

UD Graduate Student Government
February Committee Reports

III.A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- At next senate meeting
 - Flyers pending finalized design will distribute to senators to post in own departments
 - Distribute senator volunteer form
 - Ask for volunteers for photographer
- RSS feed/canvas email list for GSG updates?
 - Integrate updates
 - Website design
 - Slideshow from events
 - Senator profiles
 - What is GSG? Why Join?
 - Nominate a senator button
 - Join a committee button
- Contact student groups from departments + admin to increase department participation in GSG
 - Encourage senator nomination/participation NEXT OPEN FLOOR
 - 12:30 – 1:30pm, March 13th, 2018pm in Morris 115S
 - Organize events
 - Student's voice
 - Professional development: Writing Bootcamp, Forum
- Place recycling flyers on campus, recruit volunteers

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

- Finalized the form for the senators and volunteers to register to help with running the Forum;
- Finalized evaluation criteria for the presentations and posters;
- Discussed the actual schedule of the Forum day;
- Discussed the possible distribution of abstracts into panels
- Discussed the venue options for the Gala as well as other questions about the event
- Next meeting scheduled for March 07, 2018 at 3 pm in Room #285, Graham Hall
- Working on the submitted abstracts; distributing them over panels.
- Plan to gather information on venues, prices, etc. for the Gala

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

- No updates 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)

- Financial Literacy
 - Reaching out to OISS
 - Workshop will be Monday, March 12th
 - Working in conjunction with Sprintax
 - New software
 - SL will work on Logistics
- Fees
 - Where is that \$50 that grad students are paying going?
 - Can that money be reallocated to better serve graduate students?
 - Stijn will contact
- Bus
 - Use of Cecil Transit to aid with apartments over the line
 - App issues
- Gym Hours
 - Contact gym to propose more efficient hours
 - Open faculty gym (or a smaller area) during the summer for extended gym hours for graduate students
 - Likely would only take 1-2 people to staff
- Speakeasy
 - Possibility of getting a temporary space in a student center
 - Need to contact Student Life of UD
 - Pearson gym? Or somewhere in Pearson?
 - Old College?

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

- Updates
 - Michelle Bennett came to talk with at the GSG February meeting about sustainability on campus
 - The presentation was targeted primarily toward introducing the Solar One House, and explaining why it was in need of renovation
 - Grain has stopped using straws by default
- Discussion
 - The recycling posters need to be spread around campus
 - Stijn will email Michelle Bennett inquiring about the flyers

- Drafted a resolution in support of the Solar One House, the Faculty Senate proposal about campus running on renewables, and future renewable energy projects
- Actions to take before next meeting
 - Finish resolution, and present it to the GSG for approval at the March public meeting
 - Pick up flyers from Michelle Bennett
 - Distribute the flyers at the next public meeting

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

- No updates at this time

Community Engagement Committee: Bridget Killian (ckillian@udel.edu)

- The Committee met with the Community Engagement Initiative and came up with a plan going forward and a pathway to propose the Community Engagement Certificate for Graduate Students
 - We are going to emulate the current Community Engagement Certificate for Undergraduates available at UD
 - It will be a Graduate Student course of study, the first of its kind
 - We will be presenting this to a faculty review board and then it will go onto the faculty senate
 - We will also be presenting it to the GSG for certification

III.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

Election Committee – Bo Trew (botew@udel.edu)

- No updates at this time

III.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Several new and changes to existing grad programs were approved. A full list can be found here: <http://facsen.udel.edu/Sites/agenda/FACSENMIN2018February.pdf>.
- The FS considered the addition of a new professor rank (Distinguished Professor Rank), but this resolution was sent back to the committee.

- The university is implementing a new differential charge for undergraduate programs, increasing the tuition for three areas with a higher cost of delivery: the College of Engineering, the Alfred Lerner College of Business & Economics, and the School of Nursing (<http://provost.udel.edu/differential-charge/>).
- The president affirmed his plans to grow the net faculty by 250 and increase undergraduate and graduate student population, as well as emphasize on growing and investing in infrastructure.

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

- Several new and changes to existing grad programs are being discussed. A full list can be found here: <http://grad.udel.edu/faculty/graduate-studies-senate-committee/>.

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)

- No updates at this time.

Library Student Advocacy Council – Virginia Berndt (vkberndt@udel.edu)

- No updates

Faculty Awards Committee – Carrie Glenn (dmaisson@udel.edu)

- Faculty Awards Committee will be reviewing applications in the next few weeks and select recipients in the next couple of months.