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GSG Minutes for 2/7/18

Minutes from 1/24/18 approved by apparent majority

President

Andrea Gifford is available to act as a grad student advocate if needed. Works at student life in Union.

A statement regarding observation of religious holidays will be placed in a syllabi for one class, possible that it will be placed o syllabi for other classes in the future.

If grad students are seeking help with editing their thesis they can contact Tracy at

http://www.tracybanaszynski.com/?page_id=669

4H at UMaine is looking for workshop ideas from grad students by Feb 26, they will provide funding to put on your workshop idea for the kids, sign-up details in link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2qDzHRzIHspYQDUAT2efhBzVBKI9N01GMxB2FCdcr2OHRkA/viewform>

There is another Town Hall meeting with the VPR on Feb 14th in 57 Stodder Hall form 12pm to 1pm

Vice President

Make sure you recruit faculty to be grad student judges at symposium

Submissions for symposium are now being accepted

Links for symposium are up on GSG facebook page as well as below:

Abstract submission:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAFMyzQHEB7IRJcaI0AmC0QphQOGZmsH0HfoJjqAzclYoXg/viewform>

Judge sign-up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc876cU6Ytdn6DyGfaZyJwAkuakkv_ig2BjNOv6AnGHMhdlZw/viewform#start=openform

There will be a photo contest for symposium

There will be a business connect session associated with symposium that matches students up with business leaders as well as helps them improve their resume

Still need some grad students who are willing to have their research filmed so a promo video can be made for symposium. Email Zhen (zhen.zhang@maine.edu) if you are interested.

Candidates for next UMaine President will be having lunches and open sessions with grad students at the end of February, details will be upcoming emails

The research, provost teaching, and grad student mentor award are all separate from the symposium this year. More details to come on those.

Board of Trustees Rep

A total of 75 million dollars of funding towards of University of Maine System infrastructure is currently being discussed

Board policy 214 is being discussed, this policy states how much UMaine staff are allowed to say on political matters

Kimberley Miner was thanked for her 3 years of service as the GSG BOT rep

Grants

A total of 131 individual grant applications were received, expect funding results in March

Feb. 9- Deadline for club and organization grants. Only for new clubs that were formed this spring.

Secretary

Faculty mentor award submissions are still open, due March 9th. See GSG website homepage for details.

Old Business

Grad student workshop ideas presented were CV building and personal finance management

For grad student boot camp the issue of there being too few graduate level classes should be addressed

Homeless shelter received good cleaning from grad students, contact johnathan.bomar@maine.edu for details on joining in the next cleaning

New Business

Bioethics club was recognized by GSG, contact Noelle at noelle.leon@maine.edu for details on meetings times/place. Next meeting is Feb. 15, 7:30 pm at the Tap Room.

Sign-ups now being accepted for the 3 minute thesis workshop/competition until Feb 23rd. First prize is \$500, email matthew.hodgkin@maine.edu for details.

Astronomy center has 2 open undergrad positions, could also use grad student volunteers