

UD Graduate Student Government
February Public Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2018, | 104 Gore Hall | 6:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

II. GUEST SPEAKERS: MICHELLE BENNETT ON SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLAR ONE

- Michelle Bennett was the speaker, and she gave an overview of sustainability and Solar One project.
- The link for the presentation is as follows:
http://prezi.com/gegs6og6_pcv/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy
- She talked about the sustainability projects that UD focuses, which are as follows:
 - Zone sensors for Lab Fume Hoods
 - LED lighting upgrades
 - Low flow shower heads
- Transportation survey was re-launched in Fall semester. Looking to rolling out new electric vehicle charging stations. Good news: Cost of the electric card is low. New batteries have been released in 2018.
 - UD fleet features – 8 vehicles though some are research only
 - There are 100+ electric vehicles privately owned on campus
 - There is the target of having six vehicle charging stations on-campus. Will be near UD dairy, CFA garage, near conference center parking in North campus. Work is going on.
- UD has been awarded over \$100K from Delaware Universal Recycling Grant.
 - There will be opportunities for internship
- For more information check the website: <http://sites.udel.edu/sustainability/waste/>
- She talked about issues regarding Solar One. Solar One embodies UD ideals. Institute of Energy Conservation one of two US centers of excellence in teaching and research. Solar One could be our first certified Green Building on Campus. However, she pointed that there are holes in walls and is overdue for a renovation. Moreover, the roof, window, insulation, HVAC, etc. need to be replaced.
 - Goal – Restore building
 - If restored. Solar One could be eligible for National Historic Building designation.
- She urged that every graduate student can help restoring Solar One in following ways
 - Join “Save Solar One” Campaign with #SaveSolarOne
 - You can donate to Solar One through development office even \$0.50 is okay
 - Go to University events with Provost, Admin, etc. and ask to restore Solar One. The more they hear from you better.
- For more details contact Michelle Bennett mnbennet@udel.edu

III. A. Internal Affairs Committee Reports

Communications Committee – Eric Y. Chen (eyc@udel.edu)

- No update at this time.

Events Committee – Yuliya Brel (ulenka@udel.edu)

- Link for abstract submission for Research forum is open.

Social Committee – John Stout (jstout@psych.udel.edu)

- Finding a place for Grad Student Gala. This time it will be either be an external space or in UD. Still in the process of finalizing the venue.

III.B STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diversity Committee – Zachary Bailey (zbailey@udel.edu)

- No updates at this time.

Student Life Committee – Montessa Brooks (brooksm@udel.edu)

- For complaints about the irregularity in bus app, please email Montessa.

Sustainability Committee – Alexander Harding (ahrdng@udel.edu)

- Spread the word on recycling.

Mental Health Committee – Danielle Valcourt (dvalcour@udel.edu) and Michael Bush (mikebush@udel.edu)

- No updates at this time

Community Engagement Committee – Bridget Killian (bkillian@udel.edu)

- No updates at this time

III.C Senate Committee Reports

Governance Committee – Sam Nystrom (snystrom@udel.edu)

- No updates at this time.

Elections Committee – Bo Tew (botew@udel.edu)

- No updates at this time.

III.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Senate – Stijn Koshari (kosharis@udel.edu) & David Maisson (dmaisson@udel.edu)

- There will be changes in some programs, i.e., nursing, data sciences, public policy, biological sciences.

General Education Committee– David Maisson (dmaisson@udel.edu)

- Official establishment of Masters in Data Science in May 2018.

III.E. Organizational Delegate Reports

- None present.

IV OPEN FLOOR

- Alex Harding was voted in as the new VPIA
- Comment on the template for Provost Search. Link to the search committee’s website where comments can be left for the committee to review: <http://udel.edu/provostsearch>
 - Please find set of template in the email, which will describe some of the issues. For instance, consider commenting on:
 - i. re-allocation of grad students fees, the establishment of the graduate college,
 - ii. Declare how GSG will be reframed to be included in grad college budget.
- 8th annual Graduate Students' Forum for Research and Creative Endeavors <https://udel.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=90b36b555abb74dd6bb18cc44&id=10395140f9&e=afee40c> on Friday, April 20th. Register for the forum online <https://udel.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=90b36b555abb74dd6bb18cc44&id=4966e0dc9a&e=afee40c>. For those who wish to present their work, submission of abstracts and creative works titles will be open until Friday, March 2nd. This link will take you to the site for both registration and presentation submission.
- Inviting speaker outside UD to talk about Union. The main question was should we invite the speaker to talk about Unionization?
 - There were various responses:
 - i. It sounds interesting and graduate students from Penn State University and Temple University, UIC, SUNY Buffalo, Columbia are unionized. However, the negative implications are – no one in the administration (power) will like the idea of unionization.
 - ii. One of the benefits of unionization – the existence of the GSG does not depend on favors of the faculty. Planning to talk with people from Penn State or Temple to get speakers for a low cost. The cost will involve transportation and food.
 - iii. One more concern by a senator if unionization will be taken as an action when UD is undergoing a lot of changes like Provost and Grad College. To reply the question, the president said that he would handle situation politically. They will not look for Union rep, but the president will be only looking for the thoughts of the people who have undergone unionization.
 - iv. President will talk with Dr. Ardis to consider incorporating GSG in grad college framework otherwise GSG is planning for unionization.
 - v. Senator pointed to get information at a politically correct time.

- Everyone agreed that the president should look for more information and bring to the table during GSG public meeting on March 8, 2018.
- Officer election rules –
 - Submit your nomination via this link <https://goo.gl/forms/2vBuHyvCocNTLFYu2>
 - Anyone can nominate. Self-nominations are accepted. Nominations closes on March 8, 2018.
 - Campaigning begins on 2 March 2017
 - Candidates will need to have minimum 50% votes.
 - The Special Elections Meeting will be held on 16 March 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Gore Hall, Room 103
 - Each candidate will have five minutes to speak. After each speech, there will be a five-minute question-and-answer session that can be extended with a majority vote of the Senate.
 - For more information refer the attached word document.
- Annual Minority Mentor Lecture Series on Friday, March 2nd, 2018 from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM. For more information, check the flyer or contact Aneesa Baboolal (aneesa@udel.edu)
- The Community Engagement Ad Hoc Committee of the Graduate Student Government would like to survey graduate students about their opinions regarding a potential graduate program to teach community engagement skills. Please fill out the below form as honestly as possible: <https://goo.gl/forms/DpVPEumEEFnFViam2>
- OGPE Cultural Diversity Lunch & Learn: Community Engagement on Friday, February 16, 2018, at 11:30 AM until 01:30 PM at Perkins Student Center: Gallery Room. The luncheon led by Dr. Lynette Overby and food from the Chicken House. Dr. Overby is The Community Engagement Initiative Deputy Director and a Department of Theatre Professor here at the University of Delaware.
- OGPE Cultural Diversity Lunch & Learn: Mental Health & Well-being on Friday, March 16, 2018 at 11:30 AM until 01:30 PM. Link to RSVP https://grad-admissions.udel.edu/register/OGPE_L&L_Mar.16
- OGPE Cultural Diversity Lunch & Learn: Financial Planning and Money Management on Friday, April 13, 2018, at 11:30 AM until 01:30 PM. Link to RSVP: https://grad-admissions.udel.edu/register/OGPE_L&L_April_13
- Women in Engineering is thrilled to announce that this year's Career Panel will be happening on Tuesday, February 20th at 2:30 pm in CCM 106. Everyone, including all grad students and postdocs, is welcome to attend.
 - The purpose of the Career Panel is to expose students to a wide array of non-academic career paths, provide an opportunity for students to gain valuable career advice, and spark conversations about how to create inclusive work environments that support underrepresented groups in the STEM. This year's panelists are:
 - i. Patty Bielenberg, Fuels and Lubes R&D Portfolio Manager at ExxonMobil - Ph.D. Chemical Engineering, MIT (2003)
 - ii. Emilio Gonzalez, Program Manager at Consumer Reports-BS Mechanical Engineering, Cornell (1982)
 - iii. Sarah Kadish, Director of Epic and Systems Operations at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute-MS Industrial Engineering Management Science, Northwestern
 - iv. Justine Kao, Siri Machine Learning Data Scientist at Apple-PhD Cognitive Psychology, Stanford (2016)
 - v. Majid Khabbazian, Assistant Director, Earth Engineering Incorporated-PhD Geotechnical Engineering, University of Delaware (2011)

- vi. Susana Marujo Teixeira, Instrument Scientist, Neutron-Condensed Matter Science Group at NIST-PhD Chemistry, University of Reading, UK (2003)
- Art in Science is a non-profit annual event geared toward using the cutting edge research at the University of Delaware to educate and engage the local community and to spark interest in science for underrepresented K-12 students. Students, faculty, and staff at the University of Delaware are invited to submit original, research-related artwork for the 2018 Art in Science competition and exhibit. Submissions will be accepted until March 4th! The top 3 images will receive a VISA Gift Card. Please upload your work to <http://sites.udel.edu/art-in-science>

V. Senate Floor

Parliamentarian Sam opened the Senate Floor at 7:23 p.m.

- A. Old Business
 - There was no old business.
- B. New Business
 - It was moved and seconded to approve the officer election rules.
 - No legislation from the floor.

Senate Floor closed at 7:25 pm.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nominations link for Officer Elections: <https://goo.gl/forms/2vBuHyvCocNTLFYu2>
- Graduate Research Forum will be on April 20th, 2018. If the senators or their constituents want to help plan the Graduate Research Forum, then plan on going to the planning committee meeting every Wednesday at 3 pm at room 285 Graham Hall.
- Graduate Student Gala will be on May 4th, 2018
- Women in Engineering is thrilled to announce that this year's Career Panel will be happening on Tuesday, February 20th at 2:30 pm in CCM 106.
- Fundraiser at HomeGrown Cafe on February 12th; 15% of your bill goes to Art in Science (see attached flyer).
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VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Hiral Master
Graduate Student Government Secretary