

UD Graduate Student Government
April Committee Reports
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III.A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- No significant updates.

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

- Forum was a success. Concerns about the fee only discouraged some students but overall very good attendance. Working on feedback Google form to find out what students liked/didn't like about the forum. We will compile a report to close out the year for the forum. Only 11 people didn't check in and sessions were better attended and engagement was good, questions were better, etc. Still, need to increase faculty attendance.
- Trivia night was held by Social Committee this month = around 20 people in attendance

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

- Social Committee held Trivia night.
- Karaoke night was not as successful as in the past, possible there was another event, or people were just busy.
- PhD Movie was approved, hoping to do by the end of the month.

III.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Disability Faculty Caucus would participate in the safety walk to be held next semester.
- Diversity Brown Bag, May 12th, 12pm Pearson 116. Fostering Interest in STEM and Higher Education for Students of Underrepresented Backgrounds, Andrew Garcia..

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

- Run club will be a GSO starting next school year, 5K is run by members this May.
- Talked about potentially working on the Graduate White Paper and the graduate contract to include mandatory vacation times.

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

- Bike seminar to be held May 12th, 11am-3pm at Mentor's Circle – come for short bike law lectures, prizes, a ride-along, and pizza after!
- Battery recycling resolution with Governance Committee to be drafted and submitted officially to the university. A pilot program will be proposed with key lab buildings such as DuPont, Townsend Hall, Colburn.
- A memorandum of ideas from the Sustainability committee this past academic year will be collated and submitted to our Sustainability Manager Michelle Bennett.

III.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- The Governance Committee met to discuss a Sustainability Resolution, and continued to work on the forthcoming Senate resolution supporting the work of the University's Respect Committee

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

- Senator elections are complete and 31 programs have senators after elections. One program had no votes.
- The rest of the programs will have elections in the fall.

III.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Provost's Remarks – The Provost reported on an event from last weekend: women of color in the academy. It was a very successful event. UD has been designated as a national center of academic excellence in cybersecurity. This year external funding from grants increased by about 5 percent. Two faculty were inducted into the National Academy of Inventors. The Provost will launch a committee to look into P&T standards for tenure-track faculty, co-chaired by Martha Buell and Matt Kinservik. The Provost will also assemble a team to look into future spring break scheduling (particularly in terms of how it intersects or does not intersect with St. Patrick's Day).
- Martha Buell provided update on Faculty Senate Budget Committee. They looked into the new budget model and determined that the new model is more transparent and that many of the concerns raised about the new model aren't actually the fault of the new model.
- President Targett reported on Article 3 of the Trustee bylaws. A committee has been looking into the definition of faculty and the official role of faculty in university governance. Trustees are most concerned with the explicit identification of responsible parties for particular fiduciary duties. President Targett will be presenting the committee's recommendation to the

executive committee. The Faculty Senate voted to thank the Board of Trustees “for seeking to involve the faculty in the proposed revision of Article 3, and respectfully requests that the Board of Trustees not approve a revised version of Article 3 until after the University Faculty Senate has been given an opportunity to consider and then vote to endorse any proposed revisions of Article 3.”

- The Faculty Senate passed a series of recommendations from the Graduate Studies committee. These included adding an MS option in Financial Analytics; adding an MS degree in Biomedical Engineering; not putting forward for permanent status the MA in Historic Preservation; requesting permanent approval of the MS in Water Science and Policy; revising the MSN in Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Program and changing the name to Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program; and revising the MSN Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration and changing the name to Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Practitioner.

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

- No relevant updates from the May 9 City Council meeting.