

UD Graduate Student Government
December Public Meeting
December 6, 2012 | 127 Memorial Hall | 5:30 pm

- I. Call to Order & Welcome President Bonistall**
 - A. Presidential Remarks
 - B. Senator Spotlight: Marine Policy, Educational Leadership, Human Development & Family Studies
- II. Guest Speaker..... Michelle Barineau, SGA President**
- III. Internal Affairs Committee Reports Vice President Ralston**
 - A. Communications Committee Vice President Ralston
 - Continuing to work on advertising for events
 - Monthly newsletter will begin in the spring
 - B. Events Committee..... Amanda Barnard
 - UD Night at “Yuletide at Winterthur”
 - December 19, 2012
 - See flyer for more details
 - Beginning plans for Graduate Forum in the Spring
 - May 3, 2013
 - Working on keynote speaker ideas
 - C. Social Committee..... Sarah Markland & Maggie Nelan
 - Eat & Greet tonight at Kildare’s at 7:30 pm
 - Ice Skating Social scheduled for January 25, 2013, which will include a can food drive (keep an eye out for information)
 - Potential changes to the social hours for spring semester
- IV. Student Affairs Committee Reports..... Vice President Caro**
 - A. Diversity Committee..... Mosi London & Neda Moinolmolki
 - We have established a set of survey criteria in which are interested in obtaining in order to help us gauge the diversity of Graduate Students.
 - Planning a Diversity Roundtable Discussion series twice a month, starting in January, targeted towards various minority groups on campus. We will start with groups that we are already in contact with (BSGA and Persian Student Association) and then branch out.
 - Continuing to reach out to Graduate Student Organization and minority student populations.
 - Planning an end of the year Diversity Panel Discussion in April based on the information we have obtained from our mini Roundtable discussions.
 - B. Student Life Committee..... Alex Razzook & Nick Levy
 - Graduate student taxes
 - Fellowships versus typical TA, RAs
 - Resources and template examples
 - Updates to go on special “Tax Section” on GSG Website
 - Contact Scott Berg (shberg@udel.edu) for questions and suggestion
 - Demographics of graduate students for policy purposes
 - Ratio of graduate students that are funded versus unfunded
 - Married versus single
 - Average age for each year in program (ex 1st year Masters, 3rd year PhD)
 - Vegetarian versus gluten-free, etc.
 - Health Insurance already versus School Plan
 - Contact Nick Levy (nicklevy@udel.edu) for additional requests
 - Food and vegetarian catering update
 - Changes to be made to the website request form (has not yet been done)
 - No model of food needs for the University based on incoming data
 - Collaboration with the Sustainability Committee on carpooling passes
 - Graduate student stipend (Minimum is \$16,650. for 9 month term)
 - Typical raise is about \$500 annually or about 3.1%
 - Current increase is only \$150, or ~0.9%
 - Decrease due to \$350 premium for expanded health care services

- Minimum set the by the Provost Executive Committee (Provost, Deputy Provost, Vice President for Research, Vice President for Graduate and Professional Education, all deans, but no Student Government representation)
- Graduate/Undergraduate collaboration for Club Sports and student organizations
 - Working with Brendan Harris, Club Sports, and RSO administrators to increase access for graduate students
- C. Sustainability Committee.....Greg Ardini & Anthony Cario
 - Old Business
 - Composting Food From Dining Halls: We are waiting to hear back from Dining Services and Trabant after providing information about the Food Recovery Network. We are waiting to hear back about moving forward.
 - Building Survey: We have finished adjusting the survey about temperatures of offices on campus. It is currently pending approval to be sent out to graduate students. Please inform your constituents about taking this survey. Facilities are interested in the findings and the changes that can be made.
 - Climate Action Plan (CAP): A report on the Universities activities regarding the CAP is overdue. We will be in contact with UD’s Sustainability Task Force about moving forward to get progress on CAP and future planning.
 - New Business
 - Dumpster Detour: We will be meeting after finals week to start planning for spring.
 - Carpooling Parking Passes: Met with Student Life Committee and discussed this topic. Carpooling option for parking passes are offered but not advertised. We made contact with Parking and Transportation Services to get more information on the program before moving forward.
 - Chemicals on the Green: Working with group about getting information about the chemicals used on the green. A piece aired last Sunday on NPR we are waiting for a university response. Letters were written about “Right to Know” and asking to see MSDS sheets. The university has agreed to place signs when spraying in the future.
- V. **Governance Committee**..... **Parliamentarian Thomson**
 - Deputy Parliamentarian
 - Chairs the Senate in the Parliamentarian’s absence
 - Nominated by Executive Council
 - Approved by Senate at first meeting of the year
 - Ex-officio member of Governance Committee
 - Officer term limits
 - The Constitution prohibits a student from serving more than two years in any particular office, but does not limit a student from serving more than two years as an officer
 - The By-Laws prohibit a student from serving more than two years as an officer
- VI. **External Committee Reports** **President Bonistall**
 - A. Newark City Council Jessica Graham
 - B. Faculty Senate..... Marcos Portnoi & Akisha Jones
 - Remarks from Interim Provost Nancy Brickhouse: Financials, Fiscal Year 2014 Concerns
 - Report on Promotion and Tenure Standards
 - Candidate Search: No response yet regarding suggestion for an open process.
 - C. Diversity and Equity Commission..... Emily Bonistall
 - President Harker joined the last meeting of the semester.
 - D. Organizational Delegates Updates
- VII. **Open Floor: Public Comments & Concerns**..... **President Bonistall**
 - A. Discussion: Eat & Greet versus Wine & Cheese
 - B. Smoke-Free Campus
 - C. Amendment regarding Deputy Parliamentarian
- VIII. **Senate Floor**..... **Parliamentarian Thomson**
 - A. **Old Business**
 - Approval of the Minutes from November 8, 2012
 - B. **New Business**
 - Proposed amendment to the By-Laws: deputy parliamentarian and officer term limits
- IX. **Announcements**..... **President Bonistall**
- X. **Adjournment** **Kildare’s**