

Public Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2015 | 127 Memorial Hall | 6:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. President Brodie introduced the executive board.

II. REVIEW OF GSG MEETING STRUCTURE

President Brodie reviewed the structure of GSG Public Meetings.

III. GUEST SPEAKER

In lieu of a presentation by Deputy Provost of Research and Scholarship, Dr. Riordan, President Brodie provided an update on the search for the Senior Vice Provost of Graduate and Professional Education. This person is the strongest advocate for graduate students to the faculty governance bodies. He reviewed the responsibilities and qualifications for this position and its importance to the strategic plan. President Brodie requests that Senators stay informed, attend public sessions, make suggestions, and submit nominations.

Member Caro asked how one nominates someone. President Brodie suggested you email either himself (preferably) or Dr. Riordan. In the meantime, he will also attempt to find out the rest of the details for nominations and applications.

Member Caro also asked if we could be told who else is on the committee. President Brodie can get back to us once he knows the complete list.

IV.A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President Gao introduced the three committees under his purview, and described their primary functions.

Communications Committee

- The communication committee went through some structural changes during the summer. The idea was to subdivide the committee's work in order to ease the committee chair's work and also specialize the committee's work, thus the executive board decided to add 4 positions: web-master, graphic designer, photographer and public manager as committee

member. Each position will be fulfilled by a graduate student with specific skills and responsibilities.

- Since the University retired the old theme that we were using for GSG's website, we changed to a new theme. We also updated the information about the new executive board and event calendar for the new semester.
- The communication committee also works on promoting GSG events. For example, flyers were designed and a Facebook event was created for the welcome back event this Friday.

Events Committee

- The event committee is charged with the creation and execution of three major events throughout the year. During the summer, we have begun working on the major issues such as time, date, location, catering, furniture movers, and custodial. Everything was discussed and decided with the executive board. The details are shown below:
 - Graduate Student Gala with University Museums:
 - Time: 5:30-7 pm, 7:30-9 pm Friday, October 9, 2015;
 - Location: Old College Lobby
 - Food and Drink: 8 hors d'oeuvres and 2 drinks from the University of Delaware Conference Services
 - Ticket price: TBD
 - Graduate Student Night at The Theatre
 - Time: March 18th, 2016.
 - Performance: TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD (125 tickets scheduled and more if necessary)
 - Location: The Roselle Center for the Arts
 - Food and Drink: TBD
 - Ticket price: TBD
 - Graduate Research Forum
 - Time: Thursday, April 28, 2016
 - Location: Clayton Hall Conference Center
 - Food and Drink: TBD
 - Ticket price: TBD

Social Committee

- The social committee had plans to hold a summer event but things didn't come together. Potential choices involved a picnic in state park or a trip to Fort Delaware. These plans have been saved for next summer.
- Social committee also cooperated with diversity committee to organize the first Meet & Greet/ Diversity Day. This welcome back event will be held this Friday at 7pm September 18th at 44 Kent Way. We are going to serve pizza and soda. Beer and wine will be available for purchase at Speakeasy.
- We have been discussing other potential events such as a trip to Longwood Garden, or an apple-picking and bonfire event in a nearby orchard.
- The Yuletide at Winterthur event is scheduled on Wed, Dec 2, 2015.

IV.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

In Vice President Kim's absence, President Brodie introduced the committees under Student Affairs, and described their primary functions. Senator Guderian described the Student Life Committee.

Diversity Committee

- Diversity Committee has spent the summer coordinating with the Social & Communication Committee to host Diversity Festivity: Graduate Student Meet & Greet.

Student Life Committee

- The student life committee did not officially meet over the summer. Members Sophie Guderian and Eddie Marks have expressed interest in serving as the Co-Chairs of the committee. The Vice President of Student Affairs and Ms. Guderian met at the beginning of the summer to come up with a direction for the student life committee, through this they decided that the committee would focus on student health and wellness in the new academic year in addition to continually making sure that any issues relating to student life were researched and resolved. In addition, they decided to enact a new event for the committee to host called "Run for Your Sanity!" this will be a running and social club to help bring awareness to students about the benefits of exercise and nutrition as well as mental health.
- The committee plans to hold its first official meeting on Thursday September 24th at the Speakeasy at 6:00pm and the first run club on September 22nd at 5:30pm at the Speakeasy.

Sustainability Committee

- Dumpster Detour was a success. This is still wrapping up and we are distributing items left from collection on the UD Free & For Sale social media page. Dumpster Detour items reserved for people, now need to set a date to rent a truck and deliver goods to campus for pick-up. Need volunteers so we can get these items out next week! Sooner the better.
- The committee hopes to work continue the annual Dumpster Detour, as well as incorporate some new cooperation with a community garden and the City of Newark

President Brodie explained the need for senators to spread the work among the committees, with the ideal committee size being between 6 and 10. He encourages senators to try some of the different committees by attending the first meetings, and finally commit to that which suits them best.

IV.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance Committee – Matthew Rinkevich (mrink@udel.edu)

- The governance committee has updated the bylaws and constitution to reflect last semester's amendments.
- Parliamentary Rinkevich described the committee, and highlighted its main functions. He encouraged senators interested to contact him.

Elections Committee – Stephanie Luff (sluff@udel.edu)

- No update at this time.
- Vice President Luff only has two nominations and will request another nomination on the floor

IV.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Senate – Joseph Brodie (jbrodie@udel.edu) & Jane Wessel (jwessel@udel.edu)

- Faculty Senate begins meeting the week of the 21st.
- Member Caro reported on the General Education Subcommittee meeting, which took place today. The Faculty Senate Committee on General Education met on Thursday 17 September, and will be meeting semi-monthly. One charge of the committee as passed down from the Faculty Senate is to help evaluate undergraduate curricula to see how they do or do not satisfy the newly-passed General Education objectives. There has been a meeting set by the Interim Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs for October 14th with the department chairs and representatives from the Gen Ed Committee to discuss next steps that are to be taken at the departmental level. Details are still in the works for that meeting, and for refining the tasks to be undertaken for the rest of the semester/year. The committee will reconvene on Tuesday the 29th of September.

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate – Barbara Romero (bpromero@udel.edu)

- No update at this time.

Newark City Council – Janice Hudson (jhudson@udel.edu)

- Council met at 7:00 pm on September 14, 2015
- Council and residents requested an update on the UD Presidential Search Committee which was provided by Caitlin Olsen.
- The Council will hold a special meeting regarding the privatization of Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection on September 21st, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Church of the Nazarene, 357 Paper Mill Road; City Council will not make any final decisions at this meeting, but looks forward to the input of the community.
- A report was provided regarding a grant application to the DLWC Trust for financial assistance to construct a pedestrian bridge on Paper Mill Road over the White Clay Creek.
- Council discussed changes to the zoning code section language as well as changes to the zoning map for the area of 179 S. Chapel Street and 52 Benny Street for the construction of apartment buildings.
- On the consent agenda, Acting President Nancy Targett was recognized as the President Representative to the Downtown Newark Partnership.

- Newark Community Day will take place Sunday, September 20th from 11am to 4pm on the UD Green from Memorial Hall to Main St. and will feature live performance by the Brothers Osborne.
- The 68th Halloween Parade will take place Sunday October 25th at 3pm on Main St.
- The Turkey Trot is scheduled for Saturday, November 21st at Handloff Park.

IV.D. ORGANIZATIONAL DELEGATE REPORTS

- No update at this time

V. OPEN FLOOR

- A. Slate of Election Committee Members Candidates
 - Senator Eriselda Danaj, and Luye Li have self-nominated for Elections.
 - Vice President Luff described the committee.
 - Nominations from the floor
 - Peter Coyle self-nominated from the floor
 - If you are a long term-proxy, please let Vice President Luff know so that she can make you a name plate.
- B. Departmental email updates
 - Senator Kuniholm requested information about sending emails directly to the Longwood Program (Public Horticulture) when it is housed under PLSC. President Brodie suggested that smaller programs contact their constituents directly and work with the senator from the overarching program to avoid duplicate emails.
- C. Ad Hoc Committee – Prism (Meg Hutchins)
 - President Brodie explained the ad hoc committee's need to carry over from last year in order to continue receiving support from the GSG.
 - Member Caro requested the language from the legislation be shared, and described the debate which occurred in the Senate last year.
 - Did we want to set the precedent of assistance for GSOs?
 - Additional financial support concerns.
 - Do we know the composition of the current group? (8-10 people on the email list.)
 - VP Luff suggested that leadership might come from the GSG if legislation passes.
 - Secretary Hudson suggested the senate might consider tabling the issue until a representative from Prism could attend. Parliamentarian Rinkevich said he could assist with this on senate floor.
- D. Deputy Parliamentarian
 - Parliamentarian Rinkevich met with a few Senators interested in Governance committee, including Senator Bell who expressed interest in performing duties of Deputy Parliamentarian. He described the position and its importance.

- Senator Bell introduced himself and provided some background information and qualifications.
 - VP Gao asked if Senator Bell would vote as Deputy Parliamentarian. Parliamentarian Rinkevich responded no, if he was needed to serve as Parliamentarian, he would not have his senate vote.
- E. Open Discussion: Public Comments & Concerns
- How are violations of research ethics handled
 - This goes first to the Research Office. The Research Integrity Officer is Dr. Riordan. If a violation is found, it will be sent back to the Graduate Office.
 - Senator Nie asked if there are options or places to recycle batteries on campus.
 - Senator Smith from CEEP will ask in his department about e-waste
 - Email Facilities?
 - EHS may assist
 - The recycling facility on Phillips Avenue was also mentioned.
 - Senator Kuniholm asked when and how often do committees meet?
 - Committees should generally meet once a month, typically the week after the public meeting. Regular meeting times should be decided at the first meeting. Some committees may need to meet more often before larger events.
 - Member Caro suggested that external committee representatives need to be present at senate meetings.

VI. SENATE FLOOR

Parliamentarian Rinkevich opened the Senate Floor at 6:53 p.m.

A. Old Business

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from May 14. There was no discussion and the Minutes were approved.

B. New Business

- It was moved and seconded to approve the slate for Election Committee Members, Peter Coyle, Luye Li, and Eriselda Danage. There was no discussion and the slate was approved.
- It was moved and seconded to approve Adam Bell as this year's Deputy Parliamentarian. There was no discussion and the Deputy Parliamentarian was approved.
- There was a motion to reactivate the ad hoc committee (Prism) and it was seconded. There was a motion to table the issue until we have representation from the ad hoc committee. This motion was seconded and passed.
- There was no legislation from the floor.

Senate Floor closed at 6:56 pm.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Diversity Festivity Meet and Greet: Friday, September 18, 7:00 at the Speakeasy
 - Bring your ID and UD Student ID!
- B. Upcoming Committee Meetings
 - Events: 10:00 am, Friday, September 25th at the Speakeasy
 - Social: 11:00 am, Friday, September 25th at the Speakeasy
 - Communication: 12:00 pm, Friday, September 25th at the Speakeasy
 - Student Life: 6:00pm, Thursday September 24th at the Speakeasy
- C. Lunch and Learn Thursday September 24th at the Speakeasy from 12:00 pm.
- D. Coast Day is Sunday, October 4th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm in Lewes, DE.
- E. Faculty Commons is opening a 3D printing center and is hosting a naming competition for the facility.
- F. Announcements from the floor
 - Senator Kennedy asked for more information on becoming a committee chair
 - A PDF of announcements will be sent to the senators
 - Member Caro announced Faculty Senate meeting: Monday September 21st at 4pm 104 in Gore Hall
 - OISS coffee hour every Friday, 4-6 pm upstairs from the Speakeasy
 - Senator Guderian announced Run Club!

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Hudson

Graduate Student Government Secretary