

# UD Graduate Student Government November Public Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2019 | Memorial Hall 127 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

- I. Call to Order & Welcome President Sunder
- II. Invited Speaker Ike Jenkins
  - Office of Risk Management
    - A. Student Health Insurance
      - 1. Changed to Aetna this year
        - i. This decision was made to save money
      - 2. As always, you can opt out of this plan if you have comparable insurance from another source
      - 3. When you come across providers that don't take Aetna, let the University know – Mary Martin's email is marym@udel.edu
      - 4. Aetna offered the university the best benefits of any program asked to submit a quote
    - B. Travel Duty of Care
      - 1. Medical care when you are traveling internationally whilst a UD student is now provided by GeoBlue Health Insurance
      - 2. We are also partnering with Drum-Cussac, a travel risk provider
      - 3. You can find a link to these websites on the Risk Management website
      - 4. This coverage is provided by the University
      - 5. To use, you need to register before travel
- III. Committee Reports Committee Chairs
  - A. Internal Affairs Committees
    - 1. Communications
      - a. Continuing to post updates to Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram
      - b. Continuing to make improvements to the website
    - 2. Events
      - a. Working on the Forum
      - b. Have contacted departments to plan the Forum's networking event
    - 3. Operations
      - a. Approving funding requests through email
      - b. Still in the process of standardizing how base budget requests are approved
    - 4. Social
      - a. Theater Night was fully booked, planning to repeat this event next semester
      - b. Bonfire night will be held on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>
      - c. Planning a winter event
  - B. Student Affairs Committee
    - 1. Diversity
      - a. The "Discussions on Diversity" Forum was held recently

- i. Students feel there is a lack of support and funding
      - ii. Lack of access to resources for diverse students (prayer rooms, nursing rooms, breakdown rooms)
      - iii. Might consider a mentorship hotline
    - 2. Mental Health
      - a. Planning to meet Thursday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>
      - b. The Neurodiversity and Destressing events have been pushed back to next semester
    - 3. Student Life
      - a. Looking into maternity life/childcare
      - b. Also looking into conflict resolution solutions
      - c. Looking into building safety for the Studio Arts building on Cleveland
    - 4. Sustainability
      - a. Working on drafting a letter to UD administration
        - i. Once the letter has been finalized it will be sent to graduate students asking for co-signers
      - b. There is a fellowship available with the Sustainability Council through the Provost's office that will be open for all graduate students to apply
      - c. The first Green Liaisons meeting is scheduled for Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>
  - C. Senate Committees
    - 1. Elections
      - a. Working on clarifying elections guidelines
      - b. Developing an elections page for the GSG website
      - c. Working on the timeline for 2020-2021 elections and increasing visibility among departments that don't have a senator at the moment
    - 2. Governance
      - a. No resolutions this month
      - b. Planning to review governance documents in the near future
  - D. External Committees
    - 1. No reports
- IV. Organizational Delegates Reports
  - A. Grad College update
    - 1. The Grad Council has formed two committees
      - i. Interdisciplinary Committee and Student Life Committee
    - 2. Grad reps will be meeting Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> to talk about goals
    - 3. And to draft legislation to be presented at:
      - i. The Grad Council - to give a vote to all grad reps in the Grad Council
      - ii. The GSG - to establish a stronger connection between the GSG and the Grad Council
- V. Open Floor
  - A. Approval of November Minutes
    - 1. No discussion

President Sunder

- B. DHSS Adopt-a-Student Program
    - 1. Samantha Bingaman has been in contact with the Delaware office
    - 2. Proposing to place boxes in offices and labs around the university to collect donations of school supplies
      - i. GSG senators would be in charge of placing these boxes within their departments/labs
    - 3. This is the GSG's community service project for the year
- VI. Senate Floor Parliamentarian Bingaman
- A. Old Business
    - 1. Approval of November Minutes
      - a. November Minutes approved
  - B. New Business
    - 1. Approval of the Adopt-a-student program
      - a. You would have to ask permission to place these boxes
        - i. Motion passes
- VII. Announcements President Sunder
- A. Bonfire Night will be held on Thursday
    - 1. Sign up at [bit.ly/gsgbonfire](http://bit.ly/gsgbonfire)
  - B. Social/Mixer will be held the first week of January session
  - C. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>: the GSG January Public Meeting (i.e. a social event) will be held
  - D. Meetings next semester will be held on the first week of the month
    - 1. A survey will be sent out
  - E. Over the break:
    - 1. Please update your drives with minutes from meetings past, information on all the projects you have underway, all documentation, and an agenda for the rest of the year
  - F. See you next year!
- VIII. Adjournment