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GSG Meeting 10/17/2018

Meeting called to order at: 12:06 pm

Approval of minutes from 10/3/2018: Majority apparent, APPROVED

President

Please only CC the President on all correspondence to your constituents. Please use the following e-mails: jonathan.bomar@maine.edu or umainegsgpresident@gmail.com

There is going to be a Childcare Task Force created to discuss the University's childcare options on campus for faculty and students. Lacey Sawyer, lacey.r.cargnino@maine.edu, will be the graduate student rep for this committee. All feedback regarding on campus childcare should be directed towards her.

Note the following events:

WISTEMM Days: Graduate Student Work/Life Balance Panel - Thursday October 18th 11:30am-1pm in Room 57 Stodder Hall

Grad School Mixer with Title IX Student Services - Bangor Room of the Memorial Union Friday, Oct 26 from 3pm to 5pm, RSVP: umaintitleix@gmail.com . This event is to help build graduate student and university relations.

Vice President

Engaged Black Bear Workshop Thursday October 25th 4 PM in Room 48 Stodder Hall. This event will be a brainstorm session to create options for graduate students to attend on-campus events, workshops, etc. and receive resume building options.

Treasurer

The Fall 2018 activity fee check has been received and the treasurer is waiting on getting the GSG portion of the unified fee. She will discuss these moneys in a future meeting.

Board of Trustees

N/A

Grants Officer

Reminder to grants committee of Oct 17th meeting at 5PM in 48 Stodder Hall. Please continue to check for emails from the grants officer addressing upcoming meetings.

Outreach and Professional Development Officer

Please provide the OPD officer with any suggestions you have for outreach and professional development.

Secretary

Please continue to respond to the feedback surveys. The suggestions from senators have been very helpful and the secretary asks that you continue to respond.

Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Senior Associate Dean

A graduate student approached Scott after the last GSG meeting about creating a diversity and inclusion sub-committee. He is interested in this and will follow up on the progress of creating the committee next meeting.

Senator Updates & General Announcements

SPIRE: looking for submissions for their 2018 Spring Edition

Science on Tap meeting - October 26th from 5-7PM

Google Calendar - this calendar will be shared with all senators. We are looking for feedback on the calendar at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Before the meeting was adjourned, senators broke into groups to discuss a prompt about the GSG's Mission Statement.

Mission Statement of the Graduate Student Government

It is the mission of the Graduate Student Government (GSG) to support both the academic and non-academic activities of the graduate student body. Keeping with its mission, GSG will perform the following duties: act as a liaison between the University of Maine's administration, faculty, staff and graduate students; encourage graduate students' involvement in GSG activities and University functions; facilitate and encourage educational, professional and research activities of graduate students; disseminate information regarding graduate activities to graduate students, administration, faculty, staff and the campus community as a whole; represent graduate student interests to the University community, the state of Maine, and national organizations.

The purpose of the following prompts is to encourage us all to open a discussion about what role the GSG should play on campus and beyond, and what we want to do to support that mission. Discussion of these questions is for the benefit of both the GSG, as a whole, and for each of us, as individuals.

1. What can the GSG do to further support our mission this year?

2. As individuals, how would you like to further support the mission of the GSG this year?
3. What is one thing you would like to do as a GSG Senator between now and our next meeting?
4. What is one thing you would like the GSG President to do between now and the next meeting?
By the end of the year?
5. Does our mission statement need to be amended to better address our role in supporting graduate students? If so, what changes do you propose?
6. Please feel encouraged to discuss any other topics and make note of your discussion.

Adjourned at 12:58PM