

April 10th, 2012

This is your weekly summary of news from the SAPA Board:

MEETINGS

SAPA's next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19th, 2012 in 187 Graham Hall at 5:45PM. See everyone there!

UPDATES

****SAPA would like to thank everyone who donated clothing and, or household items during last week's charity donation drive. Thanks to your generosity the charity drive was a smashing success!**

SAPA OFFICER ELECTIONS: Have you submitted your nominations for the 2012 SAPA Elections? Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to submit their nominations to Sapassociation@gmail.com by Monday, April 16th, 2012.

COURSE SCHEDULING: SAPA is trying to be proactive about helping SPPA students deal with course scheduling conflicts for the Fall semester. Please take a look at the Fall 2012 course catalog at [Course Search](#), and report any serious course conflicts to Kathryn at klon@udel.edu. Hopefully we will be able to get these conflicts taken care of by the administration prior to the new semester beginning.

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE UPDATES:

- This Thursday, April 12th, 2012 the GSS is hosting an event at Cafe Gelato. The event starts at 7:30PM.

EVENTS

UTC DISTINGUISHED LECTURE: This Wednesday, April 11th, 2012 Jack Basso will be giving a lecture on "The Future of Surface Transportation in the US: What will the Congress do to meet the needs". The lecture will be held in 114 Spencer Lab from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

"THE WALL": This Friday, April 13th, 2012 the "Learning Wall" on Main St. will be dedicated.

SUSSMAN PRIZE PRESENTATION: On Wednesday, April 18th, 2012 there will be a ceremony held to present the Marvin Sussman Dissertation Prize for 2011 to Xuan Jiang. Xuan Jiang is currently serving as an assistant professor at Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhou, China. The event will commence at 5:00PM and will be held in Graham Hall, room 187. For more information please contact Professor Jonathon Justice at justice@udel.edu.

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WILMINGTON COMMUNITY PROJECT DAY: On Saturday, May 5th, 2012 the City of Wilmington will be hosting a Community Project Day. If any students are interested in registering to serve in a volunteer group please email Sapassociation@gmail.com and note in your subject line: "Wilmington Community Service Day, May 5th" by Friday, April 20th 2012. For more information about the event please click on the proceeding link: [Wilmington Community Project Day](#)

SPRING PICNIC: This year's Spring End of the Year Picnic will be hosted at the Norma B. Handloff Park. The picnic will be held on Friday, May 11th, 2012 from 5:30PM - 8:00 PM, with a **rain date of Thursday, May 16th. SAPA will be providing burgers and hotdogs, but the rest is potluck. Feel free to get creative and bring your favorite dish. Although the event is free, tickets will be available for pick-up by students. Ticket distribution will allow SAPA to get an accurate head count of how many people will be attending the event. A Facebook event will also be created for the picnic, and there will be a signup sheet in the SAPA Office. Please RSVP/pick up your tickets early so we can get a feel for how many students, faculty, and staff wish to attend the event! We look forward to seeing everyone at the Picnic!

* If anyone has a gas grill that they are willing to lend please email Sapassociation@gmail.com.

**If there is no need to use the rain date, SAPA will instead host a movie night on May 17th in Graham 187. The movie night will allow students to relax and unwind from reading day and ease into finals week.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES: ([Distinguished speaker series weblink](#)):

- Thursday, April 12th, at 5PM in 206 Kirkbride Hall: Chancellor Leo Strine
- Tuesday, May 1st, at 5PM Gore Recital, Roselle Building: U.S. Senator Tom Carper
(A reception will follow Senator Carper's presentation)

OPPORTUNITIES

****All future opportunities will be posted on a Gogledoc that can be accessed by clicking on the proceeding link: [Opportunities for students in the SPPA](#)**

PLEASE CHECK IT REGULARLY.

Thanks.

SAPA BOARD

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