

UD Graduate Student Government
March Committee Reports
March 09, 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)

- Committee members met with Dr. Martin on Feb 28th and decided to extend the deadline for the forum to March 10th. By 10 a.m. March 6th, 66 abstracts had been submitted through google form.
- Committee member are discussing potential keynote speakers, panel discussions candidates, and topics.

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

- Grad student night at the Rep ticket selling ends 11 a.m. March 6, 2017. 54 tickets sold by 10 a.m. March 6th. Social committee will meet on Tuesday, March 7th to coordinate logistics on the event.

II.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- No updates at this time.

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

- Dental plan: an email was sent to to the grad student community reminding them of the deadline. This should be an every-semester email, and SLC should take charge of knowing the necessary sign-up dates.
- General health: No changes were made on UD's end between 2015 and 2017, though there are specifics within Highmark's plan that could cause students to pay more.
 - For example, Highmark follows their own "Preventive Schedule" (Google it or ask Eddie for PDF). Using Pap smear as an example: Highmark covers it once every 3yrs, and on UD's plan there is no deductible (100% coverage); but if you go more than once in 3yrs you need a doctor's note saying this is necessary, otherwise you pay full price after the first deducted visit. There are many such examples. Current benefits can be [found here](#).

- Dependents: See [this link](#) (for credit card) and [this link](#) (for check/money order). As long as the UD student fills out the appropriate form(s) for their dependents, the dependents are covered the same as the UD student.
- Developed a living Google doc to be shared with Executive Committee members and the future SLC chair. This can be updated as needed by senior non-SLC members and provides a forum for virtual participation in SLC meetings, allowing for new projects to be addressed in real time.

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

- Adopt-a-Park program
 - The GSG has officially adopted Fairfield Park and a representative of the SC has received the proper clean-up orientation from officials at the Newark Parks Department. We are ready to plan our first clean-up!
- Reusable Water Bottle Program for the UD Gym
 - After proposing a reusable water bottle program at the February general meeting, Senator Steinberg brought her idea to the Sustainability Committee where it was discussed. A sub-committee is being created to research the feasibility of such a program and to draft a proposal.
- Interdisciplinary Environmental Humanities Program
 - Kacey Stewart presented his idea for an interdisciplinary environmental humanities certificate program at UD. We will further discuss how the GSG can encourage and support such a program at the next meeting.

II.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Please see resolution SR-1617-05 during Open Floor and Senate Floor.

II.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Senate – Stijn Kosharis (kosharis@udel.edu)

- President Dennis Assanis gave an update on his progress and introduced his leadership team:
 - A large number of (minor) revisions to undergraduate programs has been passed. You can find the full list in the meeting minutes: <http://facsen.udel.edu/Sites/minutes/FACSENMINUTES2017February.pdf>.
 - Permanent Status has been approved for the MS and PhD in Disaster Science and Management.

- A Master's Degree in Leadership and Disability Services has been provisionally approved.

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

- A large number of new graduate programs and (minor) revisions to existing graduate programs have passed (and will pass) through the GSC for approval. All proposed changes can be found here: <http://grad.udel.edu/faculty/graduate-studies-senate-committee/>. A few notable changes are mentioned below.
- New programs have been proposed, including (but not limited to) Master of Accounting Practice, MS in Applied Statistics (on line), MS in Medical Sciences, and MA in Early Childhood Development and Programming, as well as several 4+1 programs.
- Some notable revisions to existing programs include (but are not limited to) MBA, MS and PhD in Disaster Science Management, MEd Literacy Program, and MS in International Business.
- Please contact Carrie or Stijn if you have any remarks, complaints, or suggestions about these changes, so we can bring these up at the next meeting before these items move to Faculty Senate floor.

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

- No updates at this time.

Faculty Senate Coordinating Committee on Education – Marcia Shirilla (marcia@udel.edu)

- The committee approved these items which will now be brought to the Faculty Senate floor:
- Approved Non-Credit Certificates:
 - Improving Cultural Competence of Health Care Professionals
- Approved Undergraduate Items:
 - Name change for BA Chinese Studies
 - Name change for BA Japanese Studies
 - Revise Plant Sciences major, Applied Nutrition major, Health Behavior Science major, Medical Diagnostics major, Medical Laboratory Science major, Nutritional Sciences major, Forensic Science minor, Health Physical Activity and Disability minor, Medical Diagnostics minor, Medical Social Services minor, Molecular Diagnostics minor, Traditional BSN
 - Revision to CHEM 107/108 in 3 different majors
 - Revise & change name of Financial Planning Major
 - Revise International Business Studies Major
 - Add 4+1 BS/MS Finance Degree Option
 - Name change of Human Development and Family Studies to Human Development and Family Sciences.
 - Revise following majors: Human Services: Clinical Services Concentration, BS Major in Plant Science, BS Major in Landscape Horticulture and Design, Food and Agribusiness Marketing Management Minor, Resource Economics Minor

- Deferred Items
 - Addition of Trust Management minor - want to see info for 3 new courses
- Approved Graduate Items:
 - Add analytic concentration to MS Accounting Program
 - Revise MS in International Business
 - Revise MBA Major & Concentration in Strategic Leadership
 - Add new degree Master of Accounting Practice
 - Name change of majors to match departmental name change from Foreign Languages and Literatures to Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.
 - Revise Master of Public Administration, core courses & specializations and change graduation requirement
 - New MS in Medical Sciences
 - Policy changes in Education PhD
 - New MS in Early Childhood Development & Programming
 - Revision/name change to MEd in Reading to MEd in Literacy
 - Revise Medical Sciences PhD