



January 22, 2013

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

## MEETINGS

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**GENERAL:** SAPA's Executive Board has decided to hold SAPA General Meetings on stagger days-of-the-week (Mondays / Thursdays). We hope to increase attendance and allow the most students to attend the meetings. The general meetings will be held @5:30pm for the following dates:

**Monday February 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** The first SAPA Social Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. All are welcome to come, submit ideas, and get involved in planning SAPA events.

## UPDATES

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**CONSULT WITH ADVISORS TO PLAN YOUR STUDIES:** SAPA encourages all SPPA students to check in with their advisers to plan coursework for Fall 2013 and Spring 2014. The school has been working to optimize its course offerings, and to ensure that classes have enough registrants so they can run and avoid cancelation, some specialization courses will be offered less frequently. Planning in advance for these changes will give students time to address any concerns that may come up. To learn more about SPPA course changes, [click here](#).

**STUDENT EMPLOYEE PAY ERROR:** After processing the January 15, 2013 pay, it was discovered that an error caused FICA taxes to be withheld from the pays of students not currently registered for winter session. Payroll is currently researching this error, and for those students who were adversely affected, FICA taxes will be refunded in the next regularly scheduled pay.

**THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SAPA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:** It is with great honor that SAPA provides a scholarship opportunity for SPPA a student(s) who demonstrates exemplary work in the fields of policy and administration, both in and out of school. Individuals can nominate themselves or others for the award. The deadline for nominations will be March 1<sup>st</sup>. Further details will be provided in coming weeks.

**SAPA 2013-2014 BOARD ELECTIONS:** With graduation on the horizon for second year students and some PhD candidates on the SAPA Board, it is already time that students consider candidates to run for a position on the Board for the next academic year. The nomination period will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and can be self-appointed or for fellow student. Start thinking now who may make a great President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, or Program Representative to lead SAPA into the next year.

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**PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE FLU:** SAPA and the UD Health Community warn students to take a moment to safeguard your health and others around you as you prepare for the spring semester. Flu season is already under way, and it is widespread throughout the Northeast. While there have only been a few cases this year at UD's Student Health Services, the number of cases has been increasing slightly in the last few days. If you haven't already received a flu vaccination and need information on how/where to get one, please follow [this link](#).

**FOLLOW SAPA ON YOUR CALENDAR:** In addition to the SAPA calendar on the SAPA website, you can get the SAPA events on your school or personal Gmail calendar. When in your e-mail's calendar page, [click the drop arrow](#) next to "Other Calendars", select "Add by URL", insert the address "<https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/sapassociation%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>", and you will receive up-to-date SAPA events with your other calendar's events and reminders.

### EVENTS

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\*\*\*Thanks to those who joined in on SAPA's first Pub Quiz this past Thursday. Great times were had, and one team even came in second place for the night. Good work Team SAPA!

**INTERMURAL SPORTS:** The final SAPA Dodgeball Team match is tonight, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45pm, at the [Carpenter Sports Building](#) (or "Little Bob"). Additional participants are welcome to join (with a UD ID and proper attire), and spectators are always welcome to watch and cheer on the team.

**GRADUATE STUDENT ICE SKATING SOCIAL:** Join the Graduate Student Government for ice skating at the Fred Rust Ice Arena (South Campus) from 6:30-8:30 pm on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Admission and skate rentals are FREE to UD Students who [register online](#) RIGHT AWAY. This will also give you free access to the UD Men's Ice Hockey game to follow at 9:00pm. It is suggested that you please bring a canned good to help the Food Bank of Delaware to this event. For more information and to RSVP, [please click here](#).

**WELCOME BACK HAPPY HOUR:** To get everyone back into the spirit of the academic semester, SAPA will be hosting a happy hour on Thursday, February 7th @ 6:00pm at [MoJo Main](#). Appetizers will be served, and the event will be free. Please invite fellow SPPA undergraduate and graduate students out for good food and good times before the semester becomes hectic.

Thanks.

#### SAPA BOARD

(Nathan Roby, Kathryn Lonczewski, Cimone Philpotts, Ama Nyame-Mensah, Rachel Linstead-Goldsmith, Allison Rice, Jennifer Lazo, Jennifer Nichols, Matthew Parkhurst, and David Barnes).

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