I. Call to Order

II. Welcome .................................................................................................................. Emily Bonistall

III. Guest Speaker ......................................................................................................... Jake Olkolla

IV. Internal Committee Reports .................................................................................. VP Kevin Ralston

Communications Committee ......................................................................................... Alicia Dahl

- Compiling a list of edits for the GSS website.
- If any posters/flyers need to be created, please email Alicia with the details and due date to get the word out!
- Contact information: dahl@udel.edu

Events Committee ......................................................................................................... Brittany Scott/Jeralynn Miller

- Winter session included planning the graduate forum for Friday, May 4, 2012 in Clayton Hall.
- The format has been altered from last year where the conference will start in the morning and conclude mid-afternoon.
- We are working on finalizing a keynote speaker so the committee can start advertising.
- The committee will be meeting within the next two weeks to discuss soliciting donations (**Mainly from on campus places**)
- Contact information: bscott@udel.edu & jemill@udel.edu

Organization Committee ............................................................................................... Emily Bonistall

- Visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ for a video update of what Org Committee has been doing!
- Contact information: ejb@udel.edu

Social Committee .......................................................................................................... Neda Moinolmolki

- GSS Happy Hour: tonight 7:30-9:30 pm at Kildare’s Irish Pub on Main Street
- Ice Skating Social: February 24 (time TBA)
- GSS Happy Hour: March 8 7:30-9:30 (location TBA)
- Bowling Madness Week: week of March 11
- GSS Happy Hour: April 12 7:30-9:30 (location TBA)
- Informal Happy Hour and/or Picnic: TBA
- GSS Happy Hour: May 5 7:30-9:30 (location TBA)
- Contact information: mmoionolm@gmail.com

V. Student Affairs Committees ...................................................................................... VP Chris Richard

Diversity Committee ..................................................................................................... Kristen Hefner/Andre Ifill

- Outreach to representatives of representatives of GSO’s, unofficial graduate student groups, offices/services that graduate students utilize on campus to work in partnership with the Diversity Committee (attend meetings, collaborate, etc).
- Emily sent out the e-mail we drafted last semester in early January to all groups on our e-mail contact list.
- We received two responses (Office of Equity (OEI) and Inclusion and the Writing Center). The Diversity Committee subsequently reached out to and/or met with representatives from these offices.
- We were initially going to send out a follow-up e-mail to our contacts in the upcoming weeks. However, based on our meeting with OEI, we’ve decided to formulate a concrete purpose statement for our committee in order to show graduate student groups what our goals/purpose is/are.
- The Committee is in the process of formulating our Committee’s purpose statement.
- Last semester, the Diversity Committee discussed having a Diversity Day. However, instead, a Diversity Luncheon Series co-sponsored by the Office of Graduate and Professional Education and the Diversity Committee will take place beginning this semester (Spring 2012).
- Next meeting: Monday, February 27 at 1:00 pm in 205 Trabant.
- Contact information: mkhefner@udel.edu & ifill55@gmail.com
Student Life Committee ................................................................. Chris Richard
  • Committee will be chaired by the VP of Student Affairs - C. Richard
  • The committee agenda will stem from prior meetings and the assignment of topics by the Senate body. This is to focus on the needs of the GSS, but also create an open forum to bring issues to the attention of the Senate during general discussion.
  • Each following month the committee will report on it’s findings and determine if the issue or topic needs it’s own sub/ad-hoc committee to further the issue.
  • Members of the committee will be voluntary and allowed to vary by task.
  • The goal is the allow the committee to be more of a task-force for handling the immediate issues of the Senate, on behalf of the graduate student body.
  • Finally, this is intended to be a pilot application of the Student Life Committee. If proven successful and efficient, it is hoped to be detailed as the committee’s standing structure.
  • Contact Information: crichard@udel.edu

Sustainability .............................................................................. Heather Thomson/Greg Ardini
  • Stuff...
  • Contact information: hthomson@udel.edu & grardini@udel.edu

VI. External Committee Reports
Newark City Council ......................................................................... Ken Adams
  • Anything?
Faculty Senate Meeting ..................................................................... Kevin Pons/Marcos Portnoi
  • Anything?
Diversity and Equity Commission ...................................................... Emily Bonistall
  • Anything?
Parking Committee .......................................................................... Emily Bonistall
  • Anything?
Financial Aid Task Force .................................................................... Emily Bonistall
  • Anything?

VII. Old Business
  • Approval of December Minutes
  • Organization Committee Presentation

VIII. New Business
  • Anything?

IX. Public Comments and Concerns / Open Floor
  • Anything?

X. Adjournment