

UD Graduate Student Government
January Public Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2018 | 103 Gore Hall | 6:00 pm

I. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

II. **GUEST SPEAKERS: ERIC GAO-SPEAKING ON THE GRADUATE RESEARCH FORUM**

- How past GSG committee plan Graduate research forum 2017:
 - Forum serves as a platform for graduate students to present their research.
 - One of the major objectives is to get the students to submit their research abstract. Once the abstract is received, it is then reviewed and classified as per different interests/panels.
 - Struggle –
 - To get students submit their abstract. It is not only limited to traditional research but also business students can submit their research abstract. Thus, the forum will get diverse representation.
 - To get an audience. This is important for both speakers and audience. As audience can learn from speaker's research and speakers will get feedback.
 - There is a registration fee. However, this should not be set-back for students. Since students can register for volunteer and get the fee waived off
 - Invite guest speakers.
 - Benefits of participating in the forum:
 - As an organizing chair, it helps improve communication skills and other soft skills. It gives a platform to develop leadership skills.
 - As a moderator – the research forum mimics actual national conference. Thus being moderators give you the experience of how actual conference and session work.
 - 2017 research forum had showcase 3-D printer.
 - Recommendation for having a successful forum:
 - Being sincere as working on forum involves working with deadline.
 - Core team who can dedicate a considerable amount of time.
 - Not everyone shows up so there might be wastage of food. So the key point is to get as much graduate students as possible.
 - In 2017 research forum, speaker had an option of selecting the time for presentation, i.e., either long (15 mins) or short (5-10 mins) presentation
- 2018 Graduate Research forum Ideas:
 - 2018 research forum will have students from other universities mostly from Philly and Wilmington to present their research.
 - As part of building bridges theme, 2018 research forum will have community members e.g. people from Dupont will come and talk about their expertise.
 - 2018 research forum will have the various research theme, e.g., applied medical technology set up so students can submit their abstract for the specific theme that they feel is most apt.

- Timing will be dependent on the amount of abstract submitted. Approximately, 10-20 minutes.
- There will be multiple concurrent sessions.
- Participation is welcome to undergraduate students. However, they cannot submit their research.
- There will be awards for best speaker/research in the graduate research forum.
- IDEAS
 - This year, there will be session – Pitch 90 where speakers will have 90 seconds to pitch their research. The benefit for this session – Get to the point faster, thus the goal of this session allows the graduate students communicate with their research to community and lay people.
 - The suggestion of having a thematic poster session, which involves a combination of poster and podium presentation.
- General Thoughts:
 - Invite new professors, so they know what kind of research is going on in UD
 - Usually, the research presentation will fall into following categories:
 - Podium
 - Poster
 - Art presentation – present music/art
 - If anyone has any idea or input for the keynote speaker, please contact internal affairs committee.: Eric Y. Chen at eyc@udel.edu Any help and feedback will be highly appreciated.

III. A. Internal Affairs Committee Reports

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

- No update at this time.

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

- Will be working on graduate research forum and Gala.
- Submission for abstract submission for Graduate research forum will begin on January 15, 2018. It will involve:
 - Understanding diseases
 - Progress in science culture
 - Discussing how to incorporate engaging community theme in the research.
- Anyone who wants to help with the forum, contact Eric Chen.
- Title for the forum is “Building Bridges”
- Posters, presentations (6min + panel, 12-15min), creative works
- **‘open to the community’? How? Keynote interest besides senator Carper/Coons?**
- Topics:
 - Addressing the Environment: Sustainability and climate change
 - Food security, renewable energy, wildlife, agriculture, population sustainability, geology and climatology, environmental health, engineering, policy
 - Understanding Health and Disease
 - Epidemiology, nutrition, health sciences, medicine, psychology, neuroscience

- Progress in Science, Culture, and Civilization
 - Fine arts, linguistics, history, politics, sociology, economics, technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, social studies urban affairs, engineering, composite materials
- Other (Methodology)
 - Community engagement may be included

	<i>Environment</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Progress</i>	<i>Community</i>
<i>Morning</i>	<i>Engineering</i>	<i>Policy</i>	<i>Science and Technology</i>	<i>Exploration</i>
<i>Late morning</i>	<i>Exploration</i>	<i>Engineering</i>	<i>Policy</i>	<i>Science and Tech</i>
<i>Early Afternoon</i>	<i>Policy</i>	<i>Science and Technology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Engineering</i>
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Form for abstracts:

- Title, Name, University, Dept
- Presentation format
- Topic Choice (which includes...subtopics)

Information dissemination

- Send program directors emails
 - Tell grad students to participate

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

- No update at this time.

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)

- Reached out to the transportation department and wanted to know specific concerns that graduate students have. Please contact Montessa Brooks or Stijn if you have any concerns regarding transportation.

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

- No updates at this time.

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.
- For more details for each program that is proposed to change please use the following link:
<http://grad.udel.edu/faculty/graduate-studies-senate-committee/>

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

- There may be some changes in teaching curriculum to come through the pipeline, depending on what the committee proposes by year's end.

III.E. Organizational Delegate Reports

- None present.

IV OPEN FLOOR

- Vacancy of the VP of Internal Affairs –
 - Senators can nominate themselves.
 - <https://goo.gl/forms/9RkpWXxrQaurbCuo1> Use this link to nominate for the position. The deadline for nomination is Feb 7, 2018.
 - Votes will be counted during Senate floor in the next GSG meeting on February 8, 2018.
- Research forum ideas:
 - Potential rewards for the speakers – plan is to give award during gala
 - Have a session which will focus on community.
 - Any more recommendation, please reach out to Eric Chen.
- Student Gala and Awards
 - The idea of giving gift cards – This will be discussed with Dr. Martin.
 - It is a social event.
 - Awards may be for: best talk, best inter-disciplinary talk, best pitch 90. Internal affairs will finalize it.
- There will be the possibility of starting UD publication for graduate students.
- Women in Engineering will be hosting a Career Panel on February 20th at 2:30 pm open to all graduate students, especially engineering and science students, that will discuss how best to market yourself for a job in industry/government after getting your degree. Panelists include:
 - Sarah Kadish, Senior Engineer at Dana-Farber
 - Justine Kao, Siri Machine Learning Data Scientist at Apple
 - Majid Khabbazian, Assistant Director, Earth Engineering Incorporated
 - Molly Koehle (or more senior colleague) at ExxonMobil
 - Susana Marujo Teixeira, Instrument Scientist, Neutron-Condensed Matter Science Group at NISTDinner with the panelists will also be open to all grad students (RSVP required) following the discussion. Please email Danielle Valcourt (dvalcour@udel.edu) with any questions.

V. Senate Floor

Parliamentarian Sam opened the Senate Floor at 7:09 p.m.

- A. Old Business
 - There was no old business.
- B. New Business
 - No legislation from the floor.

Senate Floor closed at 7:10pm.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nominations for Officer Elections will open after the February Meeting
- Nomination for VP internal Affairs is open. Link to nominate - <https://goo.gl/forms/9RkpWXxrQaurbCuo1>
- Graduate Research Forum will be on April 20th, 2018

- Graduate Student Gala will be on May 4th, 2018

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Hiral Master
Graduate Student Government Secretary