I. Call to Order

II. Welcome 

- Welcome to new senators, guests, Connect Members and congratulations to our new Social Chair!
- Save the date: President’s Reception on May 7
- Major shout out to the outstanding members of the organization committee for all of their hard work!
- Get excited for the Forum on May 4 – start sharing this information with your constituents.
- Smoking Proposal from the SGA
- BGSA Meeting
- Diversity Committee Outreach Initiative
- United Way Reception & Future Collaboration
- Next month the Director of Parking Services will be our guest speaker.

III. Guest Speaker

- Jake Olkkola, Athletics

IV. Internal Committee Reports 

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**) 
- We’ll need help so PLEASE get involved!
- Contact information: bscott@udel.edu & jemill@udel.edu

Organization Committee

- Emily Bonistall

- We had a busy winter break which included weekly (sometimes 2x a week) meetings to reconstruct the constitution and bylaws. Thank you to the group for all of their hard work!
- Please join us for an open meeting to discuss the new documents on February 21 at 5:30 pm.
- 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: mmoiolmol@gmail.com

V. Student Affairs Committees

Diversity Committee

- Kristen Hefner/Andre Ifill

- Outreach to representatives of GSOs, 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 and Inclusion, 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
• Thank you to Abhinav for all of his hard work and service. Committee will now 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 its findings and determine if the issue or topic needs its 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 to 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
• A Google Doc has been created that lists available opportunities and tasks for various projects. We have a variety of tasks, from making phone calls to working on websites to determining university policies.
• We will again have Sneaker Mountain during Earth Week. This is a project to collect old sneakers and either donate usable ones to Africa or turn unusable ones into playground material.
• UDon’t Need It campus extension
  • Collection will run from May 21 – May 25 or 26. Graduation is May 25, so it would be good to be done that day, but congestion from graduation may make the 26th more feasible.
  • A subcommittee was formed to be able to work out these details apart from the larger Sustainability Committee meetings
• Fume Hood Stickers
  • Funding has been obtained from Lab Safety
  • Currently trying to find someone who can print the stickers. University printing can do a cheap version of them that will be functional, but Rory is looking around for someone who can print vinyl stickers relatively inexpensively.
  • Building Efficiency Study: The needed GIS data was obtained, and Sebastian is in the final stages of ensuring that the form is well structured so that it will be easy to understand and will easily import into GIS.
• Contact information: hthomson@udel.edu & grardini@udel.edu

VI. External Committee Reports

Newark City Council ........................................................................................................
• Need a new representative. Is anyone interested?

Faculty Senate Meeting ................................................................................................. Kevin Pons/Marcos Portnoi
• Last meeting: Feb 06, 2012.
• Remarks from Provost Tom Apple: President Harker will address faculty in a meeting on Feb 13 at Smith 130, budget will be addressed. Provost said "the University's budget is in good shape."
• Effusive discussion about calendar for next Winter 2013 session.
• Only 20 days of instruction available: need for increasing class time from 90 min to 105 min. Some faculty expressed concern over the quality of instruction in a 105-minute class, due to exhaustion. The increase in class time was approved.

Diversity and Equity Commission .................................................................................... Emily Bonistall
• Anything?

Financial Aid Task Force .............................................................................................. VP Ralston
• VP Ralston forwarded a list of students’ names, but have not heard back since.

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

VIII. New Business
IX. Public Comments and Concerns / Open Floor
   • Anything?
X. Adjournment