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GSG Minutes for 12/13/17

Minutes for 11/29/17 meeting approved by apparent majority

President

Sign-up sheet for peer reviewers in upcoming grants workshop was passed around, see GSG homepage for info on the workshops

Communications officer position was suggested, this person would be responsible for communicating GSG opinions to other parties such as the media/press. They would also publish a grad student news letter.

Position would start as an unpaid one for the coming semester

Walter McCulley III and Camerin Seigars volunteered to work together in this position

Adopt-a-room program suggested to grad student senators, sign-up sheet made available during meeting. Volunteering senators would clean a room in a homeless shelter regularly and in return have their name placed by it. Participation is limited to the senators only for the moment.

Topics still needed for upcoming VPR town hall meeting but concerns so far are:

More assistance need for grad students at writing center

School of Social Work needs more space for their classes, currently in a trailer

Vice President

Looking for volunteer judges for symposium, grad students can judge undergrads

The entire Cross Insurance Center is being rented out this year so many volunteers will be needed

Opinions on the large social gathering (gala) associated with the symposium are needed. Should we have it again this year, if so then where and when?

Treasurer

Budget report was displayed and showed we were within budget for this year.

Grants

Looking to have next GSG meeting during first week of classes so grants can be talked about before the spring deadline

About 20 students participated in the letter writing/calling session to voice opinion on tax reform

Sonja invited other grad students to have a work-in protest against the tax reform at Senator Susan Collins' office from 9 to 5pm on 12/14/17. During this time grad students simply sat and did their work quietly. GSG is not affiliated with the work-in protest.

Article on this can be found at:

<https://bangordailynews.com/2017/12/14/news/bangor/student-protesters-stage-a-five-hour-sit-in-at-collins-bangor-office/>