

UD Graduate Student Government
February Public Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2016 | 103 Gore Hall | 5:30 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm.

II. GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Ann Ardis, Senior Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education, came to speak to us about graduate education here at UD. She was delighted to hear graduate students speak up at the diversity initiative and it amazes her how many of the institutional services are directly for the undergraduates. University documents often default to 'students' (meaning undergraduates) and it is good to hear from graduate students, to really understand the reality of the 'invisible population' of graduate and lifelong learning students here at UD. A project in the works is a consortium of research universities, CIRTL, bringing greater visibility to the strategic delivery system (graduate students). Graduate students are delivering lectures, etc. and CIRTL seeks to provide training and tracking for teaching in STEM learning. They are seeking a PhD graduate assistant to help launch and support this initiative by working with the institutional team leader.

VP Gao emphasized the need for a social balance for graduate students and asked what Dr. Ardis' thoughts were on supporting social events and alcohol at events through GSG. She has considered this a lot and feels that intellectual work should be social, your intellectual community is your social community. As for alcohol at social events, especially the forum, there are some cultural sensitivities about alcohol that we should be aware of. At the same time, it is important to learn how to navigate social situations that are important for your career when alcohol is involved.

Ravi Ammigan is running over 100 events out of Kent Way this year. Make an effort to attend other events, including the International Coffee Hour or music or theatrical events, to really take advantage of the events that are offered on campus.

Member Wessel asks what the interdisciplinary research center is working on for graduate students. Dr. Ardis, with graduate directors in the humanities, are working to file a NEH PhD Proposal. She is unsure where the IRC will go from here as she takes on her role as SVPGPE. Additionally, she mentions that the graduate study room at the library is really great. The more we can figure out ways to run programming out of Kent Way and partner with the library to use the space they are designing for us, the better. The Graduate Student Research Room at the library will have a ribbon cutting before our April meeting, at 4:30 at the library. It will be catered and graduate students and senators are encouraged to attend.

Member Caro wonders what Dr. Ardis feels our role is as group is, and her thoughts on interaction and advocacy. She would be happy to continue having this conversation about advocacy as she gets to know the group better. She reminds us that we are students first and it is important that we finish and get careers.

VP Luff asked if there will be planned improvements to career services for graduate students. If students are getting career services, it is not coming from their department. Reactivating the

certificate with CTAL, this is one way the grad office has tried to address the training needed for a highly specialized research career. They've been talking about professional development programming but they need student feedback. We do not track fellowship receipt well, or really assist with this process. We should be chasing after more of those prestigious awards for students. Faculty and graduate directors are also key in this.

President Brodie gave Dr. Ardis a lapel pin as a welcome gift.

III.A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Please distribute the Call for Papers to your constituents. Hopefully the Career services director from Lerner will be available for the panel. Katie O Connell will be running the first workshop for the forum. Please see additional updates in the committee reports.

III.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Flyers have been distributed for the REPresent Yourself White Elephant next Wednesday. Please include a line in your monthly email to remind your constituents that batteries should not go in the trash. The Diversity Brown bag is in 116 Pearson Hall (Faculty Commons) on February 18th. See committee reports for additional events and updates.

III.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- No updates at this time.

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

- No updates at this time.

III.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

See committee reports.

III.E. ORGANIZATIONAL DELEGATE REPORTS

BGSA is having a Welcome Back Mixer in the Mechanical Hall Gallery at 6pm on February 12th. The theme is Harlem Renaissance so dress up if you want, there will be free food.

MBASA Launch Party at 5pm, pizza and soda, contact Deputy Parliamentarian Bell directly (adambell@udel.edu)

BMES Art in Science event. On behalf of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering Society Graduate Student Chapter, and UD K-12 Engineering we invite all professors, postdocs, graduate and undergraduate students to submit images for the 1st Annual Art in Science Symposium. We are seeking aesthetically pleasing scientific images for submissions from ALL fields of study to highlight the beauty of art in science. Select images will be displayed in the ISE Lab from April 4th to April 16th followed by an Art in Science Symposium on Saturday April 16th. Multiple awards will be given based on aesthetic appeal. All images accepted for display will be available for purchase, with the artist's consent, and the proceeds allocated to making the Art in Science a self-sustaining, annual event. Please see the attached flyer and our website for more information at <http://sites.udel.edu/art-in-science/> **Images for submission are due March 3rd 2016 at 12:00 pm.** Please submit high resolution .tiff images via our website with a short, 1-2 sentence description of the subject portrayed and acquisition method. Also need one more person to sit on the judging panel for the event on the 16th. Please contact Ty.

Hispanic and Latino GSA interest meeting Wed march 2nd 5p wolf hall 318. Sign-up sheet at end of meeting as well as in email and on agenda.

IV. OPEN FLOOR

- A. Opening of Officer Nomination: A form will be sent out right after the meeting. If you are interested in any role, please speak to the person currently filling that position. You will have one week to nominate. If you don't want to speak to the person in your position of interest, you can speak to Joe or Stephanie. Anyone (graduate student) can serve on the executive board, you do not have to be an elected senator. There is a separate nominating period for senators.
- B. We do need a third member on the elections committee. We will accept nominations now and approve the nomination on Senate Floor. Senator Powers nominated himself. This will be a simple majority vote; it will require a motion to approve and then the vote.

V. SENATE FLOOR

Deputy Parliamentarian Bell opened the Senate Floor at 6:24 p.m.

- A. Old Business
 - It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from January 21st, 2016. There was no discussion and the Minutes were approved.
- B. New Business
 - It was moved and seconded to move forward with the nomination of Senator Powers to the Election Committee. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.
 - There was no legislation from the floor. Motion to close senate floor carries.

Senate Floor closed at 6:25 pm.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. For all upcoming committee meeting times and locations, please see <http://sites.udel.edu/gsg/>
- B. Water is Life Kenya is hosting a Water Walk on April 23rd. For more information, see <https://waterislifekeny.com/> Hoping to have department teams. Sign-up sheet in the back with Tom Santangelo (tjs@udel.edu). The money raised will be used for water capture project, jewelry, and a bore hole project. Additionally, trying to work with Engineers without borders on campus and a livestock efficiency practice.
- C. Over the next three weeks, five finalists for the position of Vice Provost of Libraries and Museums will visit campus. See Faculty Senate Library Committee Report for more details.
- D. For students interested in being part of the Hispanic/Latino Graduate Student Association, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd at 5pm in Wolf Hall. Please RSVP via Google form so the organizers can have an idea of how many will be in attendance: <http://bit.ly/1QYd0jz>
- E. The BMES, in conjunction with other local educational representatives has put out a call for submissions to the first annual Art in Science Symposium. Select images will be displayed in the ISE Lab from April 4 to April 16, followed by a symposium on Saturday, April 16. Submissions are due March 3rd, 2016 at 12pm. Please see the website for more information: <http://sites.udel.edu/art-in-science>
- F. The University of Delaware Student Chapter of the American Water Resource Association is hosting their 5th Annual Career Night on Thursday, February 25th at 6pm in Townsend Hall. Free pizza and ice cream will be available, please RSVP via Google Form: <http://bit.ly/20OALCy> and see attached flyer for additional details.
- G. Diversity Committee White Elephant will be 17 February 2016, 6:00 pm in the Speakeasy. RSVP via Google form
- H. Exercise and Nutrition Night - the Speakeasy, 18 February 6-8pm.
- I. Poker Night - 23 February 2016
- J. Trivia Night - 24 February 2016
- K. February 29th is the deadline to submit an abstract for the 6th Annual Graduate Research Forum.
- L. The University Library is hosting a series of RefWorks and graduate student workshops for Spring 2016. You can get more information and sign up on their website, <http://library.udel.edu/>:
 - Advanced Research Techniques using Google Scholar: 22 February
 - Introduction to RefWorks: 1 March
 - RefWorks: Beyond the Basics: 8 March
 - Introduction to the New and Improved RefWorks: 3 May and 11 May
- M. Announcements from the floor
 - Social media/digital presence panel is March 2nd now

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Hudson
Graduate Student Government Secretary