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GSG Meeting 10/31/2018

Meeting called to order at: 12:01PM

Approval of minutes from 10/17/2018: Majority apparent, APPROVED

Guest Speakers:

John Diamond, diamond@maine.edu, - Spoke to the senators about Ballot Question 4 for the upcoming November 6th election.

Jamie Havercamp, jamie.havercamp@maine.edu - Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Jamie spoke to the senators about her intention of developing a diversity and inclusion committee within the GSG to help tackle important issues among graduate students. She intends to create the committees mission statement in the upcoming weeks and report back to the senate. The committee will take a broad approach at first, working on campus diversity & inclusion issues and finding ways the GSG can circumvent them.

A senator asked Jamie to look into how Faculty interact with their students.

President

The President is looking into ways to better structure GSG meetings. There is an issue with keeping time commitments and order during meetings. The President would like to have a larger discussion on this topic at the next meeting.

Vice President

UMaine Student Symposium 2019 - The Vice President is looking for any feedback on how last years Student Symposium went and how to improve the upcoming years symposium.

Treasurer

Club Grant checks are cut and ready to distribute.

Grants Officer

Club Grants are scored and finalized. Will be ready for pickup this Friday, November 2nd.

Outreach and Professional Development Officer

There will be a Fall Social on November 9th at the Tap Room in downtown Orono from 5-7:30PM. There will be a food drive at the event. Wristbands will be given to any student who brings a non-perishable food item to receive \$1 off pints.

Board of Trustees Representative

N/A

Secretary

Continue to respond to GSG Feedback Surveys and feel free to extend any suggestions to the GSG Executive Committee.

Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Senior Associate Dean

Scholarships webpage:

<https://umaine.edu/graduate/facultystaff-resources/financial-awards-nominations/>

The Graduate School extends a variety of scholarships and fellowships to graduate students to apply for. Please go to the above link for more details.

Senator Updates and General Announcements

International Student Association

Social at the Roost in downtown Orono, November 2nd from 10PM-1AM

CultureFest on UMaine Campus, November 3rd from 11AM-2PM

Lacey Sawyer is looking for feedback for the Childcare Task Force and welcomes all to contact her, lacey.r.carignino@maine.edu.

Adjournment 12:59PM