

UD Graduate Student Government

November Public Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2019 | Memorial Hall 127 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

- I. Call to Order & Welcome President Sunder
- II. Invited Speaker
Lynette Overby
 - A. Graduate Community Engagement Initiative
 - B. The Community Engagement certificate is now available
 - 1. Only 9 credits
 - 2. 1 required course offered this spring, followed by one course in your department, and finally a component of your thesis or dissertation

Suprawee Tepsuporn

 - A. Suprawee Tepsuporn has recently joined the Graduate College as Assistant Dean for Professional Development
 - B. Helping students develop a full portfolio for professional development
 - C. Currently looking for input on what grad resources grad students need
 - D. Will be holding one-on-one meetings soon
 - E. Two meet and greets will be held next week
 - 1. November 14th, Wolf Hall Room 3-4:30pm
 - 2. November 15th Townsend Hall Room 233 2:00-3:30pm
 - F. Office in Hullihen Room 230
- III. Presentation on Robert's Rules Parliamentarian Bingaman
 - A. Covering the basics, relevant motions and examples, and a brief test
 - B. Method of parliamentary procedure
 - C. Variety of motions organize the meeting
 - 1. Main motion
 - i. Discussing legislation on the Senate Floor
 - ii. "I move to discuss (name of legislation)"
 - iii. Second needed
 - iv. Needs a majority vote
 - 2. Transcript
 - 3. Amendment
 - i. You want to modify a resolution
 - ii. "I move this motion be amended by..."
 - iii. Needs to be seconded
 - iv. Majority vote

4. Other important motions to know
 - i. Point of information
 - a) Request info on resolution on the floor
 - b) Does not need recognition
 - ii. Point of Parliamentary Procedure
 - a) A way to ask for directions on procedure
 - b) Does not need recognition
 - iii. Point of Personal Privilege
 - a) Resolve uncomfortable conditions
 - b) Does not need recognition
 - iv. Withdraw a motion
 - a) Redact your own motion
 - b) You DO need recognition
 - v. Move the Previous Question
 - a) Can bring the senate to a vote
 - b) You DO need recognition
 - vi. Refer to Committee
 - a) The motion is sent to a committee for their expertise
 - b) You DO need recognition
5. Quiz on information
6. If you would like to propose legislation or need help doing so, please get in touch with the governance committee

IV. Committee Reports

Committee Chairs

A. Internal Affairs Committees

1. Communications
 - a) Working on update for the website
 - b) Contact info has been updated
 - c) Working on the calendar
 - d) Started advertising the theater night
2. Events
 - a) Grad Forum will be 4/17/20
 - b) Grad Gala will be 5/8/20
 - c) Both events will be held on STAR campus
3. Operations
 - a) Processed all existing funding requests
 - b) Working on guidelines for future committees
 - c) Updating language that GSOs will see on the website
4. Social

- a) Voted on chair
- b) Theater night will be on Nov. 21st
 - i. Confirmed details
- c) Confirmed a bonfire event for December that will take place one week before finals week

B. Student Affairs Committees

1. Diversity

- a) Planned graduate diversity forums and reached out to Graduate Student Organizations
- b) Looking for GSOs to send reps to the forums
- c) Will bring the information from the forum to admin
- d) Nov. 11th 6-8pm Alison Hall Room 133
- e) Nov. 13th 6-8pm Gore Hall Room 208

2. Student Life

- a) Researching grad student parenting info/resources
- b) Clarifying the structure for conflict resolution between grad students and faculty
- c) Looking to extend gym hours during the summer

3. Sustainability

- a) Finalized legislation on native plants

4. Mental Health

- a) Planning a neurodiversity event and de-stressing event for the Spring

C. Senate Committees

1. Governance

- a) Looking into providing a custom cheat sheet for Robert's Rules

2. Elections

- a) Working on setting a date for next school year's elections and brainstorming ways to promote this
- b) Looking for ways to get out information about elections

D. External Committees

1. Updates

- a) Civic Engagement and Student Voter Committee
 - i. Update from Anna Nuzzolese: anuzzo@udel.edu
 - ii. Held a get-out-the-vote drive on the green earlier in the semester
 - iii. Discussing ways to increase student civic engagement

iv. Here to discuss ways to get grad students personally involved

- V. Organizational Delegates Reports President Sunder
 - A. No reports
- VI. Open Floor President Sunder
 - A. Approval of October Minutes
 - 1. No discussion
 - B. SR-1920-03 “Resolution in Favor of Native Plants Landscaping”
 - 1. Discussion was held on this legislation
 - 2. Question was raised about how this legislation would be followed up with the administration
 - C. Charles Scarborough for VPSA
 - D. The executive council has been discussing ways to follow up on legislation with administration and to strengthen ties between the GSG and UD admin
 - 1. The ultimate goal is for our resolutions to be honored
 - 2. We can start with identifying key people in administration for each committee to meet with, like the Vice President of Student Affairs for the Student Life Committee
- VII. Senate Floor Parliamentarian Bingaman
 - A. Old Business
 - 1. Approval of October Minutes
 - a) October Minutes approved
 - B. New Business
 - 1. SR-1920-03 “Resolution in Favor of Native Plants Landscaping”
 - a) Passes 14-0-0
 - 2. VP of Student Affairs vote
 - a) Charles Scarborough voted in as VP of Student Affairs
- VIII. Announcements President Sunder
 - A. GSG Night at the Theater on the 21st
 - 1. Join us for a cocktail hour before the show in the Lerner Atrium
 - 2. Email will be sent tomorrow with a link to buy tickets
 - B. Stay tuned for an upcoming diversity forum!
 - 1. See above for dates for the forums
 - 2. Please fill out the survey even if you can’t attend
 - C. Diwali Festival will be held by the Indian Graduate Student Association
 - D. Art in Science is seeking volunteers to sift through images for their upcoming presentation of photographs of student research at UD
 - 1. Email if interested – mndang@udel.edu and meadowkd@udel.edu

- E. Graduate Housing focus groups will be held by an outside company
- IX. Adjournment