

UD Graduate Student Government
December Public Meeting
February 14, 2013 | 103 Gore Hall | 5:30 pm

- I. Call to Order & Welcome President Bonistall**
 - A. Presidential Remarks
 - B. Introduction of New Administrators
- II. Guest Speaker Dr. Allen Prettyman**
- III. Internal Affairs Committee Reports Vice President Ralston**
 - A. Communications Committee Alexandra Reid**
 - The committee has begun updating the website and will be doing the following:
 - Updating the list of senators and unrepresented programs.
 - Posting upcoming events, including flyers and registration links.
 - Adding email contact information for all committee chairs.
 - Promoting highlights and upcoming events on the homepage.
 - Adding an elections page with all the pertinent information.
 - B. Events Committee..... Amanda Barnard**
 - The committee’s primary focus is planning the Graduate Forum on May 3. The current focus is booking a keynote speaker; there will be innovation.
 - Senators will be receiving a save the date reminder to distribute to their constituents once the keynote is finalized.
 - C. Social Committee Sarah Markland & Maggie Nelan**
 - Ice skating was a success, and the GSG donated the canned goods to the Delaware Food Bank.
 - The Spring Eat and Greet is scheduled for February 26 from 5:00-6:30pm at Bayard Sharp Hall.
 - Dr. Martin sent an email on Tuesday; Senators are asked to post the flyer in their grad student spaces.
 - There will be a short special performance by Violins4Ward, who performed at the November Gala.
 - Raffles for tonight’s meeting include gist certificates to: Timothy’s; Ski Bum; Brunswick Blue Hen Lanes; McGlynn’s.
- IV. Student Affairs Committee Reports..... Vice President Caro**
 - A. Diversity Committee..... Mosi London & Neda Moinolmolki**
 - The first Diversity Roundtable Discussion Luncheon was held on January 25 with Black Graduate Student Association and Persian Graduate Student Representative Members. It was very successful!
 - Dates for subsequent roundtable discussions (5-6) were selected. The date for the panel on diversity for spring semester is April 19. More information will be forthcoming.
 - The committee plans to work towards new initiatives with increase in membership.
 - The next committee meeting will be on February 19 at 6:00 pm in 207 Trabant. All are welcome to attend.
 - B. Student Life Committee..... Alex Razzook & Nick Levy**
 - Resolution: graduate student taxes
 - Issue: “Where can grad students go for tax advice? Do I have to buy TurboTax again?”
 - Contact Scott Berg (shberg@udel.edu) for questions and suggestions.
 - Issue: prescription reimbursements for the graduate student University health plan
 - Presentation by Nick Levy
 - Issue: “I have to pay my \$1000 insulin script out of pocket and it takes weeks/months for a reimbursement!”
 - Contact Nick Levy (nicklevy@udel.edu) for additional requests.
 - Issues outstanding the committee is hoping to tackle in the Spring:
 - Gluten-free and Vegetarian Catering (ensuring everyone can have a bite at the next meeting)
 - Developing list of demographics data to be provided by the university (responsible, data-driven decision/policy making)
 - Graduate/undergraduate collaboration for Club Sports and RSOs (separate but equal does not work—and it is costly)
 - Implementation of the graduate student athletic fee (if we are paying, let’s have some say)
 - Reach Goal: Transitioning from reactive advocacy to proactive advocacy: Defining a vision for what constitutes a vibrant, dynamic atmosphere that fosters innovation, intellectual curiosity and cross-disciplinary collaboration.

- C. Sustainability CommitteeAnthony Cario
 - Old Business
 - Dining Services and Composting: The biggest problem is people are unaware that they are working on composting projects in the interim until new facilities are built. Our goal is to help spread the message.
 - Building Survey: A survey will be going out shortly to all graduate students asking about office temperature; please fill out and submit it. The results will have the potential help decrease wasted energy heating or cooling office spaces on campus.
 - New Business
 - Dumpster Detour: The committee is starting to plan for the second annual Dumpster Detour. Anne Goodman and Cesar Caro will be co-chairing a committee to work on this project. All are welcome to participate.
 - Sustainability Co-Chair: Brian Gildemeyer has been elected as new co-chair of the Sustainability Committee.
 - The next meeting will be February 25 at 4:00pm. All are welcome to attend.
- V. **Governance Committee**..... **Parliamentarian Thomson**
 - No new legislation.
- VI. **External Committee Reports** **President Bonistall**
 - A. Newark City Council Jessica Graham
 - B. Faculty Senate..... Marcos Portnoi & Akisha Jones
 - Remarks from Athletics Director Eric Ziady:
 - Talked about previous experiences at Boston College developing students academically, socially, and athletically, and building connections with the community.
 - Very excited about UD future in athletics.
 - Eager about ensuring academic success of athletes.
 - Does not like the fact juniors and seniors live off UD campus.
 - Remarks from Interim Provost Nancy Brickhouse:
 - New Provost Domenico Grasso (August 15) appointed.
 - New Vice Provost Graduate Professional Education (Feb 1): James Richard (UD faculty member).
 - New Vice Provost Institutional Research: John Sawyer (UD faculty).
 - New OISS director: Ravi Ammigan (Michigan State)
 - Presentation on UD faculty categories and number over the years:
<http://www.buec.udel.edu/pollacks/Faculty%20Senate/UD%20Faculty%202001-2012.pdf>
 - Faculty Senate does not have power to change Faculty Handbook.
 - Student Code of Conduct has been amended to include policy prohibiting posting class notes, exams, etc., to the Internet. One faculty member surveyed the Internet and found fake UD students posting material to websites. <http://www.udel.edu/stuguide/12-13/code.html#honesty>
 - There is no policy on student taking three or more exams in one day. Schedulers try their best to ensure this does not occur, and they ask faculty to cooperate.
 - The Faculty Senate did not receive a response from the University about conducting non-confidential searches. The Senate will not send a letter to President Harker recommending more open searches.
 - Several resolutions passed for changing names of existing programs and adding new programs, including an MS in International Business and MBA/MS in International Business.
 - 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
- VII. **Elections Update** **Officer Dahl**
- VIII. **Open Floor: Public Comments & Concerns** **President Bonistall**
 - A. Elections
 - B. Discussion: learning environment
 - C. Public comments & concerns
- IX. **Senate Floor**..... **Parliamentarian Thomson**
 - A. **Old Business**
 - Approval of the Minutes from December 6, 2012 and January 10, 2013
 - B. **New Business**
- X. **Announcements**..... **President Bonistall**

XI. Adjournment