

UD Graduate Student Government
March Committee Reports
March 10, 2016 | 103 Gore Hall | 5:30 pm

III.A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- GSG Website
 - Information and photos of the officer candidates are updated on the website
- The University of Delaware Graduate Student White Paper
 - Work with Student Life committee
 - An overview of the current graduate students in UD
 - A database updated yearly
 - Address the involvement of graduate students around the campus by number
 - Example:
 - Basic summary statistics of graduate students.
 - Classes taught, tutored, assisted by graduate students.
 - Research projects involved with graduate students
 - Publications involved with graduate students

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

- Forum:
 - It's About Time: Understanding the Past, Engaging the Present, and Creating the Future
 - <http://www.udel.edu/gradoffice/forum/>
 - Abstracts:
 - submission deadline was extended
 - Events committee are sorting through the submissions now
 - Panel: Creating Your Own Future
 - Focus on career development
 - Workshops:
 - Katy O'Connell
 - #1 Digital Footprint/Presence
 - March 2 Trabant Multipurpose Room B 5-7pm
 - success: ~40 attendees
 - follow up survey
 - How to present for a diverse audience?
 - two sessions: depending on number of oral presenters and general interest
 - March 24th 2-3pm start time (afternoon)
 - April 6th 6pm start time (evening)

- Short introduction by Katy, then breakout session based on field of study.
- Trivia Nights
 - Trivia night on Wednesday, February 24th was a success
 - 35 people participated
 - Next trivia night will be on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7pm in the Speakeasy

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

February Events:

- Poker Night – 2/23
 - Demo from 6-7, Tournament from 7-9:30
 - 20 tickets, free admission, all sold out
 - 16 attendees
 - Prizes for the speakeasy and the creamery

March Events:

- March Meet and Greet – Night at the REP
 - FB: <https://www.facebook.com/events/184567225247137/>
 - To Kill a Mockingbird
 - 125 seats, sold on ticket leap for 12\$ each (43 sold for now) **Tickets MUST be purchased by 11 AM on Monday, March 14, 2016!**
Link: <http://ud-gsg.ticketleap.com/rep2016/>
 - Ticket pickup at 7 pm in the lobby
 - Reception at the Speakeasy afterward
 - Please pick up a poster in the back
- Paint & Sip with Charlotte Thurman – Monday 3/21
 - Will have 17 seats, 15\$ each, Ticketed on ticket leap

III.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- RePRESENT Yourself was a success, with very creative gift ideas from participants
- We met with Beth Miller (Science Writer) from UDaily to work on an article featuring the efforts of the Diversity Committee in light of the campus-wide efforts to promote and increase diversity.
- We have contacted Going Social, an undergrad/grad social organization, to discuss potential collaboration on an event similar to the Public Safety Walk with disabled students.

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

- Exercise and Nutrition Seminar was a success, despite multiple happy hours at the Speakeasy!
- Run club has officially started – most members agreed to a \$15-20 fee for t-shirts, swag, and water along the path. Different options for Run Club are available depending on level. Beer discount after Run Club participation.
- Bike Safety Seminar collaboration with Sustainability Committee (also with DelDOT, Bike Project, UDPD).

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

- EHS has been contacted to push forward for the battery recycling program, suggested a simple pick-up system where students call for pick-up. Asked for standard containers. Waiting on response.
- Meatless Monday pledge is available at ud.meatlessmondaypledge.com
- Lack of trash bins (and recycling bins) from the train station to campus was brought up by a student. Members will look into contacting UD (or the city, if appropriate).
- A member suggested to some restaurants on Main St. to not serve straws by default to decrease waste– more will be contacted!
- A system of reusable take-out containers were discussed. Similar to a personal tumbler, restaurants often don't have a problem letting people use their own container, but in school dining systems, portion gauging could be tricky. Possibly bring up to Aramark.
- An external report on potential solar panel energy generation was brought to the committee by a member, will be refined and possibly submitted to UD through the committee.
- Collaborating with Student Life Committee for a Bike Safety Seminar, April 6th, time and location TBD.

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: The Provost's office has recently launched the Educational Advisory Board success collaborative. This is a body that is meant to help advise students, making sure they meet their degree requirements on time. The Provost has also charged a coalition to assess our mental health on campus. He also mentioned Trabant Now and Perkins Live, a

- programming series that the University has launched over the past year to give students alternative, alcohol-free events on weekend night. Tomorrow is the Nanofab grand opening.
- There is an open hearing on Monday, March 14 at 4:00 on the university budget.
 - Faculty Senate President Opila mentioned the Beauty Shop Project, a community space about hair, art, culture, history, politics, health and well-being. It is run by faculty in Art, history, and BAMS.
 - Fred Hofstetter and members of Gen Ed subcommittees gave updates on Gen Ed reforms. First Year Seminar committee put together draft of a description of content that should be in all first year seminars. Syllabi for all of these courses will have to be approved. Five outcomes include ethics/academic honesty; responsible use of internet/social media; academic policies and procedures; diversity; and safety and wellness. There will be six core courses piloted in Fall 2016 on topics including political violence, citizenship, climate change, capitalism, scientific literacy, and technology and change. These courses will be evaluated and there may be a second phase in the spring. This pilot will determine whether the University proceeds with a core requirement. The Undergraduate Studies Committee will use their current course review process for evaluating capstone experiences. Faculty submitting courses for capstones will have to explain how the course requires students to engage in explorations in which the outcomes are unknown or engage in self-assessment, reflection, and analysis that prepares them for future success. They will also have to explain how the learning goals support some or all of the Objectives of General Education as established by the Faculty Senate in 2014. The multicultural course guidelines have been revised so that courses must meet three of a set of four criteria, including diversity self-awareness and perspective taking; cultural difference; personal and social responsibility; and understanding global systems. Faculty proposing to certify a course for the MCC must submit a course syllabus and a list of each of the criteria the course will satisfy along with copies of the assignment that satisfies each one.
 - The Faculty Senate approved a consent agenda of 39 small curricular changes in various departments, both undergraduate and graduate.
 - There was a Recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Steve Hastings, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Prasad Dhurjati, Chair) for the request to disestablish the BS in Health and Physical Education. There was significant debate over this disestablishment. While enrollments in the program are declining, faculty within department believe that need for health and physical education teachers is increasing. The resolution carried to dissolve the degree program.
 - The Faculty Senate voted on and approved four recommendations from the Committee on Graduate studies:
 - Recommendation for Permanent Approval of the MS in Finance
 - Recommendation to establish a Master of Arts in Italian Studies
 - Recommendation to establish a Master of Arts in Interaction Design (MA IxD)
 - Recommendation to add a New degree in Doctor of Nursing Practice
 - A resolution to revise dates in the tenure process was referred back to the Promotions and Tenure Committee until next month.
 - A resolution that the Commission on Sexual Harassment and Assault review best practices for faculty engagement and training and report back to the Senate next month was approved.

- A resolution inserting the report of the 3-3-3 committee on administrative searches into the Faculty Handbook was approved.

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

- South Bellview Road designated “No Parking Anytime” and Tyre Ave designated as “Special Parking District”