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GSG Minutes for 11/8/17 Meeting

Minutes for 10/18/17 meeting approved by apparent majority

Note that there will be a GSG meeting this coming Wed (11/15/17) to get the meetings back on track from the delay caused by the power outage last week.

Guest Speaker Jen Bonnet

The library will be hosting a series of seminars/workshops to inform grad students of the resources available to them (see event calendar on library website)

Be aware that there are librarians for each subject that grad students can ask to help with their literature searches

Feel free to contact Jen about any library-related services: jen.bonnet@maine.edu

President

In the second week of January there will be a grant writing workshop

Grad student input is needed to find out how much interest there is in the workshop and best time to have it.

Vice President

Symposium will have poster presentations, oral presentations, professional development sessions (such as mock interviews), and more

Still in the process of gathering sponsors for symposium

There are many applicants for the position of UMaine President, the scoring of these applicants will start Monday

Treasurer

GSG is within budget in all categories

BOT Rep

Advisor-advisee guidelines are still under revision

Grants

Grants are still being processed but should be ready by thanksgiving

Old Business

Library committee reports that there is no longer a risk for journal access to be lost.

New Business

There is a proposed change is to have both the Masters hooding ceremony and recognition on Friday evening. Currently, the hooding ceremony is on Friday evening, with full recognition

(walking and receiving the diploma) on Saturday. The change would have the entire graduation ceremony for Master students only on Friday. They would not be invited to walk during the Saturday ceremonies. PhD candidates will still be recognized on Saturday. Senators should check with the grad students in their department to see what their thoughts on the matter are.

Currently, the GSG offices are located on the first floor of Stoddard Hall. The space includes a lounge area all grad students can use. That space will soon be home to new administration offices that will house new staff positions in support of recruiting and growing the graduate school. In exchange for taking the GSG space, the administration has offered to create a new lounge space, however, it depends on who the majority of current users are of the current space. If the majority of users are only residents of Stoddard hall, then a new space will not be created and residents will continue to use the lounge on the 3rd floor. If non-residents of Stoddard Hall use the space, then a 2nd lounge will be created. Senators are advised to survey the grad students in your department so GSG can get an idea of where the new lounge should be.

The GSG will also receive \$15,000 to be used as fellowship(s) per year for at least 3 years in exchange for taking the current GSG space.

This year the poster boards that were borrowed from GSG to be used at culturefest were not paid for since the request went through facilities without prior consent from GSG. The GSG was then unable to rent the poster boards out to those originations that had filled out the proper form. Given this, the senate had a vote whether to charge culturefest a reduced rental fee for their most recent rental or have no charge at all. The senate voted to charge culturefest the reduced rental fee. The rental policy has now been updated to be clearer and a sign has been placed on the door where the boards are kept to inform anyone wishing to borrow them that GSG must be informed first.