

UD Graduate Student Government

September Public Meeting Minutes

September 10th, 2019 | Memorial Hall Room 127 | 7:00pm-9:00pm

- I. Call to Order & Welcome President Sunder
- II. Invited Speaker Dr. Mary Martin
 - A. Welcome to GSG
 - 1. This year's theme is engagement- Thank you for stepping up and being engaged!
 - 2. This is the first year of the new Graduate College
 - a) The hope is to use the Grad College to provide better service for graduate students and to create connections.
 - b) Dr. Martin is here to help bring ideas from the graduate students to the administration
 - (1) One way to do this is through passing resolutions through the GSG.
 - 3. All graduate students are eligible to serve on GSG committees.
 - 4. Meeting minutes and public meeting invitations will be made available to all graduate students.
 - 5. We aim to engage with Graduate Student Organizations
 - a) All GSOs are now eligible for funding if they register with the University.
 - 6. Dr. Martin holds weekly office hours and is available to us.
- III. On Being a Senator
 - A. We are the voice of the graduate students. We have the power to influence the University. Worth noting that GSG resolutions are non-binding.
 - B. Any senator can bring forward legislation
 - 1. All legislation is debated on senate floor and voted on by the Graduate Student Government.
 - C. Now VPs will introduce their committees
 - 1. All senators must serve on a committee
 - a) Committees have been assigned.
 - b) First committee meeting must be before the next public meeting.
 - c) Committees meet at least once a month.
- IV. Committee Reports Vice President Hein
 - A. Internal Affairs Committees
 - 1. Communications

- a) Responsible for sending out information to senators and making sure that information reaches students. It keeps the website and all social media sites up to date, and works with other committees to publicize reports, events, resolutions, etc.
- 2. Events
 - a) Responsible for the planning of events, including seminars, workshops, information sessions, and large events (like the Graduate Student Forum and Graduate Student Gala).
- 3. Social
 - a) Responsible for organizing and planning social events and outings for graduate students.
- 4. GSO Funding (Proposed Ad Hoc Committee)
 - a) This proposed committee will oversee funding requests for graduate student organization committees.
- B. Student Affairs Committees
 - 1. Diversity
 - a) Works to ensure the needs and concerns of all groups on campus are being met by the policies and programs of the University of Delaware. In addition, this committee serves to advocate for diversity in the student population and future initiatives at the University.
 - 2. Student Life
 - a) Advocates for the needs of graduate students and is committed to improving the quality of their living and learning experience at the University of Delaware.
 - 3. Sustainability
 - a) Works to educate the university community on environmental sustainability and cares for Fairfield Park in conjunction with the City of Newark.
 - 4. Mental Health (Proposed Standing Committee)
 - a) Advocates for mental health and wellbeing awareness among graduate students. Also works towards implementing a campus-wide mental health and wellbeing support program, based on the EmPOWER program.
 - b) Currently an ad-hoc committee, will come up for a vote at the next public meeting.
 - 5. Community Engagement

- a) Was an ad-hoc committee, will come up for a vote at the next public meeting.

C. Senate Committees

Vice President Abraham

1. Governance

- a) Approves legislation for the GSG. Currently looking to fill the positions of parliamentarian and deputy parliamentarian, who will together occupy both available committee positions.

2. Elections

- a) Responsible for developing standard elections rules and for coordinating all aspects of elections.

D. External Committees

President Sunder

1. Updates

- a) These are committees outside of the GSG that require graduate students to serve on them.
- b) If you are interested in joining one of these external committees, please get in touch with the executive committee.
- c) All Faculty Senate committees now have delegates.

V. Organization Delegates Reports

President Sunder

A. UDANCE Rep Kirsten Zier:

1. Dance Marathon event in March

- a) Funds are raised year-long, in conjunction with the Be Positive foundation, to combat childhood cancer.
- b) Looking to get graduate students involved.
- c) Bi-weekly community service meetings
(1) 20 hours of community service over the year.

B. Graduate College Reps Nicole Rucker, Ioannis Chremos, and Eileen Young:

1. Grad College going live this semester.
2. Grad Council created, includes 7 graduate student members. Only 3 are allowed to vote.
3. The Grad College will house those departments that straddle colleges, like Data Sciences and Water Sciences and Policy.
4. Please send a list of issues important to your department and graduate students in general.
5. Grad College is in the hiring process for a Professional Development director focused on graduate students' requirements.
6. Looking to create a pipeline from GSG resolutions to the Grad Council
 - a) Feel free to contact Grad college reps.
 - b) Contact information:

(1) mnrucker@udel.edu Nicole (College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment)

(2) ichremos@udel.edu Ioannis (College of Engineering)

(3) efyoung@udel.edu Eileen (College of Arts and Sciences)

c) This is a new outlet for the GSG to take our concerns directly to the top of UD faculty and administration.

VI. Open Floor President Sunder

A. Announcements

1. Please sign up for a committee if you have not already.
2. Two executive council positions are available
 - a) Vice President of Student Affairs and Parliamentarian.
 - b) Please contact Gunner at gct@udel.edu if you are interested.
 - c) Tiarna Doherty nominated for Deputy Parliamentarian.

B. Discussion of May 2019 Minutes.

VII. Senate Floor Acting Parliamentarian Sunder

A. Old Business

1. Approval of May 2019 Minutes.

B. New Business Acting Parliamentarian Sunder

1. Tiarna Doherty approved for Deputy Parliamentarian.

VIII. Announcements President Sunder

A. GSG Picnic September 28th 1pm-5pm

1. Location to be announced.

B. Votes on Mental Health and GSO Funding Committees will be held at October Public Meeting.

C. Library Workshops are being held this semester.

D. Center for Political Communication will be holding talks this semester.

IX. Adjournment

A. Committee members met briefly to set tentative times for their first meeting

1. Will contact committee members who are not present to finalize a time.
2. Will then send the agreed-upon meeting time to Erin or Sindhuja.