

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Public Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

Presidential Remarks

President Bonistall was very exciting to share that after many months of conversation, the University of Delaware and Pinebrook Apartments have come to an agreement and bus service will continue to Pinebrook for the next two years; full service resumes April 1.

President Bonistall also publicly acknowledged Officer Dahl for her administration of the new centralized elections process, and noted that the role of Chair of the Elections Committee has turned out to be a much larger task than expected.

II. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication Committee – Senator Reid

Senator Reid discussed recent updates to the website, including a listing of tax resources under the Student Affairs heading, an elections page, and campus events listed on the homepage. She is planning a redesign of the layout after spring break; anyone interested in collaborating on this project should contact her at alexreid@udel.edu.

Events Committee – Member Ames

Senator Ames discussed the Events Committee's work on the upcoming Graduate Forum, which will be held on May 10, 2013 from 11:45am to 6:00 pm at the Center for the Arts. The program will include eight-minute talks, all of which are in one location; there will be no poster session this year. There will be a reception from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, following the presentations. A Call for Presentations was sent out with a deadline of March 31. Registration will open around April 8. The committee is currently working on soliciting items for raffles and presenter bags.

Senator Rice noted that no one from the School of Urban Affairs & Public Policy has received the call for presentations. Vice President Ralston stated that the message will be re-sent to Senators to forward to their constituents.

Social Committee – Senator Nelan and Senator Markland

Senator Markland reported that the recent Eat and Great at Bayard Sharp Hall was very successful with over fifty graduate students in attendance. The Social Committee is looking to organize more events like this for the Fall semester since it was so popular.

There will be an Unofficial Happy Hour on March 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Home Grown; Senators are encouraged to invite Senator nominees and others who are still in town during Spring Break.

The committee is also planning a South Campus Tour & Ice Cream Social on April 19 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Events will include touring the dairy farm and botanical gardens, seeing the baby cows, touring the milking parlor, and visiting the UD Creamery. More information will be forthcoming.

III. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEES

Diversity Committee – Senator London & Senator Moinolmolki

Vice President Caro presented the Diversity Committee report.

The committee has drafted a solicitation recruitment letter, which will be sent out to the student body. Three dates are set for roundtable discussions to identify diversity issues and discuss what diversity means to different groups. There will be a panel discussion on April 19, which will serve as a culmination to the series. The committee has selected Margaret Andersen, Ismat Shah, James Jones, and Pamela Cook to sit on the panel.

Student Life Committee – Senator Razzook & Senator Levy

Senator Razzook begin by encouraging everyone to file their taxes immediately so the sequester does not impact when they receive their refunds. He also noted that there are resources on the GSG website to assist graduate students in preparing their taxes.

The Student Life Committee is interested in prescription reimbursement, and Senator Razzook noted that remarkable progress on this issue over the past few years. Currently, students pay out of pocket for the maximum price of medications until the insurer reimburses them; he noted that one graduate student pays over \$1000 per month out of pocket for insulin. He met with Dr. Martin to discuss this issue, and reported that she is aware of issue but that it would be significantly more expensive to change the current prescription plan. There is an emergency graduate student loan mechanism available (through Dr. Martin) for those facing imminent financial difficulties.

The committee has also been exploring graduate contracts. Funded Research Assistants are expected to work twenty hours per week, but the actual number of hours worked can fluctuate week to week. Senator Razzook noted that it is important for graduate students to meet with their faculty advisers to discuss how workload is implemented and reviewed. He explained that all graduate contracts go through Dr. Martin and that she acts as the Ombudsperson for any graduate student contract issues. He sees this as a conflict of interest since she both sign the contracts and defends students.

Senator Razzook next spoke in support of graduate student orientation. Noting that he had essentially no orientation when he arrived at the University of Delaware, he stated that orientation is an excellent opportunity to brief new graduate students on the student life options available, to help students make connections, and to grow the Graduate Student Government. Student Life is committed to working and directly supporting Dr. Martin's efforts in planning, coordinating and executing graduate student orientation.

Senator Razzook stated that there is currently a big push to keep highly educated people in Newark, and remarked that the committee is collaborating with Jessica Graham, the Graduate Student Government representative to the Newark City Council, on this issue.

The committee has also discussed the \$100 athletics fee, which will be implemented starting in the fall. Ideally, equipment, programs, and facilities will be tailored to support graduate student needs, and Student Life would like to see a graduate student advisory committee that works to ensure graduate student health, fitness and leisure needs are best met with the fees.

Finally, Senator Razzook reported that the committee is setting up meetings with key members and stakeholders from Registered Student Organizations and Club Sports teams to discuss collaboration and integration.

The next Student Life Committee meeting will be on March 22 at 10:30 am. Anyone interested in participating should contact Senator Razzook at arazzook@udel.edu.

Sustainability Committee –Senator Cario & Senator Gildemeyer

Member Goodman, Cochair for the Sustainability Committee's Dumpster Detour project, presented the report; she began by discussing several pieces of old business. The committee hopes to write an editorial piece to inform the campus about what Dining Services is doing to reduce food waste and compost for the future, and it wants to write a resolution to send to the Governance Committee regarding these issues. The committee is waiting to distribute the Building Survey, and it anticipates writing an email or editorial piece to create buzz.

The first operations meeting for the Dumpster Detour project will take place soon. Anyone interested in getting involved should email Vice President Caro at ccaro@udel.edu.

The committee will also have a table set up for Earth Week, the third week in April.

IV. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Parliamentarian Thomson reported that the Governance Committee drafted a resolution, to be introduced during New Business, thanking Parking and Transportation Services Director Richard Rind for his work on the Pinebrook issue and his advocacy on behalf of graduate students.

The committee also wants to introduce an amendment to the Bylaws that will allow the Senate to suspend them. This would help the Senate avoid the situation it faced in February during the discussion about combining special elections meeting with regular March meeting. To reschedule the elections meeting, the Senate would have had to violate its own rules since Robert's Rules requires that if an organization wishes to suspend its Bylaws, there be a clause in the Bylaws allowing them to be suspended.

President Bonistall encouraged any interested students to attend the Governance committee since the conversations end up being fun and philosophical.

V. EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Newark City Council – Member Graham

Member Graham announced that City Council elections are on April 9, and that the geographical area occupied by the university lies in District 4. She also stated that smart meters are coming, and that Newark residents will need to schedule appointments with their utility to get the meters installed.

The City is currently revising its comprehensive development plan, and is soliciting input: there is an open meeting regarding economic development on March 26 at the City Municipal Building. Other issues to be discussed include income and poverty, the labor market, and the downtown core. She also noted that the Planning Commission has approved redevelopment of the shopping complex that includes the bowling alley.

Member Graham is working with Senator Razzook and President Bonistall to be able to speak at City Council meetings and explain the role and function of the Graduate Student Government. She will introduce graduate school at the University of Delaware, the graduate programs, Graduate Student Organizations, the mission and operation of the Graduate Student Government, and her role as representative to the Newark City Council. She also noted that she met the undergraduate Student Government Association government affairs representative at the last City Council meeting.

She also noted that the City of Newark website has apps for input and feedback. Since her research is about community engagement strategies, she will work on an engagement strategy between graduate students and the City to present next month. She plans to do this on a Wiki so that anyone can contribute.

Faculty Senate – Senator Portnoi & Senator Jones

Senator Jones summarized remarks from Interim Provost Nancy Brickhouse. Out of 24,000 applications received, 3,800 new undergraduates are expected to enter in the fall. Diversity of applicants continues to improve and the qualifications of honors students are the highest ever.

She also reported that the Student Government Association passed a resolution for a tobacco-free campus and that the university is working on developing a tobacco-free policy. This is a rare example of a student-led effort on campuses. She stated that if the Graduate Student Government is in support of this, then it should support it with a resolution. She also noted that there seems to be large support among faculty. Questions remain to be answered about enforcement and; precisely what “tobacco free” means. The policy is available on the Faculty Senate website: <http://www.facsen.udel.edu/sites/index.aspx>. Senator Portnoi explained that graduate students have input on this policy through himself and Senator Jones, as the Graduate Student Government representatives to the Faculty Senate. He also notes that what is/is not campus will make enforcement difficult.

President Bonistall explained that there is a working group that is looking into policy options; it will distribute a full-campus survey before anything is finalized. The Faculty Senate is still a ways away from enacted anything. She also noted that the Graduate Student Government did support the Student Government Association's effort to explore the issue, but it has not voted in support of a tobacco free policy. She referred the discussion to Student Life.

Senator Portnoi reported that the Faculty Senate is collecting data on space utilization for campus planning, surveying faculty on collaborations across campus, and discussing whether there should be ten- or fifteen-minute breaks between classes. He recommended that the Graduate Student Government provide input on the latter issue.

Senator Jones reported that the Coordinating Committee on Education held an open hearing on grade forgiveness: the policy whereby a student receiving less than a C- grade in a course can retake course. The previous grade remains on transcript, but if student earns a higher grade, that newer higher grade will be used to calculate GPA.

Senator Razzook asked whether there would be a raise in tuition prices. The topic was not discussed at the Faculty Senate meeting. Senator Portnoi added that administrators had said previously that tuition is as high currently as it should go.

Diversity and Equity Commission – President Bonistall

President Bonistall reported that the February meeting of the Diversity and Equity Commission consisted of a presentation & discussion on the First Year Seminar; there was a lot of discussion about quality and consistency of experience. She wondered if graduate students could step in to be some of the academic leaders.

Parking and Transportation Committee – Senator Levy

Senator Levy stated that the Parking and Transportation Committee meets once a semester and reported on the Spring semester meeting. There will be more pay-by-phone meters installed as well as pay-by-credit card meters. Senator Jones asked how was \$0.35 fee was determined. Senator Levy replied that it was probably the fee charged by the contractor. President Bonistall asked about the time to money ratio at the meters. Senator Levy replied that the meter prices are the same, and that it is still cheaper than parking in one of the garages.

Parking rates will go up for all passes next year by a small amount, which will be about 5%; the Nights and Weekend pass will be slightly cheaper, which at about \$80 per year is half the cost of Red permit. The current Gold permit will be split into two zones: the lots near the Little Bob and Cleveland Avenue will be turned into Platinum and will cost about \$30 more per year than Gold. These spots will potentially sell out and graduate students should be advised to purchase as soon as they are available. Member Goodman asked what these changes mean for holders of the Red permit. Senator Levy replied that there will be no change in the Red permit, and that Red permit holders can park in designated lots after 4:45 pm.

Senator Levy also stated that Parking and Transportation Services has money budgeted for more bike racks, including some covered bike racks; Director Rind has asked for feedback from the Graduate Student Government as to locations where these racks would be most useful. Anyone with suggestions should email Senator Levy at nicklevy@udel.edu.

Organizational Delegate Updates

No organizational delegates were present.

VI. ELECTIONS UPDATE

Officer Dahl reported that there would be a Special Elections Meeting on March 21 at 5:30 pm in Gore 103. She reminded Senators that the meeting is mandatory, and that they must send a proxy if they are not able to attend.

Polls will open for voting on Executive Council candidates at 9:00 pm following the meeting; links for voting will be sent to Senators by email and polls will remain open for one week. A reminder will be sent to Senators who have not yet voted twenty-four hours before the polls close.

Senator nominations are in: about forty programs have submitted fifty-three nominations, though not everyone who was nominated has accepted the nomination yet. Polls will open for voting for Senators on April 11 at 9:00 pm; students will only be able to vote for the Senator for their academic program.

President Bonistall asked the Elections Committee to draft a letter explaining the elections process that Senators can send to their constituents.

There were no nominations for Secretary by the official nomination deadline in February, so the deadline for nominations for that office was extended until the start of the meeting. Elections for Secretary will follow the same timeline as elections for Senators; speeches will be given on April 11, and polls will open that evening after the meeting and will remain open for one week.

The order of Officer candidate speeches will be as follows: Sharelle Law, Maggie Nelan, Isaac Harris, Alex Ames, Joe Brodie, Cesar Caro, Alex Razzook, Chris Castillo. Candidates running for the same office will sit outside the room during speeches and questions. The President and Vice President candidates will have five minutes to speak followed by fifteen minutes for questions; the other candidates will have three minutes to speak followed by ten minutes for questions. Each senator is permitted one question per candidate; a second question will be allowed once everyone's first question has been answered.

VII. OPEN FLOOR: PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Discussion: Library book recall policy

Member Kilmer raised a concern about the library's book recall policy. Currently, the policy is that anyone may recall a book that is borrowed at any point during its loan period; in particular, someone can recall the book the day after it is lent and must be returned within two weeks. Graduate students often need books for long periods of time (e.g. writing theses, preparing for comprehensive exams) and giving them back in such a short time can cause hardships. She suggested that the policy be amended so that books cannot be recalled within the first month of their being checked out.

Senator Nichols concurred, stating that she has heard of many people having the same issue. She also noted that a library survey is being distributed, and that this would be a good vehicle for feedback.

Senator Pearson noted that each graduate program has a library representative/librarian, and that graduate student should ask those individuals to order several copies of popular books.

Senator Reid noted that Interlibrary Loan is the alternative: if book is checked out of Morris Library, then the university can request it via Interlibrary Loan. President Bonistall noted that loans periods for books through Interlibrary Loan could be shorter than the usual loan period.

Senator Razzook encouraged Senators to contact him privately and he would explain how to circumvent the Interlibrary Loan restrictions. He also noted that there is an underground effort to get the University of Delaware to partner with Google Scholar and Google Books, and he encouraged that everyone suggest this on the library survey.

Senator Reid noted that some items on Google Scholar are “get it” enabled, so that students can view the full text if there are logged in with their school ID.

President Bonistall suggested that this would make a great resolution and referred it to the Governance Committee.

Senator Jones encouraged the use of public libraries outside of the university, and noted that she can get books from any Delaware library. Senator Reid concurred. The proxy for Senator Baker asked whether public library resources are available for international students. Yes, they are available for anyone with a local address and a library card. Senator Berg added that the Newark Public Library would even serve university students who live out of state.

Discussion: Senators' email addresses

President Bonistall asked the Senate whether it wanted to keep the list of Senator emails private, revisiting the conversation from September. She noted that students previously had concerns about content and privacy if the list were open, and that the Executive Committee had decided to keep the list private in order to respect these concerns. She asked whether this decision was still the consensus of the group or whether feelings on the topic have changed.

Senator Garcia recommended that the list be open so that Senators can communicate easily with each other. He also noted that anyone could manually type the names into Gmail, which will retrieve the email addresses anyway.

A member suggested that a bulletin board be set up to send out a weekly email (in digest form).

Senator Agrawal stated that he does not understand why the list is private.

Officer Dahl stated that Senators' names are listed on website, and that anyone can manually retrieve their emails through Gmail. In light of this, she asked whether Senators' email should be added to the online roster.

President Bonistall stressed that if the list were open, everyone would need to be sensitive to accidentally “replying all”, overusing the list, and keeping email content professional and appropriate.

Senator McCormack asked whether the list was used only for internal communications. Yes; the graduate student body is rarely emailed en masse except for large event announcements. Senator McCormack replied that she is in favor of making the list open.

Senator Jones asked whether email privacy is an issue again. President Bonistall replied that the Senate needs to readdress whether to keep the list closed or open it up.

Secretary Castillo noted that he had requested that the IT department create a listserv for the Senate to use for its internal communications.

Senator Jones asked whether the Senate could make this a policy.

President Bonistall recommended that this be included in a policy handbook by next year's Executive Committee. She also recommended that the Senate add a clause in the Bylaws about Senators adhering to policy and encouraged anyone with strong feelings on the matter to contact her. She also noted that in the fall, the Executive Committee made what it thought was the appropriate decision regarding the email list. The issue was tabled to the Executive Committee; if it will be opened, then the policy will be presented to the Senate next month.

Parliamentarian Thomson recommended that the policy handbook be revisited on a periodic basis.

President Bonistall reiterated that the email list is a professional communication vehicle, and recommended that next year's Executive Committee have this conversation with the Senate in October.

Senator Razzook stated that he can understand abusing a listserv, but that anyone should have the ability to send emails freely, especially to his or her friends.

President Bonistall replied that whenever emailing all Senators, the same policies should be in place regardless of how messages are distributed.

Vice President Ralston added that guidelines for professional conduct should be included in policy handbook as well.

Senator Reid replied that everyone has a work email and a personal email, and that individuals should email their friends using their personal emails.

Senator Lazo disagreed, stating that some individuals will continue to use their Udel.edu email (via Gmail) after graduation. Vice Provost Richards concurred, stating that students' Gmail accounts will not lapse after graduation.

Senator Rice asked whether there is there a problem with how emails are being distributed. President Bonistall replied that recently there have been concerns, and that she wanted to be transparent and revisit the conversation. Senator Rice followed up by asking why Senators do not want their email addresses to be public. President Bonistall replied that since they have not been public, any group emails came through her so that she could moderate them. Senator Rice noted that this process was annoying when it was implemented in her department, and that she did understand why it was important to discuss it again.

Senator Jones added that in the School of Education, everyone's email addresses are hidden.

President Bonistall stated that she would prefer to hear feedback rather than take a formal vote. Ultimately, the Senate will have an appropriate email policy as determined by Dr. Martin, Vice Provost Richards, and the Executive Committee.

Vice Provost Richards noted that there is a parallel in the Faculty Senate: senators' names and emails are published, but anything that goes out to all senators goes out through the Senate office; the Faculty Senate is self-policing in this respect.

Open Floor

Senator McCormack raised a concern about personal data maintained by the university. In particular, even though she changed her address in UDSIS, she did not know she also had to submit a webform to HR and so did not receive her W2 in a timely manner. She asked whether there is anything the Graduate Student Government can do to help UDSIS and HR share student information.

Dr. Martin stated that she serves on a committee that discusses interface of systems on campus, and that she would add this issue to that committee's agenda.

Senator Portnoi commented on attendance at recent Graduate Student Government meetings. He stated that this is a professional organization, and that at the last two meetings there was a problem with attendance. In December, the Senate was asked if it should have a January meeting, and if it should move the February meeting to a different day. There were no objections to either point, yet attendance was low for both meetings. He noted that priorities can change for people, and that it should not reflect negatively for anyone to ask for a date change. He encouraged Senators to speak up if they want a change, or if they cannot attend. The Executive Committee spends a lot of time preparing the meeting, and he found it frustrating not to be able to conduct business.

Senator Jones stated that with elections coming up, the Graduate Student Government should reiterate expectations about attendance before students sign on to become Senators.

Officer Dahl noted that many Senator positions transitioned from fall to spring. Some individuals need to leave early, and she stressed that she advises that they should have a proxy if they must leave early; sometimes individuals are not able to obtain a proxy. She stated that rules could be published, but that she also wanted to be flexible enough to keep people involved.

Senator Jones stated that she did not know about quorum, order of business, or similar topics. President Bonistall replied that these were discussed at the Senate retreat, and that having a policy handbook will be a helpful follow-up. Member Graham suggested that maintaining such a handbook in Google Docs with live links would be helpful. Officer Dahl concurred, stating that many Senators joined after the retreat, so a handbook would be especially helpful for them.

Senator Rice noted that some groups might not be interested in being involved in the Graduate Student Government, and that the best avenue for dealing with this is to reach out and explain why the organization is beneficial and relevant. For example, the student organization in her school has enough problems getting students involved, much less reaching outside the school to the graduate student community at large.

President Bonistall responded that membership officers have been very flexible over the past two years in getting students involved without being overly strict about membership rules. The February meeting showed that so many students not showing up wastes everyone else's time. She stated that outreach is important, but this must be balanced against Senators' responsibilities and consequences for not fulfilling them. She recommended that if it persists that many students cannot attend, that the Senate adjust quorum to reflect active membership.

Senator Markland remarked that as membership officer last year, she focused on recruiting in fall but still saw problems later in the year. She suggested that next year's Executive Committee clean house mid-year.

Officer Dahl replied that she did this recently with the membership survey link; four members were dropped after following up on the survey. She encouraged Senators to let her know if they can longer fulfill their duties.

Senator Lazo noted that there are two distinct membership problems that occur during meetings: one at 6:00 pm and another at 7:00 pm. She asked why Senate Floor occurs at the end of the meeting. President Bonistall replied that if it were placed earlier in the agenda that no one would stay for any business afterwards. Senator Lazo asked if there were a compromise possible on this issue. President Bonistall replied that the meeting is structured in the most sensible way, with Open Floor before Senate Floor to allow everyone to discuss items before they are voted on. She reiterated that everyone will have a class conflict sometime, and that that is why each Senator should have a proxy.

Senator Rice suggested that the university should schedule time during the week when there are no classes scheduled so that students can have time for meetings. President Bonistall replied that the Sociology department does this to ensure attendance at department events.

Senator Luff asked how this would work in departments where graduate students TA. In particular, she noted that labs are held very night of the week.

Vice Provost Richards observed that committee reports are in the agenda. The Faculty Senate meets for only ninety minutes, and it rolls over unfinished business to an extra meeting the next week if it does not finish in the allotted time. He suggest that a consent agenda would be helpful: the chair would ask the Senate if there are any items for discussion on a report, and then those items could be pulled out of the consent agenda for discussion. This gets the meeting to Senate Floor faster.

Senator Portnoi concurred: the Faculty Senate is efficient as to how it manages its time. In particular, everyone reads the consent agenda before the meeting because no one has time to waste.

Vice Provost Richards announced that the Graduate Student Government President's office and graduate welcome center would move to the Blue & Gold Club. The first floor would house a Graduate Student Government office, and there would reception area for graduate students on first floor sunroom. The basement will be converted into a graduate student and faculty pub. He stated that money has been allocated for renovations. The target date is mid-September for move-in; a business plan is still needed for the basement. The goal is to make prices cheap to accommodate a graduate student budget. The reception area and pub will be open for all graduate students.

Dr. Martin announced several updates to the graduate student health (medical) insurance plan. She noted that there has been a move to change healthcare nationwide, and it has benefited graduated students. The new plan will cover up to \$2 million, and there will be no reduction in benefits. Moreover, the cost will decrease to around \$200 for funded graduate students; the cost for non-funded students will decrease about \$300. She is hopeful that there will be no limit on coverage next year.

VIII. SENATE FLOOR

Old Business

Senator Brodie moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes from December 6, 2012, January 10, 2013, and February 14, 2013. The motion passed.

New Business

Senator Pearson moved to introduce SR-1213-02, which reads as follows:

Understanding that advocacy by the Graduate Student Government on behalf of graduate students often relies upon professional working relationships with offices on campus; and,

Given that many graduate students brought forth concerns regarding the cessation of shuttle bus service to Apartments at Pinebrook; and,

Recognizing that it was not within the scope of Director Richard Rind's responsibility to resolve this problem favorably for University of Delaware--affiliated residents at Apartments at Pinebrook; and,

Appreciating that he chose to collaborate with the concerned students, the Graduate Student Government, and the Office of Graduate and Professional Education to find a solution; and,

Given that this is just one of many examples of the Director's willingness to collaborate with us on graduate student concerns regarding parking and transportation,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Graduate Student Government commends Director Richard Rind of Parking and Transportation Services for his unrelenting advocacy for graduate students and their safety.

There was no discussion. The resolution passed.

Senator Portnoi proposed to remove the clause in the Bylaws that mandates a special election meeting. Senator Razzook stated that there is a process for amending the Bylaws. Parliamentarian replied that the Governance Committee will draft legislation.

Senator Pearson moved to thank President Bonistall for all of her hard work as president. The Senate concurred.

It was moved and seconded to close the Senate Floor. The motion passed.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seminar on Creating and Using Screencasts for Student Learning

Screencasts are easy-to-create digital recordings that capture video from a computer screen accompanied by optional audio. In this two-session seminar, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows will explore various ways screencasts can be used in classes they are teaching or assisting. Session 1 (March 20) will include hands-on instruction in using basic screencasting technology, culminating in participants' creation of their own short screencast video. In session 2 (April 3), participants will share brief screencast videos they have created and discuss various strategies for incorporating screencasts into their own teaching.

Registration is required:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dG9hcDVORHpwekRxRG5rZ3I3Tlc4c1E6MQ>

Announcements from the Floor

Senator Pearson announced that the Philadelphia Area Disc Association hosts Ultimate Frisbee leagues that still have open slots. In particular, the mens league is open and the mixed league has spots for females with no application fee. Games are played at Alcocas Run in Wilmington. Anyone interested can find more information at www.pada.org.

Senator Markland stated that she is the chair of a graduate student advisory committee on South Campus, and that many students there feel isolated. Since the University of Delaware recently purchased the Girl Scout building, Dean Rieger has asked her for ideas from graduate students as to how to utilize the space. Anyone with input can email Senator Markland at sarmark@udel.edu.

Senator Jones wished Vice President Caro a Happy Birthday, and the Senate sang to him in celebration.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Castillo
Graduate Student Government Secretary