Research and Graduate Students on Oct 25th in Wells room 2, 3:30-5:00

Senators who attend can earn eligibility for GSG grant submission for their department if they would not have it otherwise.

New Business

There is a need for more bike racks, should be 15-20 more coming soon

Finance committee is looking into other companies to do the audit since the price for our current one has been going up.

Grants committee will have grant results out by thanksgiving

Insurance committee is looking into pooling grad students together with international student to open up more insurance options

Professional Dev and Social committee has planned Halloween party for oct 27th, details will be posted on facebook page as well as emailed to senators when they are finalized. There will be a costume contest.

Library committee mentioned the Vice Chancellor wants UMaine to share its journal access with the other UMaine campuses however this would increase costs to the point where some of our current journals might be cut.

Grad students can now use electric car charging stations although none are available at the moment.