

UD Graduate Student Government
December Public Meeting
December 5th, 2013 | 127 Memorial Hall | 5:30 pm

- I. Call to Order & Welcome President Razzook**
- II. Guest Speakers and Election President Razzook**
 - A. Chief Ogden (UD Campus Safety)
 - B. Zach Fox (UD Outdoors Club)
 - C. GSG Presidential Election (Nick Powers)
- III. Membership Officer Announcements Sharelle Law**
- IV. Internal Affairs Committee Reports Vice President Ames**
 - A. Communications Committee Stephanie Luff
 - Logo
 - Development underway, based on feedback gleaned at last Senate meeting
 - UD Night @ Yuletide at Winterthur
 - Event heavily marketed via paper promotion at Gala
 - New e-publicity (centering on event mascot Figgy Pudding Head Man) distributed via e-mail to all UD graduate students
 - Publicity and seasonal photos of Winterthur put on UD website
 - Committee has overseen daily advertisements on Facebook and Twitter, featuring historic seasonal images from Winterthur Library's John and Carolyn Grossman Collection
 - Publicity shared with Student Government Association to encourage undergraduate attendance
 - Publicity has been or will soon be shared with UD faculty, staff, and administration
 - Office of Communication and Marketing staff (writer and photographer) made a four-hour visit to Winterthur to learn about the event and GSG's activities for a UDaily article; hosted by Communications Committee, President Razzook, VPIA Ames, and Winterthur's marketing staff
 - Graduate Student Forum Advertisements
 - Call for Papers, Posters and Creative Works ready for public release by self-imposed deadline of December 2
 - Centralized Calendar of Events
 - Suggested by Roddel Remy (BGSA representative)
 - Would coordinate all events and important dates for graduate organizations and GSG
 - Will rely heavily on Ben Wallace (Communication Liaison) to initiate and organize
 - B. Events Committee.....Joseph Brodie
 - Call for Papers, Posters, and Creative Works
 - http://sites.udel.edu/gsg/files/2013/12/CFP-V3_withLinks2_11-25-2013-yp145m.jpg
 - Text written and revised by Events Committee
 - Abstract submission form created
 - Final CFP formatted by Communications Committee
 - Event Logistics
 - Currently refining plans for creative presentations (performances or installations)
 - Encourage submission of relevant visual material about each proposal (especially creative works), to use in marketing
 - January meeting will be held at Clayton to start conversation about event setup
 - Evening Presenter
 - A representative of innovation in private industry seems to be committee's preference
 - JP Morgan
 - Terry Kelly, CEO of Gore
 - Ideas for an interesting and high-profile evening presenter are welcome; please submit to Joe Brodie (jbrodie@udel.edu) or Alex Ames (alames@udel.edu)
 - Social Committee Gabrielle Vicari
 - Graduate Student Gala Recap
 - Event was a major success, thanks to volunteers

- Survey was sent to participants; 52 responses currently
 - More detailed information on results available from Social Committee if desired
 - Biggest issues raised in survey:
 - Dress code clarity
 - Timing (longer time period for reception)
 - Food
 - Suggestions for next year:
 - More specific dress code
 - Live music at the reception
 - Longer reception
 - Separate tickets for show and reception
- UD Night @ Yuletide at Winterthur
 - Complimentary passes distributed to 12 “VIPs”
 - Dr. Domenico Grasso, Provost
 - Dr. James Richards, Vice Provost for Graduate & Professional Education
 - Dr. Mary Martin, Assistant Provost for Graduate & Professional Education
 - Dr. George Watson, Dean of Arts & Sciences
 - Dr. Ann Ardis, Deputy Dean of Arts & Sciences
 - Dr. Matt Kinservik, Associate Dean for the Humanities
 - Dr. Rebecca Sheppard, Center for Historic Architecture and Design
 - Dr. Dawn Elliot, Biomedical Engineering
 - Dr. Liz Farley-Ripple, Education
 - Dr. Jenni Buckley, Engineering
 - Dr. Ronet Bachman, Sociology
 - Dr. John Jungck, ICE Lab Director
 - Please continue to promote the event to your colleagues and professors
 - If you are willing to serve as part of a “Welcoming Committee” to greet arrivals at Winterthur on night of event, please e-mail Gab Vicari (gvicari@udel.edu) and Alex Ames (alames@udel.edu)
- Spring Semester Events
 - Committee has begun conversations on smaller-scale events for spring semester (possibly an ice skating event?)
 - Diversity Committee is thinking about organizing events for winter session; perhaps we could partner with them?
 - Committee will spend much of spring semester planning a roster of social events for next academic year; if you have suggestions, please e-mail Gab Vicari at gvicari@udel.edu

V. Student Affairs Committee Reports..... Vice President Caro

A. Diversity Committee..... Holly Johnson and Katie Minker

- Come up with new programming or announcement in order to put out a new Udaily article mentioning and linking GOOD Panel Report
 - Need context and also a reason to put out announcement
- An emphasis was put on gathering more information from the graduate students and that we need to make our decisions based on feedback gathered
 - Having events is one way to gather feedback
 - Surveys are another way
- Want to have a diversity-focused event
 - Discussed collaborating with the CSSA on a Spring event in addition to their New Year’s event at the start of the semester
 - Discussed something for everyone to showcase their culture and backgrounds
 - Similar to International Week but for the spring semester
- Working on creating a common events calendar onto which different groups on campus can advertise with

B. Student Life Committee..... Akisha Jones and Nick Levy

- Discussed safety concerns and proposed to have Chief Ogden present at the GSG General Meeting

- Discussed the possibility of meeting with Recreational Services about their offerings to graduate students
 - Need to set up a meeting with Jake to talk about future ideas:
 - Field day event in the summer
 - Graduate Student only intramurals and classes etc.
 - Thought about having some sort of event for when the physical therapy doctoral students and other students who come in at the start of the summer semester
- Housing
 - Talking to other groups who have compiled resources and connect with them to enable a common set of resources
- C. Sustainability Committee.....George Honchar & Anthony Cario
 - Gautam Agrawal came to present efforts of University community members for fossil fuel divestment
 - Much of discussion focused on financial particulars and comparing UD to other schools
 - Traditional return rates and beta coefficients of fossil fuel investments versus green technologies
 - Want more information about particulars and how UD’s investment schemes would need to be modified in order to accommodate divestment
 - What kind of volatility would be introduced?
 - The proposal for an Office of Sustainability was discussed
 - Placement under the Executive Vice-President?
 - Follow up meeting focused on this topic and a better sense resulted regarding what graduate students would like to see from such an office as well as clarification of current needs
 - Discussed what alternative proposals might look like and how these would or would not meet these aims
 - A better estimation of a path forward is possible once feedback from the administration takes place before the end of the semester

VI. Governance Committee.....Parliamentarian Harris

- Two questions were addressed:
 - How do we fill Senator vacancies?
 - Two possible considerations
 - The first was having the Proxy stand in as acting Senator indefinitely
 - This idea was not adopted since the Governance Committee found it undemocratic due to the fact that the proxy was not voted for by their departments graduate student body
 - Committee then discussed having an off cycle election in the department to fill the vacancy
 - While the election was being organized the Proxy would stand in for a No More than two general GSG meeting

Proposed Legislation:

Motion to amend the By-Laws, Article IV, Section 3 by inserting a new subsection, which shall read:

(d) Vacancies: If a senator position becomes vacant, the senator’s proxy shall be allowed to serve as acting Senator for up to two meetings of the Senate until a new senator is elected from the Academic Plan. The Elections Committee, or the Executive Council in the case that the Elections Committee is not yet formed, shall organize an election among the students of the senator’s Academic Plan, in consultation with that Plan’s graduate program director, to fill the senator position. The proxy may be nominated to fill the vacant position. If no new senator is elected after two meetings of the Senate, the Academic Plan shall lose active standing until such time that a senator is elected.

- How do we fill Deputy Parliamentarian vacancies?

- For the question about the Deputy Parliamentarian, the committee decided that no legislation was needed and that the Executive Council nominates and the Senate approves, as usual

- VII. **External Committee Reports** **President Razzook**
- A. Government Affairs Committee Jessica Graham
- B. Faculty Senate..... Senators Jones & Awad
- Student life (Cesar Caro)
 - Graduate Studies (Justin Rill, Matija Radovic)
 - Library (Rachel Zimmerman)
 - Diversity (Ben Wallace)
 - International (Sandra Diaz)
 - Student and Faculty Honors (Jane Wessel)
 - Instructional Computing (Amanda Hughey)
- C. Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate Stephanie Luff
- D. Diversity and Equity Commission..... President Razzook
- E. Parking Committee Nick Levy
- F. Organizational Delegates.....
- VIII. **Open Floor: Public Comments & Concerns**..... **President Razzook**
- A. Open
- IX. **Senate Floor** **Parliamentarian Harris**
- A. **Old Business**
- Approval of the Minutes from the November Meeting
- B. **New Business**
- Senator and Parliamentarian Vacancies
- X. **Election Results and Remarks** **Elections Chair and President Elect**
- XI. **Outgoing Address and Announcements** **President Razzook**
- XII. **Adjournment**