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GSG Minutes for 11/15/17

Minutes for 11/8/17 meeting approved by apparent majority

Note that meetings from this point onward are back on the original biweekly schedule so the next meeting is on 11/29/17

President

Please complete the winter grants session survey that was sent out to the senators so GSG knows what day/time would be best to hold it: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NFWHVHX>

Vice President

Still looking for symposium sponsors

Looking for keynote speakers and professional development session ideas for symposium

Still going through presidential search applicants, will have some picked out to share with senate next meeting

GSG's broken poster boards are generously getting replaced and paid for by the UMaine Administration

There is tax reform currently under review that would make the grad student tuition cost taxable

The senators Taylor Lange and Walter McCulley will write a statement to oppose and GSG senate will review this at the next meeting

UMaine (including faculty and administration) supports GSG in this decision and will endorse the statement

Grants

Of the 90 applications submitted, 54 were funded

Checks should be available on Monday, 11/20/17

Old Business

The senate voted in favor of approving the resolution to remove the Master's students portion from the Saturday ceremony and have them at the Friday Graduate Hooding ceremony only. Doctoral students are still expected to attend both the Friday and Saturday ceremony. The Friday ceremony will likely be moved to the Collins Center so the venue is no longer oversized for the number of people there. This will likely come into effect at the next ceremony (May 2018).

Senators agreed that grad students would prefer to have the grad student lounge space in the library rather than Stodder.

New Business

GSG will begin work on writing general policies for defining who can be considered voting members within clubs and who is allowed to be on the executive committee for a given club