

UD Graduate Student Government
January Committee Reports
January 12, 2017 | 103 Gore Hall | 6:00 pm

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)

- No updates at this time.

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

- Ice skating had over 70 graduate students attend
- PhD Movie: Townsend Hall, Jan 11th, price adjusted to \$5 for one movie \$7 for the featured. Plan is to have soda/water for beverages and some hot fingerfood
- Ice skating
 - Location: the Fred Rust Arena
 - New Date: Jan 11th
 - Price of Admission: Free with UD student ID
 - Plan is to have soda/water for beverages and some hot fingerfood

II.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- White Elephant
 - Advertising for the event
 - Vinnie has a flyer from last year that we can repurpose for this year's advertising. We would need to simply change a few details (time, place).
 - We spoke of developing an online registration form to help us get an idea of how many will show up for the event. We can set up a quick form on either TicketLeap or EvenBrite. After this has been done, we can generate a QR code to place onto the flyer, to make it easier for people to sign up for the event.
 - We need to identify a host for the evening. The duties of the host will be to explain the rules of the game, introduce the committee and our mission, and deliver a few words on the value of diversity. Committee members will help the host to keep the event moving.

- Funding and Space Availability: by the end of our January meeting, we need to have a space picked out, and an idea of whether or not we can get some funding to be able to purchase food and drinks.
- Vinnie wants us to find a way to ensure that people stick around after the gift exchange, to make sure that the event is more social. One idea was to do a second round of gift exchanging.
- Research Forum
 - The GSG Research Forum was briefly discussed before adjournment.
 - Diversity Committee wants to help facilitate any efforts to bring in more Social Science and Humanities oriented graduate students to present research on issues of diversity.

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

- Student Life Faculty Senate is discussing graduate student vacation time
 - Eddie will lend his services if necessary at the meeting
- Dental Services
 - Vinnie will send out a reminder to all graduate students about signing up by February 1st (dependents can be included) (https://www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?group_id=98)
 - General health services information can also be provided
- Planning events
 - Emergency Planning Course (<http://nccde.org/158/Community-Emergency-Response-Team>)

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

- Adopt-a-Park program: The SC is finalizing the decision of which park to adopt in Newark and this should be announced in the January meeting
- Battery Recycling Resolution and Proposal: We are presenting the battery recycling proposal and resolution to UD Environmental Health and Safety
- Vegan food at GSG Meetings: The February meeting will be catered again with vegan food

II.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- No updates at this time

II.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- No updates at this time

Graduate Studies Committee – Carrie Glenn (carrielle@udel.edu) & Stijn Koshari (kosharis@udel.edu)

- No updates at this time

Faculty Senate Library Committee – Janice Hudson (jehudson@udel.edu)

- No updates at this time

Library Student Advocacy Committee – Rachel Zimmerman (rachelz@udel.edu)

- No updates at this time