

December Public Meeting

5:30 pm | December 3rd, 2018 | Purnell Hall Room 116

- I. Call to Order & Welcome
- II. Invited Speaker 1: Jaime Unkefer and Jesse Mainwaring- Roundhouse Architects
 - A. Previously worked on the Bookstore, the Hen Zone, etc.
 - B. Project began with the survey sent out several months ago.
 1. Results:
 - a) Many graduate students wanted a space
 - b) The Roundhouse exists, but is not in common use.
 - C. The Roundhouse is located between Pearson and Graham Hall. The Roundhouse is currently mostly used as a hallway.
 - D. Proposed Design:
 1. Eliminate the connecting space to discourage using the building as a hallway.
 2. Adding more entrances and exits to open up the space with the hope of blurring the inside/outside.
 3. Inspired by “raw materials,” hopes to create a space that feels more “city” than “campus”.
 4. Coffee shop during the day, drinks at night.
 5. Open floor plan that can be configured for events.
 6. Fire pit and garden in the back, bar opens to the inside and outside.
 7. The project is not yet funded and there is no schedule for when this project will be completed.
- III. Invited Speakers 2: Grace Adeneye- Reference and Instruction Librarian at Morris Library and Shelly McCoy- Associate Librarian for Communication & Space Planning
 - A. Talk on services provided by the Morris Library
 - B. Page on library website dedicated to grad student needs:
library.udel.edu/gradstudents
 - C. Each department has a subject librarian available for one-on-one consultations
 - D. Interlibrary Loan
 - E. Workshops available
 - F. Teaching Resources
 - G. Special Collections
 - H. Planned Renovations to the Grad Student carrel space
 1. Adding digital lockers
 2. Lowering existing panels to open up the space
 3. Adding additional seating/study areas and 8 new group study rooms in this area
 4. Traditional year-long carrel reservations will be removed
 - I. Monthly events roundup and newsletter sent out on a regular basis, available for sign-up on the website

IV. Committee Reports

A. Internal Affairs Committees

1. Yuletide at Winterthur event is happening on Wednesday 12/5/18. People must pre-register. Email coming soon

B. Student Affairs Committees

1. Community Engagement
 - a) Community engagement course submitted
2. Diversity
 - a) Coffee hour went well and another one is planned for February
3. Sustainability
 - a) Resolution on the floor
4. Mental Health
 - a) Moving forward with EMPOWER on the books
5. Student Life
 - a) Conover Residents still meeting to figure out a plan moving forward
 - b) Meeting tomorrow to discuss GSO Funding
 - c) Bus Services in progress
 - d) Roundhouse community space update above
6. Announcement for senators in STEM fields:
 - a) High School Capstone project looking for STEM mentors, announcement will be sent out.

C. Senate Committees

1. Governance
 - a) No updates
2. Elections
 - a) VP of Membership Moiyad will be back in January
 - b) GSG will be meeting in January

D. External Committees

1. Faculty Senate
 - a) Grad college vote moved to February in the Faculty Senate
 - b) UD Academic Calendar only lists Judeo-Christian holidays, talks to include holidays from other religious groups
 - c) University is concerned with mental health
 - d) Flood damage at the library
 - e) Resolution proposed by the undergrad government that would change how announcements are made when a student passes away
2. Faculty Senate Student Life Committee
 - a) Graduate TAs serving as unofficial advisors
 - (1) This was clarified to be more of a suggestion that TAs be informed to point students towards advising

- (2) Concern was expressed that this was additional labor for Grad student TAs, which led to the clarification
 - b) Next meeting will have discussion on changing jaywalking enforcement policy
 - 3. Academic Appeals
 - a) Currently investigating a Level 4 academic appeal hearing
- E. Organization Delegates Reports
 - 1. No updates
- F. Open Floor
 - 1. Nominations for Deputy Parliamentarian
 - a) Diane Coddling
 - 2. Resolution SR-1819-03
 - a) Speaker Andrew brought up the possible conflicts with the ADA and expressed concern with the Resolution as it exists, in that it disproportionately targets consumers
 - b) A discussion followed on whether or not to table the motion and how it might be amended
 - 3. Resolution SR-1819-04
 - a) Proposed amendment to denounce future divisive actions
- G. Senate Floor
 - 1. The October meeting minutes were approved.
 - 2. A motion was passed to table Resolution SR-1819-03.
 - 3. Resolution SR-1819-04 was passed with amendment detailed above. Find final text below.
 - 4. Diane Coddling was elected Deputy Parliamentarian.
- H. Announcements
 - 1. Fulbright Scholar Program programming for grad students will be developed in the coming months.

University of Delaware Graduate Student Government

SR-1819-04

Sponsor: Ginnie Sawyer Morris (Human Development & Family Sciences)

A RESOLUTION to denounce and oppose the message of the “IT’S OK TO BE WHITE” posters.

WHEREAS According to the values set forth by the University of Delaware as it relates to Diversity and Inclusion, we as a community are committed to the welcoming and valuing of “different backgrounds, perspectives and learning experiences;”

WHEREAS On November 1, 2018, posters appeared on various buildings across our campus advancing a divisive message that is diametrically opposed to these values. The text on the posters read, “IT’S OK TO BE WHITE;”

WHEREAS Taken out of context, this message may seem harmless to some. However, it is important to understand the context of the message as well as its origin. Given recent events in Wisconsin, where a school sanctioned Nazi symbolism as free speech, as well as pushback on Black Lives Matter protests and NFL kneeling protests, it is clear that this message was intended maliciously; and

WHEREAS By denouncing the underlying message of these posters it is not our intention to devalue any one individual’s identity as it relates to race, ethnicity, culture, or ability. It is our intention to make the underlying message of these posters transparent and further emphasize that the intra- and interpersonal implications of events such as these are complex and extend far beyond that of the event itself;

Be It Therefore Resolved That we as graduate students at the University of Delaware are an inclusive community, unified in our mission and values, and when events such as these take place we must come together in support of one another, listen to each other’s experiences with an open mind, and advocate.

Be It Further Resolved That we as graduate students denounce all future expressions of divisive language that create a hostile community.

Impact statements:

Anonymous input: *“I want to be able to give the students affected by this some empowerment and support in the face of adversity- a stronger, larger support group and community. Since the posters that were plastered on campus said ‘it’s okay to be white,’ I was thinking we can [go] with ‘it’s okay to be you, it’s okay to be me, it’s okay to be us’.”*