

UD Graduate Student Government
October Public Meeting
October 11, 2012 | 127 Memorial Hall | 5:30 pm

- I. Call to Order & Welcome President Bonistall**
- A. Senator Spotlight: Winterthur, Sociology/Criminology, Animal & Food Science, Entomology & Wildlife Ecology
 - B. Thank you to the Social Committee – Tailgate was a great success!
 - C. Responsibilities Reminder: Follow up with your constituents, attend your committee meeting, no misrepresentation of GSG
 - D. McNair Fair Panel – anyone else interested in participating?
 - E. Journey to Harmony: Event on November 2nd
- II. Guest Speaker.....Robin Marks, Career Center**
- III. Internal Affairs Committee Reports Vice President Ralston**
- A. Communications CommitteeFelix Francis & Xiaohang “Henry” Zhao
 - The committee will continue creating promotional flyers for GSG events.
 - The committee will also maintain the calendar of GSG events.
 - Discussed ways to reach students and programs we miss, including:
 - Becoming more involved in social media around UD.
 - Creating a monthly newsletter so students can stay informed.
 - B. Events Committee.....Amanda Barnard
 - Wine and Cheese Event – November 2
 - Third Annual Grad Student Forum – May 2013. The committee is still deciding on a keynote speaker.
 - Talked about other events they could plan to highlight different graduate programs.
 - C. Social Committee.....Sarah Markland & Maggie Nelan
 - Planned the Graduate Student Tailgate that occurred on October 6.
 - Planning an ice skating event for later in the semester.
 - Planned the Social Hour at Kildare’s after the October meeting and will plan the remainder of the Social Hours.
- IV. Student Affairs Committee Reports.....Vice President Caro**
- A. Diversity Committee.....Mosi London & Neda Moinolmolki
 - Reach out to GSO’s, sit in on their meetings.
 - Start up the Diversity Luncheon two times a semester, determine topics. Potential topics include:
 - What does diversity mean to you?
 - What could be done, what would you like to see happen to make campus more diverse and more comfortable?
 - Looking for more ideas, contact Neda or Mosi if you have any.
 - Become more action-oriented based on mission statement. Now that the groundwork has been laid last year, looking to move to the action-oriented phase, involving GSO’s and reaching out to the student population now that we have a clear mission.
 - B. Student Life Committee.....Alex Razzook
 - Taxes: withholding for fellowship-holders.
 - Have an information session for those interested where they can ask questions – whom to ask?
 - There is help for international students; is there a way to tap into similar resources?
 - Ombudsman: Determine if we can post a list of student rights, to make this publicly available and transparent. At the very least, have a list of resources of what to do given a particular situation, tailored for grad students.
 - Parking during home football games:
 - Can no longer park overnight.
 - Also, student passes are not valid and people at south campus have a hard time finding alternatives. STAR campus parking is current option, but this seems like unclaimed territory.
 - Vegetarian, gluten-free options for catering. When using UD Dining services, offers are limited. Is there a way to get more options?
 - C. Sustainability Committee.....Greg Ardini & Anthony Cario
 - Building efficiency study: the committee is sending out pilot survey on perceptual comfort level.

- Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU): capital-investment plan for green initiatives, not yet accepted by UD.
 - Reducing food waste: Dining Services does not want liability, but will try liability waiver for food donation.
 - Bus idling: busses idle for athletic events. Trying to figure out alternatives or managing exhaust.
 - Sorting recycling bins on campus: not clearly labeled, can get messy and contaminated. Sorting bins might help.
- V. Governance Committee.....Parliamentarian Thomson**
- The committee discussed the fact that there is currently no procedure in place if the Parliamentarian cannot attend a meeting for any reason. It was proposed that the position of Deputy Parliamentarian be created. It was discussed that the Deputy Parliamentarian be nominated by the Executive Committee and approved by the Senate for a one-year term. The primary duty of the Deputy Parliamentarian will be to run the Senate portion of the GSG meeting if Parliamentarian unable to attend. This will keep the legislative branch separate from the executive branch. Legislation will be introduced at the November meeting for voting in December.
 - No one has submitted any legislation for consideration, so none was discussed.
- VI. External Committee ReportsPresident Bonistall**
- A. Newark City Council Jessica Graham**
- B. Faculty Senate..... Marcos Portnoi & Akisha Jones**
- Report from Karen Stein, chair of General Education Committee (<http://www2.udel.edu/gened/>), on the challenges of building a general education that is relevant.
 - Report on Tom Webb, director of Disability Support Services (<http://www.udel.edu/DSS/>) giving a description of services that DSS provides to students, faculty.
 - Faculty Senate is moving to amend the Student Code of Conduct to include that, if stated in syllabi that professor does not want class notes posted to websites in the internet (typically paid web sites), then students doing it will be in violation of the Code of Conduct.
- C. Diversity and Equity Commission..... Emily Bonistall**
- Review of 2011-2012 accomplishments. Email Emily if you would like a copy of the report.
 - Updates from President's Diversity Initiative, Office of Equity & Inclusion, and various caucuses.
 - Next meeting: discussion of goals for 2012-2013 and what they want President Harker to address when he meets the committee in November.
 - Email Emily if you have any questions you would like Emily to raise in the meeting.
- D. Organizational Delegates Updates**
- VII. Public Comments & Concerns/Open FloorPresident Bonistall**
- A. Discussion: succession for the office of Parliamentarian.**
- B. Discussion: do we want Social Hours after the monthly meetings or at another date/time? & Do we have a better name for these?**
- C. Discussion: what kinds of events do graduate students want to have? & Should we have a survey?**
- VIII. Senate FloorSecretary Castillo**
- A. Old Business**
- Approval of the Minutes from September 13, 2012
- B. New Business**
- IX. AnnouncementsPresident Bonistall**
- A. Toy Drive: New Directions Early Head Start is collecting toys for children from low-income families. They are seeking organizations to sponsor children in their program by providing a gift or donating money. NDEHS will provide a tag the child's age, gender, ideas for toys, and clothing sizes. The gifts cost about \$20. Please contact Jessica Schulz at jschulz@udel.edu by November 8 if you are interested in donating or want more information.**
- B. On Oct 19th from 3:30 to 5 (Memorial Hall, Room 110), the CTAL is hosting an instructional session called "Juggling Multiple Demands of Your Graduate Student Life." They will discuss and explore strategies for graduate students wearing multiple hats (dissertation writing, class taking, TA'ing, home life) to use to be as effective, efficient, and un-stressed as possible. It is open to all graduate students, although space is limited to make sure you register (<http://cte.udel.edu/events/on-campus/ta-conference-follow-juggling-multiple-demands.html>) if you are planning on attending. Students can contact Kevin Currie-Knight at kevinck@udel.edu if they have any questions.**
- X. Adjournment**