I. Call to Order
II. Welcome

III. Officer Elections
A. Presidential Candidates: Emily Bonistall and Marvin Whitaker
B. VP-IA Candidate: Kevin Ralston
C. VP-SA Candidate: Cesar Caro
D. Parliamentarian Candidates: Chris Castillo and Heather Thomson
E. Recording Secretary Candidate: Chris Castillo
F. Membership Officer Candidate: Alicia Dahl

IV. Internal Affairs Committee Reports
A. Communications Committee
   - Our committee has grown! We're up to two members - please join us!
   - The GSS website is up & running; photos are coming soon and committee pages are in the works.
   - If you would like your committee to have a page on the website to highlight upcoming and/or past events or initiatives, please send all details to Alicia Dahl at dahl@udel.edu.
   - Email Alicia for posters for any upcoming spring events.
   - Next meeting: April 13 at 1:00 pm at Brew Ha Ha

B. Events Committee
   - Graduate Student Forum: May 4
   - Registration opens this Friday, April 13
   - We are pleased to announce that Roger Craig (UD alum and Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions winner) will be joining us as the Keynote Speaker!
   - Need volunteers to serve as moderators and staff
   - Next meeting: April 17 at 5:15 pm at Brew Ha Ha

C. Organization Committee
   - Working to spread the word about the changes we made! Make sure you see the UDaily article & an article in The Review is coming soon.

D. Social Committee
   - Tonight: Happy Hour at Caffe Gelato from 7:30 to 9:30 pm
   - May 11: Pub Crawl Event at 5:30 pm
   - We have postponed the End of the Year Picnic to the beginning of next year

V. Student Affairs Committee Reports
A. Diversity Committee
   - Reaching out to GSO’s/grad student services on campus.
     - Andre and Kristen met with OEI to get guidance on reaching out to groups on campus. The main issue raised was that we need tangible goals for the committee before pursuing this further. Now that the committee has delineated tangible goals/purpose statement, we are ready to proceed with reaching out to graduate student groups on campus.
     - Scale down the list of organizations we are reaching out to. Rather than e-mailing every GSO we should decide as a group which GSO's can be most beneficial to our goals and proceed from there. Decided to reach out to groups we have the highest likelihood of getting a response from (i.e. groups committee members have existing connections to).
     - Personally address each organization rather than sending one general e-mail to all.
     - Inviting them to our last Committee meeting of the year to get their input for things we could do the following year.
   - Diversity Luncheon
     - Second Diversity Luncheon was today!
     - The Committee also brainstormed about ideas (topics, speakers, etc.) for next year’s Diversity Luncheons.
   - Future Goals
     - Continuation of Diversity Luncheon in future years
     - Continuation of reaching out to graduate student groups on campus.
   - Next meeting: April 30 at 1:00 pm in 205 Trabant.
B. Student Life Committee............................................................................................................Chris Richard
  • Recreation Services Update: Senator Garcia presented his concerns over the lack of a Spring
    Break bus service on campus. They collected concerns from colleagues and started dialog with
    Dir. Richard Rind (Parking). There are many graduate students who continue working throughout
    spring break and although there are better parking options, not all graduate students have cars.
    Therefore they still depend on the buses. The decision to suspend bus services over spring break
    was made in the Parking Office based on historical policy. Parking Services points out that there
    are alternative options such as Unicity buses, DART, etc. The question becomes what can the
    committee do to address this concern? We believe the committee can assess alternative options
    and negotiate some mutual resolution with the service policies in Parking and Transportation.
    ▪ Other concerns arose regarding the bus services to the train and grocery store, such as
      that service schedules and policies seem to correlate directly to the undergraduate needs,
      only. There are also issues of safety during later hours. This is particularly an issue for
      engineering and science students who work in labs.
    ▪ Concerns over the transparency in finances and decision making for Parking and Trans.
    ▪ Chris requested that in moving forward we would need someone to take the lead in
      organizing material for the Senate and to meet with Dir. Rind. He asked Elkin if he
      would be willing to do this. Elkin accepted. Ryan also offered to assist. This will be
      treated as a sub-committee of Student Life and will meet prior to the GSS general
      meeting next week.
  • Ryan Mieras - Presentation on “HENS” Ride Concept
    o Idea based on a program at Texan A&M called CARPOOL. Ryan was a member and
      organizer for this program during undergrad. The concept of the program is:
      ▪ Free, non-judgmental rides home between 10pm-3am, Th-Sat.
      ▪ Prevents drunk driving and provides safe transportation option during later hours.
      ▪ Currently at the idea stage but Ryan is speaking with student groups to determine level of
        support in the university community. Hopes to have a more detailed presentation for the
        Senate in the future.
    o GSS Options: 1. distribute to constituents, 2. vote on resolution, 3. direct support through
      subcommittee.
C. Sustainability Committee........................................................................................................Heather Thomson & Greg Ardini
  • Sneaker Mountain Collection Drive
    o As part of Earth Week we will collect old sneakers. They will be donated to Perpetual Pumps
      for Africa. Usable ones will be donated to the needy in Africa, and unusable ones will be
      turned into playground material. Collections times are below. If you can’t make those times
      but want to donate sneakers, or have smaller collections in your building, contact Heather or
      Greg to arrange another pickup time
      ▪ 5K: April 22 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm on Laird Campus
      ▪ Green Expo: April 25 from 12 noon to 4:00 pm at Trabant
      ▪ Clothing Swap: April 26 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Trabant
  • Student Move-Out Project
    o Project has been renamed to Dumpster Detour. We will especially need grad student
      volunteers on May 19 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and on May 23 from 12 noon to 10:00 pm
      because most of the undergrads will have moved out by then
    o The next meeting of the subcommittee will be April 18 at 1:00 in Trabant 205
  • Everyone who is planning on being on the committee next year is encouraged to attend so that we
    can make plans for next year.
  • Next meetings: April 24 at 11:00 am and May 8 at 11:00 am.

VI. External Committee Reports
A. Newark City Council....................................................................................................................Kevin Pons & Marcos Portnoi
  • Still need representative! Contact ejb@udel.edu if you are interested.
B. Faculty Senate .......................................................................................................................Kevin Pons & Marcos Portnoi
  • Remarks from Provost Tom Apple
    o 90 % of our “first-choice” faculty are accepting our offers for employment
    o Research funding increasing
    o “Triple Crown” in admissions, brought in the most revenue, largest class, highest sat, highest
      GPA, most diverse
    o Highest ever freshman to sophomore retention rate
Students graduating more successfully than in the past

Remarks from Cindy Campanella, Director of Alumni Relations

Presented about the 4th annual Alumni Weekend (June 1-3)
- 20% growth year to year
- Check out [http://www.udel.edu/alumniweekend/](http://www.udel.edu/alumniweekend/) for event information
- 639 already registered, 329 staying in the residence halls

C. Diversity and Equity Commission

- Our final meeting of the semester is next week. They are finalizing next year’s roster and we are invited to have a representative for next year’s term. Great news!

VII. Old Business

A. Approval of the Minutes from March 8, 2012

VIII. New Business

A. Upcoming Events:

- May 4th: Grad Forum
- May 7th: President Harker’s Reception
- May 10th: Last GSS Meeting
- May 11th: Pub Crawl

IX. Public Comments & Concerns/Open Floor

A. Mentoring Opportunity:

Newark High School is in the process of establishing their Mentoring Program and is reaching out to the University community to participate by becoming volunteer mentors! As a mentor, you will have the opportunity to help shape the life of a young person in our community by working with them to help them achieve their goals. You’ll be paired with a mentee and will have a one-on-one meeting for about an hour once a week. This will take place in school during school hours. Because we want to ensure that we are answering the particular needs of our students, mentoring activities will vary on a case by case basis—some students may want to use the time for college prep and others will want to work on study skills. We take time to match you with a student that we feel will benefit from your unique skill set. Sound like something you’d like to do? Fill out an application and register for training online at [www.creativementoring.org](http://www.creativementoring.org)! All applicants must pass a screening and background check that typically takes about 4-6 weeks. A minimum one school year commitment is required. For more information, feel free to contact Ashley Michini, Newark High’s Mentor Coordinator by phone at (302)631-4700 ex. 14257 or by email at michinia@christina.k12.de.us. If right now is too busy, but you’d like to volunteer the future, you can definitely begin next fall, but we encourage you to apply early, since the paperwork takes time to process. If you feel that this opportunity is just not for you, but know someone who may be interested, don’t hesitate to spread the word!

B. The Campus Sustainability Day working group is looking for members to help put together next year’s events. Currently there is only one graduate student member and they would love to get some more representation from this sector of the UD Community. Campus Sustainability Day is held in mid-October and is a day-long celebration of sustainability on campus with several events held throughout the day. We had a preliminary planning meeting earlier this week and expect to hold one more before the spring semester is over to get a jump start on planning for the Fall. The working group is open to all UD community members including undergrad and grad students, faculty, and staff. If anyone would like to join they can email Courtney at siegert@udel.edu.

C. Announcement of Election Results

X. Adjournment