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GSG Meeting 03/06/2019

Meeting called to order at: 12:01 PM

Approval of minutes from 02/20/2019: Majority apparent, APPROVED

Guest Speaker:

Harrison Ramsley (spelling?) from SCCORC (Student Conduct Code Oversight and Review Committee)

- Goal of SCCORC is to amend the student conduct code. The student conduct code is a system-wide project but will be implemented at the university level.
- SCCORC is hoping to create a student Bill of Rights.
- SCCORC is seeking feedback from students (email tellumsg@gmail.com) on issues and/or mishandlings that should be included and considered for the amendment.

President:

- Very little interest in ordering GSG pins.
- Regarding the per diem, GSG will write a letter to university administrators requesting support and implementation of a tiered government rate for meals. Additionally, GSG will begin discussing changing our own constitution/grant processing to allow for student's to request government rate for the city they are traveling to.

Vice President:

- Mug Club will be on March 7th at 4 pm in 57 Stodder. It will be broadcasted and recorded via Zoom. The topic is thesis and dissertation formatting.
- Still recruiting judges for UMSS19. Go to tinyurl.com/umss19vol to sign up.
- UMSS19 abstracts are due March 15th.

Grants Officer:

- Spring grants are being reviewed this week and next week. Scores and checks will be available in the next two weeks.

Outreach and Professional Development Officer:

- Social event (Beers, Burgers, and Board Games) will be on March 22nd from 5 to 9 pm. See flier for details and spread the word!

Unionization Efforts Update:

- Unionization is a student initiative brought to the attention of GSG. Unionization may allow for protection of tuition waivers, legal representation, and a stronger voice.
- University of Illinois is currently on strike and is setting a great example for graduate students.

Healthcare Committee Update:

- This is our first year combining GA/TA pool with international pool. Currently we have 90% coverage in network and \$250 yearly deductible. The trend right now is that health insurance and health care costs are increasing.
- GSG insurance committee asked for quotes for dental coverage (voluntary enrollment).
- Senator mentioned NAGPS, which is similar to AAA but for graduate and professional students. It has a range of benefits, including health insurance, dental insurance, etc.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Update:

- Diversity and Inclusion committee is developing a survey on diversity and hope to have it sent out in the beginning of April. From the survey, committee hopes to make a recommendation to UMaine President.

Student Mentoring Committee Update:

- Student Mentoring Committee is asking the question: What needs or expectations do you need/want from your mentor/advisor?
- Biggest issue for the committee right now is defining advisor vs mentor.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM with apparent majority.



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UMaine Graduate Student Government and Orono Brewing Company invite you to...

Beers, Burgers, & Board Games!

When: Friday of Spring Break, March 22nd -- 5-9pm

Where: Orono Brewing Company (61 Margin St. in Orono)

Who: UMaine Graduate Students (with student ID)

- Wide selection of board games!
- \$10 burger and beer combos!
- Unlimited \$5 OBC pints!
- Free play on arcade games!
- Tons of fun with your fellow grads!



Combo deal good for all 16 oz pour beers, veggie burgers available



<https://thewirecutter.com/reviews/board-games-for-adults/>





2019 Student Symposium

Research and Creative Activity

April 10, 2019 – Cross Insurance Center, Bangor, ME

Keynote Speaker



Stuart Kestenbaum
Maine Poet Laureate



#UMSS19

Judge/Volunteer Signup Form



tinyurl.com/umss19vol

We need your help!

Abstract submission deadline: Friday March 15, 2019 by 4:00pm

Free and Discounted Poster Printing Deadlines

Wed April 3, 2019 by 4pm (FREE Posters), Fri April 5, 2019 by 4pm (50% discount)
Last chance to submit/proof your poster at your own expense to UM Printing Services is
Mon April 8, 2019 by 3pm.

For more information please visit our website or contact cugr@maine.edu (regarding undergraduate students) or umainegsvicepresident@gmail.com (regarding graduate students).

<https://umaine.edu/UMSS>



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2019 Dan Sandweiss Graduate Student Advocacy Award

The Graduate Student Government recognizes one University of Maine graduate student and one non-student member of the UMaine community for going above and beyond to create personal and professional development opportunities for graduate students, offering time and assistance to meeting individual graduate student needs as well as the needs of the collective student body, and puts student success while at UMaine as a top priority. The Dan Sandweiss Graduate Student Advocacy Award is an opportunity to recognize two individuals who make the graduate experience whole.

*One University of Maine
graduate student*

*One non-student member
of the UMaine community*

Nominations include a one page letter of support and a complete nomination form. The nomination criteria and submission information can be found on the GSG website.

Submissions due Wednesday, March 20, 2019 by 5PM



<https://umaine.edu/gsg/dan-sandweiss-advocacy-award/>

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Graduate Student Government Student Symposium Awards

*Dr. Susan J. Hunter Presidential
Research Impact Award*

UMaine Alumni Association Award

*Dean of the Graduate School
Undergraduate Mentoring Award*

*Provost's Innovative and
Creative Teaching Award*

The Graduate Student Government is now accepting applications for four prestigious awards that will be announced at the UMaine Student Symposium held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, ME.

Descriptions of the awards and links to the submission forms can be found on the GSG website.

An eligible applicant for any award must be a graduate student presenter at the UMaine Student Symposium.

Submissions due Friday, March 29, 2019 by 5PM



<https://umaine.edu/gsg/graduate-symposium/>