

UD Graduate Student Government
December Public Meeting Minutes

December 08, 2016 | 103 Gore Hall | 6:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm.

II. A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee – Cara Tortorice (carat@udel.edu)

- No updates at this time.

Events Committee – Caitlin Hutchinson (chutch@udel.edu)

- Winterthur was successfully held, with 114 tickets sold (double the amount from last year).
- Proposal for the forum theme is being worked on, with specific time schedules. Ideas will be proposed to OGPE for approval.

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

- Free ice skating night tomorrow, with free admission and free skate rentals, 7-9pm.
- Winter scheduling of events underway, including another ice skating event and Ph.D. movie screening.

II. B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diversity Committee – Justin Coger (jcoger@udel.edu) & Nathan Thayer (nthayer@udel.edu)

- Resolution SR-1617-03 has been submitted to the meeting today.
- Diversity-themed gift exchange to be organized for February.
- Organizing a diversity research forum.

Student Life Committee – Eddie Marks (edmarks@udel.edu)

- Chemical engineering mental health REFS program will be up and running soon, we may have some visitor speakers to introduce and promote the program in GSG.
- Eddie has reached out to Dr. Tim Dowling regarding changes in preventative medical coverages, expecting some information soon.
- Speakeasy resolution is published.

Sustainability Committee – Curt Davis (cjdavis@udel.edu)

- Current meeting catering was done by the committee with Peruvian vegan food.
- A park will be selected by next meeting for clean-up.
- An action plan for the battery recycling resolution that has passed will be worked on.

II.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- No updates at this time, please see committee reports.

Elections Committee – Carrie Glenn (carriele@udel.edu)

- Please cc Carrie in emails sent out to departmental constituents.
- Committee needs a few members, please contact Carrie. Members need not be Senators.

II.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Senate – Stijn Kosharis (kosharis@udel.edu) & Richard Bowers (rpbowers@udel.edu)

- There was a presentation by undergraduates to increase coverage of the University-required general education topics, to add sustainability and diversity.
- There is now an adhoc committee working on graduate student vacation time.
- There is now an adhoc committee now working to increase TOEFL acceptance score.
- Graduate School formation will come visit and speak at GSG in February.

II.E. ORGANIZATIONAL DELEGATE REPORTS

- No updates at this time.

III. OPEN FLOOR

- A. Suggestion to make a website that compiles all STEM-related instrumentation on campus. Please talk to Yehia if interested. (ykh@udel.edu).
- B. Discussion on the UD 2FA system
 - a. There has been a bug with the system setting the non-default device to default, resulting in complications.
 - b. Getting scratch codes all the time is a hassle, if your lab doesn't get cell service or wifi, or you are not allowed your cell phone for safety reasons.
 - c. Students, unlike staff and faculty, have the option of putting a personal email as a way to get a verification code.
 - d. Staff seem to have fobs for authentication, can we have a system that you can also get one as a graduate student if you can justify that you need one for work?

- C. Discussion on the UD Respect draft website
 - a. A charge on respect as a culture of UD, to promote inclusivity, civility, and respect for difference. A branding effort.
 - b. Keywords are respect, culture, growth, integrity, engagement.
 - c. Please review the website and send feedback: <http://sites.udel.edu/oei/respect-and-responsibility/>
 - d. There will be several events following the publication of this website.
- D. Discussion of the resolution SR-1617-03, proposal in support of inclusivity and increased dialogue on discrimination and injustice
 - a. Document from the Diversity Committee, following up on the hostile environment that formed in certain areas post-election.
 - b. Resolution to create the rhetoric that GSG is supportive of creating a diverse environment and is open to conversations.
 - c. Parliamentarian Rinkevich suggests contacting the Review to officially publish the document once passed, following the example of the Faculty version of the Diversity Resolution.
 - d. Suggestion for wording change, line 22, to add disability, citizenship, and socioeconomic status. The descriptors can be copied from GSG Constitution Section 3, Statement of Inclusions.
 - e. We should also think of how to make the statement into an action as a group, please feel free to speak up or use the anonymous suggestion box.
- E. The petition to make UD a Sanctuary Campus for Undocumented Community Members
 - a. A city can sign a petition to become a sanctuary city, and not assist federal forces with their own efforts and infrastructure in regulating undocumented people. The UD petition is more of a statement and has no legal force but strives to create a welcoming atmosphere for undocumented university members.
 - b. Please see the petition here: <http://udreview.com/sanctuary-campus-petition-from-university-community/>
 - c. Please see follow up UD Review article here: <http://udreview.com/assanis-signs-sanctuary-campus-petition/>
 - d. Suggestion to eventually pass a resolution regarding this petition. Governance Committee will be preparing a resolution.
- F. Faculty Senate Library Committee Statement on UD Library and the future of UD
 - a. A letter circulated with the meeting materials. There has been planned construction for library expansion, which has been referred to as a “luxury” by the administration. The letter reaffirms the importance of the library as both a physical site and a resource hub of information.
 - b. Suggestion to issue a statement echoing support of the Faculty Senate Library Committee statement.

IV. SENATE FLOOR

Parliamentarian Rinkevich opened the Senate Floor at 7:17 p.m.

- A. Old Business

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from November 10th, 2016. There was no discussion and the Minutes were approved.
- B. New Business
- Resolution, SR-1617-03.
 - Motion to revise wording in line 22, motion passes for wording amendments.
 - Wording amendments were accepted and the new resolution passed unanimously.
 - No legislation from the floor.

Senate Floor closed at 7:18pm.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- GSG Night at the Rink will be held Friday, December 9th at 7-9pm at Fred Rust Ice Arena. Free admission with UD ID, along with free skate rental for the special event.
- BGSA Level Up Spades Tournament will be held at the Green Turtle on 250 S. Main St., December 15th, 10pm. There will be a \$2 entry fee with 50/50 raffle.
- BGSA Skating Party held December 12th, Christiana Skating Center (801 Christiana Rd, Newark, DE 19713), 7pm. \$7 admission, \$3 skates, gift card raffle. Wear your BGSA shirt to get in free.
- Please provide feedback after reviewing the UD Respect and Responsibility website: <http://sites.udel.edu/oci/respect-and-responsibility/>
- For all upcoming committee meeting times and locations and GSG events, please see <http://sites.udel.edu/gsg/>
- Announcements from the floor

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Graduate Student Government Secretary