

UD Graduate Student Government
Committee Reports
February 11, 2016 | 103 Gore Hall | 5:30 pm

III.A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee – Erin Corcoran (ekcorc@udel.edu)

- Publicity for Forum is right on track.
- They will soon be posting committee reports on our website with the agent and minutes.

Events Committee – Yiben Wang (yibenw@udel.edu)

- Forum: “It’s About Time: Understanding the Past, Engaging the Present, and Creating the Future”
 - Publicity:
 - Call for Paper was sent and reminders will follow.
 - Faculty Postcards are being printed and sent.
 - Save the Date magnets will be printed soon.
 - Panel: Creating Your Own Future
 - Focus on career development
 - Workshops:
 - Katy O’Connell
 - February: Digital Footprint/Presence
 - March: How to present for a diverse audience?
- Trivia Nights
 - Trivia night on Wednesday, February 24th at the Speakeasy

Social Committee – Ty Nie (htnie@udel.edu)

- Monthly events held at the Speakeasy
 - Karaoke 1/5/16
 - 23 Attendees, 38 songs sung
 - Regifting Bingo 1/12/16
 - Singles Mixer 1/19/16
 - Meet and Greet
 - January 1/22/16

III.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diversity Committee – Guangyi Liu (guangyi@udel.edu)

- White Elephant
 - Name has been finalized as “RePRESENT Yourself”
 - Facebook has been created, to be announced on GSG facebook page

- We will have another meeting on Feb. 11th to finalize everything.
- The first Diversity Brown Bag will be on Feb. 22, 2016 to study Dr. Howard's work "explore the impact of racial stress on student achievement and ways to address racially stressful incidents as they occur". Dr. Howard from UPenn would come and lecture on March 1st.
- Diversity Open Forum on Feb. 11, committee members would try to attend.
- Diversity Panel on Feb. 23, try to see if there is something we can do.
- Diversity Survey is being planned.

Student Life Committee – Sophie Guderian (sguderia@udel.edu) & Eddie Marks (edmarks@udel.edu)

- This month 5 committee members were in attendance for the committee meeting held at 7:00pm on January 27th 2016 at the Speakeasy.
- The Committee will meet regularly for the Spring Semester 2016 at 6:00pm on the Thursday following the Senate meeting at the Speakeasy (except for February). Meeting dates will be as follows: February 25th, March 24th (due to special elections meeting), April 21st and May 19th.
- The committee's first order of business was addressing a complaint that has been brought to the student life committee for a second time. The complaint was that spouses of graduate students are no longer allowed to use the UD's exercise facility. Previously this was allowed and students would like to know the reason for the policy change as well as if there could be a system similar to faculty where spouses pay a small fee. Committee member Carrie Glenn will be investigating and reporting back at the February meeting.
- The committee discussed and set up the new format for Run Club. The committee will now have a \$10 semester dues. This will allow members to receive a Run Club t-shirt, water jugs along the course, and (potentially) a discount on a beer on Tuesdays during Run Club. Committee chair Sophie Guderian will work with President Joe Brodie and the Speakeasy manager to see if a beer deal can be worked into semester fees. The committee is also considering Saturday trail runs once or twice a month, pending member interest; in this case the fee will also include post-run coffee.
- Run Club will have 3 options this semester to accommodate all levels of runners from newbies to marathon runners and participants who do not wish to run but would like to work on their fitness:
 - FREE RUN: on our mapped course, choose from 1, 3 or 5 miles or mix and match to get whatever distance you would like to run! For anyone who has run with us before we will have the same courses but we will provide water along the way! (~1 mile from the Speakeasy)
 - COUCH TO 5K: We will have a run that is led taking everyone through a couch to 5k training program.
 - BOOTCAMP: We will also introduce a boot camp option! After all the other runners head out the boot campers will get their workout for the week! This will be an equipment-free workout featuring body weight exercises and running intervals! The exercises will be chosen as good cross training for runners!
- The last Run Club of the semester (tentatively planned for May 17th) will be a 5k for all members at 6:00pm. This will allow everyone working on running their first 5k a free option

- if they do not wish to run a paid 5k, or for all runners to track their time and see how they have improved over the course of the semester. Time and place is TBA, though we hope to find a place for the 5k where runners do not have to cross a road.
- We will have a **Run Club Interest Meeting at 6:00pm on Tuesday February 9th** for all interested runners.
 - A Graduate Exercise and Nutrition Night Out will be held the same week as the start of Run Club to educate graduate students on Exercise and Nutrition and why it is important during your graduate school years. This night is meant to be a resource for graduate students who hope to make healthy changes this semester. Exercise physiologists, Registered Dietitians and Athletic trainers will be on hand for any questions that any one has!
 - **Exercise and Nutrition Night will be held at the Speakeasy on Thursday February 18th from 6-8pm.**
 - The event will host exercise and nutrition experts who will help debunk exercise and nutrition myths, why both are so important during graduate school, and how to make time for exercise and making nutrition affordable.
 - There will be healthy home cooked snacks with recipes available to showcase how to make an exercise healthier
 - In addition, there will be Athletic Trainers on hand to help people who wish to learn about foam rolling!
 - Student Life will be collaborating with the Sustainability Committee this spring on a Biking Safety Seminar! More details to come in following meetings.
 - The Spring Intermural mixer was not a success and the committee will reevaluate whether to continue the event or do something else come the fall semester.

Sustainability Committee – Richard Bowers (rpbowers@udel.edu) & Stijn Koshari (kosharis@udel.edu)

- A bike safety seminar will be organized by Student Life and Sustainability in early April
- We intend to distribute battery recycling bins to all buildings/departments on campus to serve as centralized collection points before being gathered by EHS

III.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- No update at this time.

III.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Provost's Remarks
 - Lynn Okagaki is the new Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs

- Ann Ardis is the new Senior Vice Provost for Graduate & Professional Education
- Vice Provost for Libraries search is going well - 5 candidates will be visiting campus
- Will be assessing the future of week-long Thanksgiving break after feedback from this year, for the 2017-2018 academic year
- General Education Update - Fred Hofstetter
 - Information and updates is available online:
<https://sites.google.com/a/udel.edu/facultysenate/gened>
 - The three working committees will be presenting reports at the March Senate meeting
 - A Request for Proposals for the new Core 1 course was distributed to faculty this week
- SAT Admissions Report - Doug Zander
 - ACT/SAT are barriers to access for many 1st generation students, low income students, students of color
 - High school GPA remains the strongest predictor of success
 - Nearly 800 schools are now SAT optional
 - 4-year pilot
 - optional for in-state students
 - continue holistic review and consider alternate inputs based on desired program
 - constantly monitor progress
 - report back with results
 - The Faculty Senate voted to approve this proposal, 47 yay 3 nay
- Approved a resolution changing the name of Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management to Hospitality Business Management
- Approved a resolution modifying the charge for the Faculty Senate Library Committee
- Approved a resolution disestablishing the MEd in Educational Leadership, since the program has been under a moratorium since 2010
- Referred back to committee a resolution modifying several deadlines in the tenure process in order to give the Provost's Office additional time to make recommendations
- Approved 43 items in the consent agenda. The full list is available on the Faculty Senate website, <http://www.facsen.udel.edu>. Items pertaining to the graduate students include:
 - Curriculum revisions to the PhD in Mechanical Engineering
 - New Graduate Certificate in Particle Technology
 - An Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) was added to the admission requirements for the MA in Foreign Languages and Literatures, MA in Foreign Languages and Pedagogy, and MA in Childhood Foreign Language Education
 - Revisions to the MA, MS, and PhD in Chemistry and Biochemistry: some courses were changed and the language requirement was removed
 - Revisions to the MS in Fashion and Apparel Studies: some language was changed in the program guidelines and addition courses were offered
 - Changes were made to the curriculum for the PSM (Professional Science Master's) in Biotechnology in order to make it easier for international students to fulfill internship requirements
 - There were curriculum revisions for the MPA (Masters in Public Administration) program: some course numbers and credit values were changed

- Revisions were made to the Graduate Program Policy for the MS and PhD in Biological Sciences

Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Committee – Stephanie Luff (sluff@udel.edu)

- In addition to the items covered in the Faculty Senate report, the following additional items were discussed:
 - A major overhaul of the MBA program is in progress to add option for graduate degrees' majors (differs from concentrations).
 - The Department of Languages, Literatures, & Cultures added new MA and 4+1 degrees in Italian Studies.
 - A new MA degree in Interaction Design has been added within the Department of Art and Design.

Faculty Senate Library Committee – Matthew Rinkevich (mrink@udel.edu)

- Over the next three weeks, five finalists for the position of Vice Provost of Libraries and Museums will visit campus. More information is available here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l3cQ8ZfKqwQrPsgH7biDmVenxOoO3QSMs0DfDU4ZYC4/edit>. Feel free to come to Matt Rinkevich (mrink@udel.edu) with questions or concerns. If you are interested in attending the candidate's open forums, consult the schedule below:
 - Sandra Millard, Interim Vice Provost and Director of Libraries, University of Delaware: 9 February 2016, 3:00-4:00, Trabant University Theatre
 - Trevor A. Dawes, Associate University Librarian, Washington University: 15 February 2016, 3:00-4:00, Trabant University Center, Multipurpose Room B
 - Scott L. Walter, University Librarian, DePaul University: 17 February 2016, 3:00-4:00, Trabant University Center, Multipurpose Room A
 - Ruth M. Jackson, Consultant and Interim Director of Libraries, Mount Saint Mary's University: 22 February 2016: 3:00-4:00, Trabant University Theatre
 - Kristin A. Antelman, University Librarian, California Institute of Technology: 24 February 2016: 3:00-4:00, Trabant University Theatre

Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee – Roddell Remy (roddel@udel.edu)

- Committee developed a set of four diversity requirements for the First Year Experience/First Year Seminar class. As these classes are currently being revised, the diversity requirements have been proposed as part of the standardized learning outcomes.
- A major charge for this committee is the revision of the multicultural course (MCC) requirement for the new GenEd plan. Four criteria have been solidified from which three must be satisfied in order for a course to be accepted as part of the MCC list. Included are materials that must be submitted by each professor for their course to be evaluated. Most recently the MCC proposed guidelines were presented to the GenEd committee. Remarks were very positive and the committee is currently debating on slight modifications before final submission.

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

- No updates at this time.