

UD Graduate Student Government
February Committee Reports
February 09, 2017 | 103 Gore Hall | 6:00 pm

II.A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Publicity work for the forum
 - Poster made by Tianhang and sent to print.
 - Tianhang is working on a faculty postcard that will reach the mail box of all faculty members.
 - 3 or 4 emails will be sent out to graduate students, faculties and graduate student directors and/or staff members.
 - GSG website, Twitter and forum FB page will be updated to encourage more participants.

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

- Graduate student forum:
 - Theme finalized as: *Leaders of Engaged Citizenry: Graduate Student Research and Creative Works*, after meeting and discussion with Dr. Ardis and Dr. Martin
 - CFP poster is created by Tianhang and has been taken over by Cesar to submit for print.
 - First email will be send out to all graduate student during the week of Feb 6th. Abstract submission is open to UD graduate students at the same time. Submission ends on March 3rd.
 - Events committee will work on publicity and panel discussion material. Potential Keynote speaker include President Assanis and Governor John C. Carney, Jr.

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

- Winter ice skating and karaoke
 - 59 graduate students joined the ice skating event on Jan 10th.
- Committee members planning to meet with manager of REP to discuss details on the show, the Elephant Man, on March 9th and 10th. The Following issues need to be worked out:
 - Potential location for reception before/after the show.
 - Option of two or one reception
 - Set up email, Ticket-Leap and publicity
- Idea and potential new social activities:

- A knit and needle event.
- A puppy at park event
- Join trivia night and game night at the Grain, TGI Fridays.

II.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Opening Business
 - Two undergraduates met with diversity committee today to ask for support in a classroom led project. The project design was aimed at raising awareness of accessibility issues and to look for new services for disabled UD students. Two members offered to go to the students presentation to show community support.
- RePRESENT Yourself
 - Budgeting and final planning for the event was done.
 - A budget of \$228 dollars was requested for food from Jimmy Johns and the Olive Tree, drinks, utensils, and decorations.
 - February 23rd was initially chosen as the date for the event, but as we have yet to hear back from scheduling, we will need to choose a later date.
 - A room in either Perkins or Trabant was requested for the room
- Other business
 - The committee decided to look into what would need to be done for us to send graduate student volunteers into local schools as an outreach to encourage minority students to apply to UD. The idea is to have students share their own stories and experiences that lie at the intersection of diversity issues and higher education, and to field questions from local students. More on this at the next meeting.

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

- No updates at this time

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

- Adopt-a-Park program
 - Someone from the SC will be contacting the city of Newark to complete the application to adopt Fairfield Park
- Battery Recycling Resolution and Proposal
 - We are waiting to hear back after presenting the battery recycling proposal and resolution to UD Environmental Health and Safety

- Interdisciplinary Environmental Humanities Program
 - There has been some interest by students and faculty to create this and the SC would like to be involved
- Improving Waste Management on campus
 - The SC is interested in exploring ways to educate graduate students on how to separate recyclables from garbage

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)

- No updates at this time

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

- No updates at this time

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

- Special Collections Gallery Symposium: “Celebrating the Mark Samuels Lasner Collection: Rare Books and Manuscripts, Victorian Literature and Art” Keynote Speaker: Elaine Showalter, Professor Emerita of English at Princeton University
 - March 17 – 18, 2017
 - Reading Room, Morris Library
 - The symposium is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. More info here: <https://library.udel.edu/msl-symposium-2017/>

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

- No updates at this time