

UD Graduate Student Government  
**March Public Meeting Minutes**  
March 8, 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: DIANNA MCKELLAR

- Dianna McKellar was the speaker, and she gave an overview of the services in the library that are available for graduate students:
  - Circulation and reserve desk to get a graduate study carrel (you can share with a student)
  - Graduate student research room
  - Multi-media center: One Button Studio (you can record yourself giving a presentation) and Studio Five (place for a soundproof online job interview)
- Description of SMDC Spaces such as the OneButton Studio for recording presentations and Studio 5, which can be used for Skype interviews [\[https://library.udel.edu/multimedia/hardware/\]](https://library.udel.edu/multimedia/hardware/). Call 831-8832 or visit the SMDC to reserve a space.
- Contact a librarian for a research consultation - <https://library.udel.edu/subjectlibrarians/>
- Access library research guides - <http://guides.lib.udel.edu/>
- Focus on Foundation and Grants research guide: <http://guides.lib.udel.edu/grants>
- Discussed how to use RefWorks to manage citations that will facilitate the research. It can keep all citation there; you get it for life. For more information, <http://guides.lib.udel.edu/refworks>. There are workshops for using RefWorks. The workshop will occur on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, from 2-3:30 p.m. Registration can be found at <https://udel.libcal.com/event/3883531>  
Learn to use RefWorks Tutorials - <https://youtu.be/hlKHDAl-J6w>
- Talked about the institutional repository for original research.
- Talked on ORCID. It is a unique identifier that links your name with their research, scholarship, activities For more information: <https://orcid.org/>
- UD Space Content from Office of Graduate and Professional Education - <http://udspace.udel.edu/handle/19716/5009>
- Each discipline as a librarian associated with their department (find this with the "Find a Librarian" link on the UD Library homepage  
-they also have a librarian that can help you get grants and fellowships

III. A. Internal Affairs Committee Reports

Communications Committee – Eric Y. Chen ([eyc@udel.edu](mailto:eyc@udel.edu))

- Trying to get widespread participation in GSG.
- Creating a flyer for Graduate Student Forum.

- Urging senator to be involved in Graduate Student Forum. The volunteer forms can be found on the website here: <https://sites.udel.edu/gsg/forum-registration/>
- Updating the website.

Events Committee – Yuliya Brel ([ulenka@udel.edu](mailto:ulenka@udel.edu))

- Confirmed keynote speaker – U.S senator from Delaware, Tom Carper.
- In the process of finalizing the graduate research forum.
- Free tickets for a forum for senators who are involved in GSG

Social Committee – John Stout ([jstout@psych.udel.edu](mailto: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](mailto:zbailey@udel.edu))

- No updates at this time.

Student Life Committee – Montessa Brooks ([brooksm@udel.edu](mailto:brooksm@udel.edu))

- Talked about additional fees for graduate students for people who have to pay in installments.
- Any complaints with the bus system, then please email Montessa Brooks.
- In talks with university officials to ask for community space (Speakeasy).

Sustainability Committee – Alexander Harding ([ahrdng@udel.edu](mailto:ahrdng@udel.edu))

- Discuss resolution for SolarOne house.
- Spread the flyers on recycling.

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

- No updates at this time

Community Engagement Committee – Bridget Killian ([ckillian@udel.edu](mailto:ckillian@udel.edu))

- The possibility of conducting a first graduate program on community engagement in collaboration with community engagement initiative in Fall 2019.

### III.C. Senate Committee Reports

Governance Committee – Sam Nystrom ([snystrom@udel.edu](mailto:snystrom@udel.edu))

- Governance had a virtual meeting during the week of the 26th to comment on Sustainability's proposed resolution.

Elections Committee – Bo Tew ([botew@udel.edu](mailto:botew@udel.edu))

- Special officer election on March 15, 2018, in Gore Hall 103.
- GSG Senate Nomination <https://goo.gl/forms/mmOH1G6utONo19eF2> Closes on March 24th, 2018.
- GSG Senate Election <https://goo.gl/forms/33USB9ANlbdSYt873> Open from April 2nd to April 13th, 2018.

### III.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Senate – Stijn Kosharis ([kosharis@udel.edu](mailto:kosharis@udel.edu)) and David Maisson ([dmaisson@udel.edu](mailto:dmaisson@udel.edu))

- Consider additional rank for professor – distinguished professor.
- University is implementing differential tuition for certain colleges for undergraduate students.

Graduate Studies Committee – Hiral Master ([hiral@udel.edu](mailto:hiral@udel.edu)) & Stijn Koshari ([kosharis@udel.edu](mailto:kosharis@udel.edu))

- Looking at the change in graduate programs. For more information visit <http://grad.udel.edu/faculty/graduate-studies-senate-committee/>

### III.E. Organizational Delegate Reports

- Need for places to get food for graduate students on south campus. The topic will be discussed in Student Life committee.
- Need place where graduate students can meet and socialize. Student Life Committee is planning to work on Speakeasy or other community space exclusively for graduate students.

## IV OPEN FLOOR

- A special meeting for an officer election where nominees will get an opportunity to talk about themselves. The ranking system will be followed to identify the winners.
- GSG encourages graduate students to engage in external committee. List of external committee slate will be attached as a word document. If any senator or if any graduate student is interested in being part of the external committee slate, please email: [udgsg.members@gmail.com](mailto:udgsg.members@gmail.com) or [hiral@udel.edu](mailto:hiral@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>.
- All of Delaware has Single Stream Recycling. All things recyclable go together in the blue bin. To always recycle correctly, please print the recycling poster from the UD

Sustainability website (<http://sites.udel.edu/sustainability/waste/>) and hang it in your office, in departmental common spaces, and at home!

- Dr. Ann Ardis agreed with David to have community space free of alcohol for graduate students in graduate college verbally. In the resolution for approval graduate college, the graduate college will advocate and support graduate life issues and advance Student Life. There is a verbal agreement of integration of GSG in the Graduate College, knowing this do we still need an idea about unionization? Senators agreed that it is a good idea to have a speaker give information about unionization. The speaker should be a student who underwent the process of unionization instead of having a union representative. Mostly STEM people are not enthusiastic about unionization, but humanities students are enthusiastic about the same. Senators have asked for detailed information about unionization to avoid individual bias and talk fairly with their constituents. Finally, GSG as a whole has agreed to call a speaker to have information about unionization.
- The main point of the resolution is to show the university officials that graduate students support rebuilding solar one. Passing the resolution will give additional leverage to Michelle Benette and then she can propose the project to Faculty Senate committee.. The resolution specifies that the university should only commit when it is "economically feasible." Those words are of course up to interpretation. Though it is feasible to implement SolarOne project, the cost is not discussed in the resolution. Lastly, changing to renewable energy will be a large cost. The university will only change if there is a large drive from its constituents to change the policy. The opinion of the students is highly regarded by both the faculty and the administration and trustees.

## V. Senate Floor

Parliamentarian Sam opened the Senate Floor at 7:27 p.m.

- A. Old Business
  - There was no old business.
- B. New Business
  - It was moved and seconded to approve the old minutes.
  - It was moved and seconded to approve the SR 1718-04.
  - No legislation from the floor.

Senate Floor closed at 7:28 pm.

## VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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
- March 14, 2018, 17 minutes student walkout against Gun violence at 10:00 am on the Green.
- Game Night on March 21, 2018, at 7 pm to 9 pm in Trabant MPR.
- 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](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](https://grad-admissions.udel.edu/register/OGPE_L&L_April_13)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hiral Master  
Graduate Student Government Secretary