

UD Graduate Student Government
Public Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2015 | Class of 1941 Lecture Room at the Morris Library | 6:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. President Brodie thanked the library, described open access week, and introduced the guest speaker.

II. GUEST SPEAKER

SPARC director of programs Nick Shockey, “Tearing down the paywall: Opening access to academic research.” Slides available at: bit.ly/udelaw2015

- Journal subscription prices can be expensive and it is frustrating when a journal is not available through your libraries subscription. There are more than 15 disciplines with subscription costs over \$1,000.
 - Publishing is big business. Elsevier has a 39% profit margin.
 - What is the reason for this expense if scientists provide work for free, and volunteers review for free, then the journal sells it back for a profit. 80% of research is publicly funded and the public cannot access the results.
 - Does our publishing system share our values? Not really.
- The solution? Open access: free immediate online access to scientific and scholarly articles with full reuse rights.
 - Two paths:
 - Publish in an open access journal (i.e. eLIFE, PLOS, BioMed Central, DOAJ)
 - Deposit into an open-access repository (i.e. UDSpace, PubMed Central)
 - 40.3% citation advantage for freely accessible papers
- What can you do to advance Open Access?
 - Share your own work
 - Raise awareness
- Setting the default to open
 - Institutions in 45 countries have open access policies
 - UD passed their Open Access Resolution policy about 6 months ago
 - Work to expand the policy to include graduate students
 - Research Funder Open Access policies in 28 countries
 - FASTR Act
 - There are two directives in the works: one for publications and one for data.
 - NAGPS Congressional lobbying visits
- OpenCon2015 in Brussels next month to bring engage about and advance open access, open education, and open data.

- Will be a live webcast at their website
 - Another OpenCon next year
- Contact Nick at
 - nick@arl.org
 - @R2RC
 - www.righttoresearch.org
 - www.sparc.arl.org
- There are differences in access by discipline
- ~40 institutions with Open Access policies
- Some publishers do require authors to pay for publication in open access journals, but many institutions are creating publication funds for this purpose.
 - Often, if a grantor requires publication in an open access journal, it is possible to write these publication costs into your grant

III.A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee – Erin Corcoran

- The website update has been completed.
- Pictures from the Gala are up on the website.
- VP Gao called for additional volunteers for events in the case of scheduling conflicts.

Events Committee – Yiben Wang

- The Graduate Student Gala was a success
 - 163 Tickets sold, 159 attendees
 - Thanks to the exec board for planning
- The committee is beginning to plan for the Graduate Research forum in April
 - Dr. Martin emphasized that planning the forum is a lot of fun
- Additional upcoming events the committee would like to add include:
 - PhD movie screening
 - Trivia bowl
- President Brodie emphasized the need for additional members on this committee.
- Meetings will be held Friday week after the GSG meeting at 10am at the Speakeasy.

Social Committee – Ty Nie

- Games at the Speakeasy are still successful.
- Karaoke will be hosted next Tuesday, October 27th at the Speakeasy.
- Yuletide at Winterthur planning is underway.

III.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diversity Committee – Vinnie Liu

- Diversity Brown Bag events are in the planning stages as is a Rep Your Culture event.
- The next committee meeting will also have I-20 issues on the agenda.

Student Life Committee – Sophie Guderian & Eddie Marks

- First month of run club has been successful
 - 10-12 attendees
 - Working with Dr. Martin and Public Safety
 - Co-chairs request you forward events to your constituents
- Nutrition and gym time for grad students are future goals.
- Graduate housing information has been up for some time.
- Intramural sports google document should be available by spring at the latest.

Sustainability Committee – Richard Bowers & Stijn Koshari

- The committee is meeting with the campus sustainability manager and have meetings set up with facilities with the intention of overlaying the committee's goals with those of the university.

III.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Proposed by-law amendments and suspensions will be discussed on open floor.

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

- We have eleven new senators. There are now only 7 unrepresented programs.

III.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Joe and Jane are voting members of the faculty senate. Please check these minutes for updates.
- Gen Ed: Curriculum mapping to see how programs align with university objectives and review of efforts for these mapping programs.

III.E. ORGANIZATIONAL DELEGATE REPORTS

- American Turkish Friendship Association of Delaware
 - Offers Turkish classes

- Syrian Blanket and Coat drive
 - Nov 7 – Dec 5
 - Will be donated Syrian refugees in Turkey
 - Will have a drop off location on campus
 - <http://helpsyrianrefugees.us/> for more information and video
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIwzle3KneM>)
- Promotional dinner with government representatives
- Biology Graduate Student Association
 - Fundraiser in collaboration with Chipotle on November 9, 2015 from 4-9pm and 50% of the profit will go to the hospital to assist in the payment of medical bills for fellow student Priscilla Ahiakonu.
- Black Graduate Student Association
 - Opening event was a success
 - November general body meeting will be held Nov 5th from 6-8pm

IV. OPEN FLOOR

A. Meg Hutchins: Prism

- Prism was the only LGBT graduate org on campus. Meg was the first grad student on the faculty and staff caucus though it is not focused on grad students. Haven does not allow graduate students a vote. Prism was very successful last year, with monthly happy hours, and an end-of-year event with the first married gay couple who happen to be UD alums as guest speakers. The goal is still to become an outside organization, and a constitution is ready to be put into place. but the committee still needs to build membership. Prism is still depending on GSG for membership and leadership.
- Parl. Rinkevich clarified that this will be the creation of a NEW Prism, and not the reactivation, as this affects voting. This vote will be a simple majority.
- Pres. Brodie reminded the senate that should this pass, it means that GSG can provide a chair for the committee, and provide that support. He believes that there is an institutional need. Committee chair is not required to be a senator.
- Member Caro provided his support of the meaning of the committee and its work, and but feels that the vision of organizational stability is questionable at this time. Clarified that raising visibility is a priority.
- Meg Hutchins does not believe that the leadership for this organization must come from the GSG in the future. She hopes that this group will continue to be a resource for graduate students on campus. The resources are in place for the organization to thrive but the leadership of the group have completed their time at the university.

B. Proposed by-law amendment

- Sub-sub-section 5 to impose a term-limit on ad hoc committees.
- Brought about due to some senator's concern about longevity of ad hoc committees.
- The purpose of the ad hoc committee is to address particular concerns not addressed by other committees. If an organization cannot survive after the time granted by GSG, it may be that they have succeeded in their task or, that they should not be an

organization, among other reasons. If ad hoc committees are left on infinitely, they are no longer “ad hoc.”

- Comment from senators and members on open floor include: the reasoning for the amendment is sound; a request that GSG remain flexible in its time restrictions; that the by-law limits the power of the senate in the future; that the bylaw amendment includes unnecessary hand tying and the difference between an ad hoc committee and a standing committee. But that it allows for a committee to stagnate.
- C. Nomination for CAS Faculty senate representative – a nominee must be in CAS, please email President Brodie directly, and we will vote next month. Meetings are held Mondays at 4pm.
- D. Nomination to Faculty Senate Committee on Student and Faculty Honors. Executive board has nominated Yiben Wang, pending senate approval. Mr. Wang has received honors from this committee and is therefore familiar with the committee and, in full disclosure, cannot win the award because he already has, so there is no conflict of interest. This will require suspension of the bylaws.
- E. Open Discussion: Public Comments & Concerns
- None at this time

V. SENATE FLOOR

Parliamentarian Rinkevich opened the Senate Floor at 7:52 p.m.

- A. Old Business
- It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from September 17. There was no discussion and the Minutes were approved.
 - There was a motion to create Prism as an ad hoc committee. It was seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed with no opposition.
- B. New Business
- There was a motion and second to elect Yiben Wang to Faculty Senate Committee on Student and Faculty Honors. There was a secondary motion and second to suspend the bylaw (article III, section 4, subsection A) for today (passing with 34 in favor). There was no discussion and there was a majority vote to approve the nomination.
 - No legislation from the floor
 - There was a motion and second to close senate floor

Senate Floor closed at 7:56 pm.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Announcements from the floor
- Diversity Forum Monday, November 2, 3 PM, Rodney Room, Perkins Student Center. More details and RSVP:
<http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2016/oct/DiversityForum102115.html>

- Grad ambassador Halloween party: Friday, October 30, 7-10 PM, The Speakeasy @ The Wright House, 44 Kent Way. Come dressed in a costume for a free beverage of your choice!
- Dep. Provost for academic affairs Open Forums
 - Class of 1941 Lecture Room (right here!)
 - a. Wed, Oct 28, 3:30 pm
 - Lynn Okagaki, Interim Deputy Provost; former Dean, College of Education and Human Development
 - a. Fri, Oct 30, 3:00 pm
 - Gretchen Bauer, Professor, Political Science and International Relations
 - a. Thu, Nov 5, 2:00 pm

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Hudson
Graduate Student Government Secretary