

November 2019 GSG Committee Reports

Social Committee

The Theatre Night (Murder on the Orient Express) was fully booked! We may do this again in the Spring and will definitely have it again next year.

The Bonfire Night will be happening Dec 5th. Cider, hot chocolate, veggie/hot dogs, s'mores will be provided.

The committee decided to have a Winter event for those who have to be on campus during the winter term. It will be a social mixer at a venue on Main Street to be announced.

The committee is planning to have frequent coffee and happy hours in the Spring.

Events Committee

The event committee met on November 20, 2019. Some of the updates regarding the two main events, event committee is responsible for are:

- **Graduate Forum :**
 - We are trying to figure out if there is anything that has been successful in other forums and can be added to Graduate Forum event.
 - One of the main tasks we are currently working on is connecting to recruiters and UD alumni for our networking event and we got good responses from most of the departments.
 - We also met Dr. Tepsuporn, *Assistant Dean for Graduate Professional Development*, and exchanged some ideas on how to make the event better.

- **Gala :**
 - We didn't talk much about Gala in this meeting but we basically have started working on our to-do list in preparation for both events.

Operations Committee

Not submitted.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee has continued to use Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook to distribute information to the graduate student population. The committee is working on updates to the website, including a new page for Senator contact information, a news page, and an archives page.

Diversity Committee

Not submitted.

Student Life Committee

Parenting: Maternity Leave Policy, Childcare, Information Collection and Lactation Rooms. Will Thompson and Mukund Kabra compiled an Excel document detailing paid parental leave policies, health insurance, childcare assistance and lactation room availability at the top ten universities in the U.S., per the most recent U.S. News and World Report. Results will be continue to be refined and then findings will be compared to to the Univ. of Delaware resources in each of these areas.

Actions:

1. *Committee will continue to work on creating a Central Information Hub: A clearinghouse for information regarding parent resources should be made available; good example of such a website (for Princeton University) is here: <http://www.princeton.edu/~tigersvc/#advice-university>.*
2. *Findings detailed in Excel Sheet will be given to Mary Martin in 2020 after the Grad Office does its own research.*

Studio Arts Building safety

- Regarding building safety, the Student Arts Building is supposed to be closed at 9 p.m. nightly, though this is not currently happening. Enforcing existing regulations is key, though this is unhelpful on Thursday nights. Continued discussions with security will occur, as existing support from departmental administration may not exist. Art students are enforcing current building hours. Keys and key cards for students involved in art classes may not be feasible (administrative opposition). The art department faculty should bring these issues up in the next faculty meeting.

Actions: Ken will follow up with administration and faculty in the Art Dept.

Conflicts between grad students and faculty

- Need to compile more information on student/advisor conflict before approaching Mary Martin on this topic.

Actions: Mukund and Will will compile more information.

Extending Recreation Hours

- The recreation office will take requests directly, so reaching out in this way (using existing survey results) may be the best way to expand gym hours.

Actions: Encourage individual students concerned about this issue to contact the Recreation Dept.

Student Health Center Hours

- Seda Oz gave a report. There is an on-call nurse at the Student Health Center 24/7, but the absence of doctors means no prescriptions, etc. Nurses can still refer you to an emergency care location, if necessary. Decided that services are adequate at this time and we will not pursue any action/advocacy on this issue.

No Action

Next meeting: January 23, 4pm. 4:00 pm. Morris Library

Mental Health Committee

Not submitted.

Sustainability Committee

Not submitted.

Membership Committee
Not submitted.

Governance Committee
Not submitted.