

**UD Graduate Student Government**  
**October Public Meeting**  
**November 8, 2012 | 127 Memorial Hall | 5:30 pm**

- I. Call to Order & Welcome ..... President Bonistall**
- A. Presidential Remarks
  - B. Senator Spotlight: Economics, Mechanical Engineering, Molecular Genetics, Nutrition
- II. Internal Affairs Committee Reports ..... Vice President Ralston**
- A. Communications Committee ..... Vice President Ralston
    - The Communications Committee is currently without a chair; please contact Kevin Ralston (kralston@udel.edu) if you are interested
    - The committee has continued assisting in promotion of GSG events, including the Taste of Grad School in September and the recent Grad Student Gala
    - Currently working on the creation of a monthly newsletter about grad student life and what is happening in the GSG
  - B. Events Committee..... Amanda Barnard
    - The 2nd Annual Graduate Student Gala was a success!
      - We want to thank everyone who attended, helped with the planning, and volunteered
      - A special thanks to Dr. Martin for her continued support of our events
    - Upcoming GSG event: UD Graduate Student Night at Winterthur during “Yuletide at Winterthur”
      - Scheduled for Wednesday, December 19th (time TBA)
      - UD grad students and their families will receive a discount on admission to Winterthur
      - Family friendly programming as the event will include an arts and crafts station for kids following tours of the Winterthur mansion
      - The details are still being worked out, so start spreading the word and lookout for more details soon
  - C. Social Committee..... Sarah Markland & Maggie Nelan
    - Eat and Greet after tonight's meeting at Caffe Gelato
    - Ice Skating Social and Canned Food Drive coming in January
    - Coming soon (Winter and Spring events): Ice Cream Social, Tour of UD South Campus Botanic Gardens, Dairy Farm, and milking parlor, etc.
    - Please email the co-chair with ideas
- III. Student Affairs Committee Reports ..... Vice President Caro**
- A. Diversity Committee..... Mosi London & Neda Moinolmolki
    - Progress has been made in terms of reaching out to GSOs
    - Diversity Luncheon
      - Topic for next Diversity Luncheon will be on diversity on campus
      - Series of roundtable discussions (2-3 between the Fall and Winter semesters) with focus on graduate population
      - Panel Discussion (Spring semester) with focus on larger UD community
      - Currently forming list of possible panel participants
  - B. Student Life Committee..... Alex Razzook
    - Taxes
    - Ombudsman
    - Daycare
    - Vegetarian catering
    - Parking during games
  - C. Sustainability Committee..... Greg Ardini & Anthony Cario
    - Reducing food waste
      - Leftover food is made compostable at Rodney and Pencader dining halls, but not others
      - Food recovery network in place at other universities brings extra food to local food banks
    - Climate action plan
      - Class of 2008 provided funding to identify areas where energy usage could be decreased on campus
      - Committee to look at list; possibly propose a GSG resolution in future

- Recycling on campus
    - Facilities places outside recycling bins based on trash volume; have added a number of bins recently
    - Labeling on Trabant bins may be improved
  - Building efficiency study
    - Energy usage data available for University buildings
    - Pilot survey on temperature comfort level being sent out to committee
- IV. Governance Committee ..... Parliamentarian Thomson**
- The committee suggests creating the office of Deputy Parliamentarian, with duties as follows:
    - 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
  - The committee expects to propose legislation for a vote in December
  - Next meeting: November 26 at 2:00 pm in Bleeker Street Cafe
- V. External Committee Reports ..... President Bonistall**
- A. Newark City Council ..... Jessica Graham**
- Notes
- B. Faculty Senate ..... Marcos Portnoi & Akisha Jones**
- Remarks from Provost Nancy Brickhouse highlighted new buildings being constructed and others being renovated:
    - Interdisciplinary science and engineering lab building, \$140 million budget, around \$52 million from gifts/donations, opening in May 2013, ready in Fall 2013
    - Life Sciences Research Facility, \$12.5 million, ready in December 2012
    - Alison Hall renovation, ready May 2013
    - Health Sciences Complex, STAR campus (Chrysler plant), ready in December 2013
    - Drake Organic Chemistry Lab renovation, ready in 2013
    - Carpenter Sports Building addition, renovation, August 2013 (addition), November 2013 (renovation)
    - Bloom Energy STAR Campus, April 2013
  - Student Code of Conduct
    - The Student Code of Conduct has been amended as follows: If the syllabus for a course states that no student may post notes or other material from the class on the Internet, whether or not for a fee, then any student, whether enrolled in the class or not, who posts such material on the internet will be in violation of the Student Code of Conduct. (Digital Millenium Act (1998) - Takedown Notice to a server, incident by incident).
    - Enforcement mechanism: the professor would have to catch it. Office of Student Conduct will handle it. However, the student responsible for it would be very hard to detect.
    - At what point do notes taken from a student belongs now to the student. Senator Sheldon Pollack says the line is very blurry; it would relate to artistic modification or alteration (such as songs that have the lyrics modified).
- 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. Open Floor: Public Comments & Concerns ..... President Bonistall**
- VII. Senate Floor ..... Parliamentarian Thomson**
- A. Old Business**
- Approval of the Minutes from October 11, 2012
- B. New Business**
- VIII. Announcements ..... President Bonistall**
- IX. Adjournment**