

UD Graduate Student Government  
**April Public Meeting Minutes**

April 14, 2016 | 103 Gore Hall | 5:30 pm

**I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm following the ribbon cutting for the Library Graduate Student Study area.

**II.A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Communications Committee – Erin Corcoran

- Please email Tianhang or Joe or Erin if you are interested in assisting with the White Paper.

Events Committee – Yiben Wang

- VP Gao encouraged members to attend karaoke and the forum. He emphasized the importance of the forum and what an advantage it is to be able to share your research and hear from professionals in the field. He explained that they are still seeking volunteers for the event, please contact Yiben or Tianhang. There is an incentive fee for the forum, in order to avoid food waste and encourage participation, that will be refunded if you attend a certain number of sessions and the lunch. Advisors are not required to pay the fee, but must be registered. If you are presenting, and your advisor did not receive a registration link, they can access registration via the same link. Dr. Martin explained the reason that they have implemented the fee. We welcome input on increasing participation and attendance. If you bring a donation for the food bank, you will receive your free drink ticket. The website should be up to date. Discussion of guest speakers who will be attending the forum for the discussion panel.

Social Committee – Ty Nie

- See committee report.

**II.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Diversity Committee – Vinnie Liu

- Disability themed public safety walk in the planning stages.

Student Life Committee – Sophie Guderian & Eddie Marks

- See committee report.

Sustainability Committee – Richard Bowers & Stijn Koshari

- See committee report.

## **II.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Governance Committee – Matthew Rinkevich ([mrink@udel.edu](mailto:mrink@udel.edu))

- See open floor and committee reports.

Elections Committee – Stephanie Luff ([sluff@udel.edu](mailto:sluff@udel.edu))

- Senator elections underway. Ballots will be sent out this evening. If you see a program that is unrepresented, please encourage people to nominate for the fall election.

## **II.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

See committee reports.

## **II.E. ORGANIZATIONAL DELEGATE REPORTS**

No updates at this time.

## **III. OPEN FLOOR**

- A. Respect and responsibility resolution – The Respect Committee was charged with creating a University Statement of Respect and Responsibility, which will basically serve as UD’s official conduct expectations statement. It’s the start of a larger mission of increasing inclusivity and diversity on our campus. We would like to have the GSG pass a resolution in support of this statement. At next month’s meeting, we will be discussing more thoroughly, and voting on, this resolution. The Respect Committee chairs will likely be joining us for this discussion.
- B. Faculty Senate Committee Nominations – We need to choose new representation for the external committees next year. A list of these committees will be sent out with the minutes. You do not need to be a senator to serve on these committees. Two of these representatives have the power to vote on faculty senate. A nomination form will go out this evening. The combined executive boards, outgoing and incoming, will select the nominees, and the sitting senate will approve them. Nominations form should have explanations for each committee.
- C. GSG award nominations – we present awards to members who have made a difference either to GSG or the graduate student body at large in the following categories: advocacy, community, and leadership. These will be decided by the current executive board and awards will be presented at the May meeting.

#### IV. SENATE FLOOR

Parliamentarian Rinkevich opened the Senate Floor at 6:08 p.m.

##### A. Old Business

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from March 10<sup>st</sup>, 2016. There was no discussion and the Minutes were approved.

##### B. New Business

- There was no legislation from the floor. Motion to close senate floor carries.

Senate Floor closed at 6:08 pm.

#### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For all upcoming committee meeting times and locations, please see <http://sites.udel.edu/gsg/>
- Come to the forum, encourage others to attend! Bring friends and family!
- Pitch 90 – Held by DENIN, needs 1-2 graduate students from the following colleges to serve on the planning committee: CANR, CEOE, Engineering, Health Sciences, and Arts and Sciences. Contact Audrey Gamble @ [agamble@udel.edu](mailto:agamble@udel.edu) or Beth Chajes [bchajes@udel.edu](mailto:bchajes@udel.edu)
- Registration for the Graduate Research Forum on Thursday, April 28 is open! Visit <http://www.udel.edu/gradoffice/forum/> for the full schedule and to register.
- DENIN is looking for 1-2 graduate students from CANR, CEOE, CE, CHS, and CAS for the Pitch:90 planning committee for next year. Contact Audrey Gamble ([agamble@udel.edu](mailto:agamble@udel.edu)) and Beth Chajes ([bchajes@udel.edu](mailto:bchajes@udel.edu)).
- Art in Science will be held April 16, 12-5pm in ISE. You can meet the artist, see podium presentations, hear live music, and see the awards. <http://sites.udel.edu/art-in-science>.
- Senators' reception with the President will be held April 18, 2016 at noon. Please be punctual.
- Sustainability-Run Club Trash pick-up: 19 April, 6pm, James F. Hall trail
- "Music, liberation, and the environment: it's a global thing," is a celebration of earth day featuring internationally recognized Native American hip hop artist, Frank Waln, along with Gambian performer, Egalitarian, and Wilmington's own Richard Raw. Performances will be preceded by a panel of University of Delaware faculty and staff discussing Environmental Justice and Sustainability. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by Global arts, Black American Studies, University Museums and the Center for Black Culture. Friday, April 22 4 - 7 p.m., Mechanical Hall - outside, weather permitting (rain location is inside Mechanical Hall Gallery).
- Water is Life Kenya is hosting a Water Walk on April 23rd. For more information, see <https://waterislifekenya.com/>
- 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/>
- Full listings of events and talks for Arctic Month are online: <http://www.udel.edu/global/arcticmonth/>

- Full listings of events and talks for Earth Month are online:  
<http://www.udel.edu/earthmonth/>
- Campus Framework Committee – For the Delaware Will Shine initiative, trying to gauge how are spaces being used in the university? Do we need to expand or repurpose spaces? VP Kim would like to get your opinion on the spaces you use. Do you share an office? Do you have enough room to have lab group meetings? Do you need more changing tables for children? Are classrooms you use overbooked? Do you have a place to hold office hours without disturbing your labmates? Please contact Kyra and provide details including your year and the building/space you are addressing specifically.
- Announcements from the floor.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Hudson  
Graduate Student Government Secretary