

UD Graduate Student Government
September Committee Reports
November 2, 2017 | 208 Gore Hall | 6:00 pm

III.A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Communication team will upload the Winterthur flyer on face book, website and other social sites to start market and run the awareness campaign for the event
- updates at this time.

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

- Discuss about Winterthur event.
- Explained in detail the Winterthur event and the process of buying tickets
- Discussed getting the google form developed including the booking code and booking link
- Shared the Winterthur representative emails with the Event Committee Chair

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

- Discuss the details regarding the GSG Forum next year. Will update the team, once finalizing the topic and other details for forum for the next year with GSG Board members
- Danielle suggested starting a more often informal gathering of GSG like it used to happen at speak easy. Asked for a proposal to discuss with board members

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| Flyer, Booking Code, Booking Link | Yuliya & Danielle | ASAP |
| Google Form & Upload To Social Sites | Eric & Chunan | YTD |

III.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diversity Committee Zachary Bailey (zbailey@udel.edu)

- No updates

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

- Speakeasy

- Stijn reached out to Dr. Martin after the last meeting to get more information about getting a new space for a graduate student community space. Dr. Martin has contacted many people in an effort to procure a new space but has been unsuccessful.
 - Graduate Student College
 - In the White Paper ([found here](#)), it discusses the need for a graduate student meet-up space within the proposed GSC (p. 11)
 - Dr. Ann Ardis is speaking at the November general GSG Meeting about the GSC
 - A good opportunity to voice concerns with her and ask questions to find out more about the acquisition of this space.
 - Is there a need for the Speakeasy?
 - Returning with the same concept (a bar) is difficult
 - Benefit of the Speakeasy
 - Funded some students as grad students were able to work at the Speakeasy
 - So has UD replaced those job opportunities created by the Speakeasy with other job opportunities for graduate students?
 - Great place to hang out
 - Designated for Graduate Students
 - Community space meant that it was also used to host meetings (by GSOs or GSG) and informal events
 - Create more space for graduate students to attract more graduate students in the future
 - UD wants to increase graduate student population
 - The bar aspect is a plus but not critical
 - It is more important to have the designated community space, the bar part can be secondary
 - The space for the Speakeasy
 - Multicultural Center
 - This center is still in its conceptualization phase
 - Would mean that there would not be a Speakeasy for at least three years until building is complete
 - STAR Campus??
- Fees
 - Ratio of how much we pay versus the cost of living
 - Compare to Temple
 - Paying for student spaces like Trabant
 - Yet there is no dedicated graduate student space
 - Where are these fees going?
 - **If you have offered any service with the money that we have paid, what do we get? Can you show it?**
 - Urgent need for clarification on fees UD is charging
 - There may be some dubious charging going on
 - Deduction v Installment

- Need for Speakeasy
- Gym Hours
 - Summer especially
- Student Health
 - Counseling Center is underfunded
- Transportation
 - Shuttle Services
 - East/West loop
 - Fees for parking
 - Paying less than undergrads as they commute farther
 - UGs can be forced more to not have cars or live on campus
- Financial Literacy
 - Especially for international students
 - OISS is inadequate

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

- Alex Harding was elected as chair.
- The Solar One house was one of the first net-zero emission houses in the world and attracted hundred thousands of visitors to UD back in the seventies. The Sustainability Manager (Michelle Bennett) wants to restore it, use it for research purposes, and get it certified as the first Green building on campus.
- A lot of people are not aware where their energy comes from and how they can opt-in for renewable energy. Can we create flyers with information about local electricity production and use them to urge people to opt for renewable energy?
- Organization of OISS Coffee Hour.
- There will be a course on sustainability in Spring, created by the working group that is establishing a sustainability-related academic program on campus.
- If you want more bike racks in a specific area or want them repaired, submit a Fixit request with Facilities (<https://www.facilities.udel.edu/fixit/>).
- Next Park Clean-Up will be on Friday, November 10th at 3 PM, potluck-style, with social gathering afterwards at Deer Park.

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

- The Faculty Senate has passed a resolution to create an Office of Ombudsperson. This office could be the official oversight or “home” for EmPOWER.
- Discussion on literature related to mental health, similar programs at other universities, and resources available on campus.

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

- Discussed ideas relating to the formation of a Community Engagement certificate program for graduate students. Talked about potential of creating a requirement for a

course with a community engagement component rather than creating a totally separate certificate process.

- Identifying an existing database of community engagement projects at the University of Delaware through Jacob Thompson's work with Leanette Overby.
- Editing a survey to send out to graduate students gauging their interest in a community engagement certificate and recording ideas relating to the formation of the program.
- Will plan to bring ideas to open forum at the December GSG meeting rainstorm session on topics to work out this year:

III.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- No updates

III.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- The Provost gave his farewell address.
- The Faculty Senate approved a resolution requesting the establishment of a University of Delaware Office of the Ombudsperson.

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

- No updates at this time.

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.