

UD Graduate Student Government
April Public Meeting
April 11, 2013 | 103 Gore Hall | 5:30 pm

- I. Call to Order & Welcome President Bonistall**
 - A. Presidential Remarks
- II. Internal Affairs Committee Reports Vice President Ralston**
 - A. Communications Committee Alexandra Reid
 - Reorganization of the committee
 - Website redesign
 - Marketing strategies to promote GSG
 - Next Meeting: April 24 at 1:30 pm at BrewHaHa
 - B. Events Committee..... Alexander Ames
 - Graduate Student Forum Finalized Schedule:
 - CFA: 10:30am – 11am: Poster Set-up
 - CFA: 11am – 11:30am: Registration and light lunch (pizza)
 - CFA: 11:30am – 12pm: Welcome and Poster Teasers
 - Lerner: 12:15pm – 1:05pm: Presentation Session 1 (6 on each panel)
 - Lerner: 1:15pm – 2:05pm: Presentation Session 2 (6 on each panel)
 - Lerner: 2:15pm – 3:05pm: Presentation Session 3 (6 on each panel)
 - Lerner: 3:15pm – 4:05pm: Presentation Session 4 (5 on each panel)
 - Lerner: 4:15pm – 5:05pm: Presentation Session 5 (5 on each panel)
 - CFA: 5:15pm – 6pm: Poster Session
 - CFA: 6pm – 7pm: Reception
 - Changes in event structure due to high response:
 - 56 presentations as of April 5
 - Change of venue: CFA and Lerner
 - Concurrent panels (two panels per session)
 - Reinstatement of poster session
 - Presenters must submit PowerPoint presentations two weeks before event
 - Donations for raffle from seven area businesses
 - Next steps:
 - Following up with more potential donors to raffle
 - Organization of poster session
 - Preparation of printed program
 - We need your help—please sign up to volunteer on the day of the event: registration desk, two moderators per presentation session (one per panel)
 - C. Social Committee Sarah Markland & Maggie Nelan
 - Thank you to everyone who came out to happy hour over spring break!
 - Look for an email about the South Campus Tour. Attendees must RSVP via the link attached to the flyer.
 - There will be two tour times for each venue: 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm. You can participate in one or two tours.
 - All those who register will get free ice cream at the conclusion of the tours.
 - Kildare's has offered to host another happy hour for us with discounted prices on appetizers. More information will be announced soon.
 - Next meeting: first week of May (TBD)
- III. Student Affairs Committee Reports..... Vice President Caro**
 - A. Diversity Committee..... Mosi London & Neda Moinolmolki
 - We were able to successful solicit a graduate student wide recruitment letter to all graduate students.
 - We have hosted two successful Diversity Luncheons (March 22 and April 5) and are looking forward to our last one on April 12.
 - We have arranged our Panel Discussion for May 3.
 - B. Student Life Committee..... Alex Razzook & Nick Levy
 - Prescription reimbursement update
 - University Health Plans does offer better prescription coverage
 - Dr. Martin confirmed no current plans to change prescription benefits

- Athletic fee implementation
 - We know the fee is happening, so the best we can do is try to steer the services (classes) and products (types of equipment) that the university will be providing with our fees
 - Would like to meet with director to discuss grad student concerns
- Collaboration with RSOs/Club Sports/Health and Wellness
- Graduate student orientation
- Timesheets and Graduate Student Contracts
- C. Sustainability CommitteeAnthony Cario & Brian Gildemeyer
 - Old Business
 - We are in communication with Dinning Services about the availability and options for vegetarians.
 - We are waiting to get approval to send out our survey asking about office temperature comfort level. Surveys will go out by e-mail to graduate students. Results will help facilities identify areas of concern and adjustment.
 - Dumpster detour will take place May 22-24 for those interested in volunteering. We have a meeting soon if you would to participate in planning and operations aspects.
 - Earth Week Green Expo will take place on April 17 from 12 noon to 2:00 pm in Trabant. We will have a table set up to talk about our projects and collect athletic shoes (size 7 and up) for the MORE Foundation Group. Please drop off your used shoes at Trabant or contact Anthony Cario at acario@udel.edu to arrange another time before.
 - New Business: Congratulations to Co-Chair Brian Gildemeyer on his nomination for the position GSG Secretary!
- IV. Governance Committee..... Parliamentarian Thomson**
 - Quorum
 - The Senate has had difficulty reaching quorum this semester, but some senators have excused absences due to classes and there has been some feeling that these senators should not count towards the total when defining quorum.
 - We debated introducing an amendment that would specifically define quorum and how excused senators would be accounted for.
 - We anticipate the Executive Committee will be discussing this further this summer, so no further discussion was held.
 - Consent agenda
 - The Executive Committee is already planning on doing this so a resolution isn't necessarily needed for this to happen.
 - However, the Senate can still enact a resolution in support of the idea, which would give the Executive Committee encouragement to continue to pursue it.
 - Bylaws suspension
 - This amendment will allow the Senate to suspend specific clauses of the Bylaws for a limited period of time if 2/3 of the body agrees that it is necessary.
 - Elections meeting
 - This amendment will eliminate the special elections meeting in March. The elections business would then take place at the regular March meeting unless a special elections meeting is called.
 - The committee is hesitant to recommend passage of this amendment because it feels that this amendment is not necessary in that it will make the March meeting too long.
- V. External Committee Reports President Bonistall**
 - A. Newark City Council Jessica Graham
 - B. Faculty Senate..... Marcos Portnoi & Akisha Jones
 - Notes
 - C. Diversity and Equity Commission..... Emily Bonistall
 - Check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ> for a video summary of important discussions from the last meeting
 - D. Organizational Delegates Updates
- VI. Elections Update Officer Dahl**
 - A. Anything?
- VII. Open Floor: Public Comments & Concerns President Bonistall**
 - A. Anything planned?
- VIII. Senate Floor..... Parliamentarian Thomson**
 - A. Old Business

- Approval of the Minutes from March 14, 2013
- B. New Business**
- SB-1213-XX: Suspension of the Bylaws

Whereas circumstances may arise that require expediency or flexibility of the governing body, and,

Whereas standard procedure may inhibit or delay necessary action,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article VII of the University of Delaware Graduate Student Government Bylaws be amended as follows:

Article VII: Bylaw Suspension

(a) Any clause of the above Bylaws may be suspended by a 2/3 vote of the Senate body for a specified period of time and a specified purpose.

- SB-1213-XX: Elections Meeting

Whereas the By-Laws provide for regular meetings of the Graduate Student Government, and,

Whereas it is in the best interest of the organization and its constituents that the meetings be productive in their use of time, efficient, and that all business be conducted within regular meeting time, and,

Whereas the By-Laws already provide mechanisms for calling special meetings,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following section of the University of Delaware Graduate Student Government By-Laws be amended as follows: Article IV (Elections and Appointments), Section 2, subsection c, which previously read as follows:

(c) Elections Timeline: An elections committee shall be formed in the January meeting. Nominations are due to the elections committee by the February meeting. A special elections meeting will be held one week after the March meeting and the online polls will open that evening. Polls will be open for one week, and the victors will be announced to the entire GSG within 24 hours of polls closing. The outgoing and incoming Executive Councils shall run the April meeting together. The incoming Executive Council shall be formally sworn in at the May meeting and will run the May meeting.

Shall now read:

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- SR-1213-XX: Encouragement of Consent Agenda

Believing that the GSG has the potential to be an organization that can make some significant differences for graduate students across the University of Delaware, and,

Believing that the current meeting format requires too much time spent on the routine, procedural, informational, and self-explanatory non-controversial items on the agenda, and,

Understanding that adopting a consent agenda format will increase the amount of time available to discuss and address issues and concerns vital to the graduate student community,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Graduate Student Senate encourages the Executive Council to pursue the use of a consent agenda in future

meetings of the Graduate Student Government.

IX. Induction of 2013-2014 Officers

- X. Announcements..... President Bonistall**
- Anything?

XI. Adjournment