

UD Graduate Student Government
April Committee Reports
April 14, 2016 | 103 Gore Hall | 5:30 pm

III.A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- GSG website:
 - Coordinate with OGPE to update forum website
 - TicketLeap for Forum is ready to go.
 - Publicity will start next week.
- The University of Delaware Graduate Student White Paper
 - No updates

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

- Forum:
 - It's About Time: Understanding the Past, Engaging the Present, and Creating the Future
 - Oral presentation
 - 3 sessions, and 3 groups in each session presenting simultaneously (3 groups come with 6 presentations, the other 6 groups come with 5 presentations)
 - Events committee members will serve as student moderators.
 - Faculty members will participating in judging and providing feedbacks
 - Poster presentation (3:30 to 5:30pm)
 - 2 sessions. The first hour will be odd number and the second hour will be even numbers.
 - Panel discussion on What Comes Next: Perspectives on Post-Graduate Paths
 - Dr. Mark Fiegenger (National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics): Statistics on trends in career paths after grad school
 - Paul Rollison (Learner College): soft skill and networking.
 - Dr. Mary Watson (Chemistry & Biochemistry): How to plan for the next step and having those conversations with your advisor
 - Dr. Jen Biddle (Marine Science & Policy): how to network and her recent academic experience
 - Dr. T.W. Fraser Russell (Chemical Engineering): going into industry post Ph.D. and then academia
 - Dr. Tunde Ogunnaike (Dean of Engineering): Speaker and panelist
 - Volunteers
 - Events committee members, GSG senators and graduate ambassadors.
 - Food bank: bring a non-perishable food donation for exchange of a drinking ticket (otherwise cash bar).

- \$10 general administration. If a student could join all different sessions and lunch panel, the \$10 administration fee will be given back to them. Students will be asked to swipe their student ID to record attendance.
- Workshops: Katy O’Connell-- How to present for a diverse audience?
 - two sessions for oral presenters only. Collins room in Perkins students center.
 - April 6th 6pm start time (evening), 15 attendance
 - April 7th 2pm start time (afternoon) 8 attendance
- Trivia Nights
 - Trivia night on Wednesday, 03/23
 - 18 people participated(5 teams)
- April Trivia nights to be determined

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

- March Events:
 - March Meet and Greet – Night at the REP– Friday 03/18
 - To Kill a Mockingbird
 - 125 seats, sold out; 119 tickets redeemed on Ticketleap;
 - 87 Attended the Reception after the show.
 - Paint & Sip with Charlotte Thurman – Monday 3/21
 - 16 seats were sold at 15\$ each and 13 tickets redeemed
- April Events:
 - Karaoke – Tuesday 4/26

III.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Disabilities Walk planning: The committee and invited members from Going Social and gathered together to discuss the disabilities-themed Public Safety Walk Program. More work needs to be done regarding the focus and aim of the event to ensure maximum impact. Talking to UDPD and other school officials are the next step, perhaps including faculty members from the disabled faculty caucus and Lions Club.

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

- Sustainability-Run Club Trash pick-up: 19 April, 6pm, James F. Hall trail

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

- Sustainability-Run Club Trash pick-up: 19 April, 6pm, James F. Hall trail
- Battery recycling: Putting together a report for EHS, considering battery type, funding, system implementation. May need to start with a pilot-scale project, such as selecting a few buildings with high lab density.

- Bike seminar: Tentative date for 11th or 12th of May, currently deciding locations and contacting DelDOT & ELI for date confirmation.
- Solar panels follow up: UD is not interested in installing more solar panels at this time.
- May GSG meeting: possibly vegan-themed, with Sustainability Manager Michelle Bennett as guest speaker.

III.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- The Governance Committee met to discuss and draft a forthcoming Senate resolution supporting the work of the University's Respect Committee.

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

- Elections Committee is in the middle of senator elections for the next academic year. Ballots should be going out very soon; about half of the programs will be represented in this election.

III.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- General Faculty Meeting: Prior to the Senate meeting, the Spring Semester General Faculty Meeting took place. Acting President Nancy Targett and member of the Board of Trustees A. Gilchrist Sparks led a discussion on Article 3 of the University's bylaws, which concern the faculty and officers of UD, and their composition, duties, and responsibilities as it pertains to shared governance. Additional information on this discussion is available on UDaily: <http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2016/apr/general-faculty-senate-040816.html>.
- President's Remarks: Incoming University President Dennis Assanis will be assuming his office on June 6, a month earlier than originally anticipated. Plans are to unveil the new UD website on April 12.
- Provost's Remarks: Provost Domenico Grasso announced that UD is investigating shifting spring break to coincide with St. Patrick's day, which would also align UD's break with many other universities. He announced the appointment of Trevor Dawes from Washington University in St. Louis as the new May Morris Librarian and Vice Provost for Libraries and Museums. UD is creating a new Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and establishing a new multicultural center on campus.
- Dr. Christopher Knight spoke on the initiative to have departments better track and document how their courses will fulfill the myriad of new requirements for General Education by the deadline of May 1.
- Dr. Michael Chajes presented on the final report on the Faculty Senate Commission on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault. He included in his oral report a comment on the

unique challenges faced by graduate students, who serve both as teachers, and students, and who often rely on University funding and professional connections for their careers. The report will be posted on the Faculty Senate website, <http://www.facsen.udel.edu>.

- The Faculty Senate approved 27 items on the consent agenda consisting of small curricular changes throughout both undergraduate and graduate programs.
- The Faculty Senate voted on and approved 6 resolutions for the establishment of Bachelor's programs (2 new programs and their honors equivalents and 2 permanent status reviews).
- The Faculty Senate voted on and approved the undergraduate Residence Life plans for 2016-2017.
- The Faculty Senate voted on and approved a resolution to NOT approve the BA/MA 4+1 Program in Historic Preservation for permanent status. Additional information on this change will be provided to the GSG next month.
- The Faculty Senate voted on and approved 5 revisions to the Faculty Handbook:
 - Section 4.1.6 on non-tenure track (now Continuing Track) faculty, including the titles of Instructor, Associate Instructor, and Senior Instructor.
 - Section 4.4 on promotion and tenure to correct grammatical mistakes, revise electronic dossier submission policies, and include ongoing revisions for Continuing Track faculty.
- The Faculty Senate voted on and defeated (12 yay/31 nay) a resolution revising the various deadline dates for the promotion and tenure process. It failed due to language that provided for an appeal of the decision to the Provost be made by the "end of business on the last day of instruction before spring break begins," due to the fact that the Provost included in his remarks the possibility of spring break shifting to earlier in March from what it has conventionally been. The resolution will be reconsidered by the Promotion and Tenure Committee for the third time.

Faculty Senate Library Committee

- The Faculty Senate Library Committee held its semester meeting. Issues discussed included the budget, ebook resources, open access, the library director hire, and the potential closing of the Physics library. Additionally, the Library Committee resolved to propose legislation increasing graduate student representation. It desires two graduate students serve on the committee."

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

- Creation of civil citation for possession of marijuana approved.
- Council unanimously approved ordinance to prohibit U-Turns at the intersection of Capitol Trail at Cleveland Avenue.
- Council approved a new noise ordinance for residential areas:
<http://cityofnewarkde.us/DocumentCenter/View/6600>