

UD Graduate Student Government
February Public Meeting
February 20, 2014 | 123 Memorial Hall | 5:30 pm

- I. Call to Order & Welcome.....President Castillo**
- II. Committee Reports**
- A. Internal Affairs Committees..... Vice President Ames
 - Communications (Stephanie Luff)
 - Events (Joseph Brodie)
 - Social (Gabrielle Vicari)
 - B. Student Affairs Committees..... Vice President Caro
 - Student Life (Akisha Jones & Nick Levy)
 - Sustainability (George Honchar & Anthony Cario)
 - C. Senate Committees.....President Castillo
 - Governance (Isaac Harris)
 - Elections (Hetty Nie)
 - D. External Committees.....President Castillo
 - Faculty Senate (Akisha Jones & Louis Awad)
 - E. Organizational Delegate ReportsPresident Castillo
- III. Open FloorPresident Castillo**
- A. Presentation: officer voting procedures
 - B. Discussion: naming of the Graduate Student Lounge
 - C. Discussion: questions to ask of the graduate student body
 - D. Discussion: alternate dates for the Provost to address the GSG
 - E. Public comments & concerns
- IV. Senate Floor Parliamentarian Harris**
- A. Old Business
 - Approval of the Minutes from January 9, 2014
 - B. New Business
 - **Adoption of a GSG Logo**
Be it moved that the Graduate Student Government adopt the logo proposed by the Communications Committee as its official logo.
 - **Approval of the Elections Procedures**
Be it moved that the Graduate Student Government suspend Article IV, section 2(d) of the Bylaws for the Spring 2014 elections cycle to allow the timeline proposed by the Elections Committee to supersede it; suspend Article IV, section 2(c) of the Bylaws insofar as allowing the Parliamentarian to cast a tie-breaking vote for officer elections during the Spring 2014 elections cycle; and adopt the rules proposed by the Elections Committee to govern elections during the Spring 2014 elections cycle.
 - **Naming of the Graduate Student Lounge**
Whereas the Graduate Student Lounge at 44 Kent Way will be a gathering place where graduate students can network socially and professionally, and
Whereas themed décor for the Lounge will provide ambiance and encourage patronage from graduate students across campus, and
Whereas the location of the Lounge, through a back door and down a flight of steps in the basement of a house built in 1926, evokes the feel of a Prohibition-era speakeasy, and
Whereas the GSG Social Committee recommends choosing a speakeasy theme for the Lounge,
Be it hereby resolved that the Graduate Student Government endorse the naming of the Lounge at 44 Kent Way “The Speakeasy Lounge” and that the space be decorated and furnished accordingly.
 - Legislation from the floor

V. AnnouncementsPresident Castillo

- A. GSG Meetings: second Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm in 127 Memorial Hall
 - March 13
 - April 10
 - May 8
- B. Elections events:
 - Campaigning Kick-Off: March 6 at 5:30 pm at 44 Kent Way
 - Special Elections Meeting: March 20 at 5:30 pm in 127 Memorial Hall
- C. Fourth Annual Graduate Student Forum: Wednesday, April 23 from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm
 - Call for Proposals due February 28
 - Registration opens March 24
 - Registration closes April 18
- D. President's Luncheon (for Senators): Monday, May 5 at noon at the President's House
- E. Program planning meeting: Wednesday, March 5 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at 44 Kent Way
Presidents from several Graduate Student Organizations, including the GSG, have been working together this year to promote and enhance diversity among graduate students at UD, and the Office of Graduate and Professional Education has generously offered some funding to support joint programming that addresses diversity. At the meeting, members from various GSOs will be brainstorming programming ideas and beginning to execute the programs that everyone feels will be most beneficial to diversity among the graduate student population. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- F. The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice is hosting its 8th Annual Graduate Student Conference on April 11, 2014. The conference provides an opportunity for graduate students in departments across the University to present their work to other students and faculty in a professional and supportive environment and receive feedback. We hope that through inviting other departments to participate students will be able to broaden their networks and create a synergistic research atmosphere. The conference will conclude with a presentation from Keynote Speaker, Jill McCorkel. The Call for Proposals has been extended to February 27, and students may submit abstracts at https://delaware.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_55w3rLb8f84YSSp.
- G. Announcements from the floor

VI. Adjournment