I. Call to Order

II. Welcome

III. Guest Speaker

IV. Internal Affairs Committee Reports

A. Communications Committee

- GSS website:
  - Working vigorously on updating current information
  - Adding photos and committee sections
  - If you have photographs of events or committee/group shots that you would like to share, please email them to Denise Mayes at dmayes@udel.edu.

- Posters:
  - If you would like something to be created, please email Alicia Dahl at dahl@udel.edu with all pertinent information and design input.
  - Communications would like to put together one consolidated posted, with a full list of what’s happening, that can be displayed in graduate student areas or offices.

- Please email Alicia Dahl at dahl@udel.edu if you are interested in joining the committee so that interested parties can meet together and brainstorm.

B. Events Committee

- Work continues on Grad Forum: May 4, 2012 at Clayton Hall.
  - Events committee is still working on a keynote speaker; after that is finalized, they will begin marketing the event.
  - The committee met to discuss logistics; committee members will be focused on getting donations for raffles and gifts for our presenters throughout the semester.
  - Deadline for submissions will be March 23, 2012.
  - Registration will be open on April 13, 2012.

- Please post any flyers about the Forum!

- Next Meeting: March 20 at 5:15pm at Brew Ha Ha.

C. Organization Committee

- Hosted meeting re: proposed documents
- Voting on proposed Constitution and Bylaws TONIGHT
- Org Committee Proposal during New Business

D. Social Committee

- Ice skating social was a success!
- **Happy Hour**: tonight, 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Kildare’s.
- **Informal Happy Hour**: Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 pm at Catherine Rooney’s.
- The next (formal) Happy Hour is going to be at Caffe Gelato. Thank you Kevin Pons for collaborating on this event.
- Social has started planning our end of the year Picnic at a Delaware State Park. Would before finals or after finals work better for your constituents?

V. Student Affairs Committee Reports

A. Diversity Committee

- Brown Bag Luncheon Series: held on March 7.
- The Diversity Committee is currently establishing building blocks for future committee leadership/membership. The goal is to have the statement be a roadmap for future members. This includes:
  - Creating a Purpose Statement which has been created and revised by committee members. The statement has been forwarded to the Executive Committee to ensure that it meets the overall framework and goals of the GSS. Once the statement is finalized, we want to try to get it on the GSS website and create an internal document for Diversity Committee members.
  - Creating/sustaining/improving relationships with organizations across campus
    - Continuing relationships with OGPE
    - Reaching out to the Center for the Study of Diversity, particularly after the new Diversity hires are made.
- Improve relationships with OEI, BGSA, and the Writing Center.
  - Staple events: The committee discussed having certain events they hold, co-sponsor, or participate in each year (e.g. UD Graduate Student Orientation, brown bag luncheon series, maybe a community service event or a co-sponsored event with another organization).

- Next meeting: April 2 at 1:00 pm in 205 Trabant.

**B. Student Life Committee**

- Recreation Services Update:
  - The Student Life committee has met multiple times since the last GSS meeting to prepare for and respond to the fee proposal that was given by Assistant Director of Recreation Services, Jake Olkkola. In the following, you will find a quick update on this matter and it is recommended that it be discussed with all student constituents for feedback.
  - On February 17 and 24 the Student Life Committee met to discuss and prepare a response to the proposal given by Recreation Services. The content for this response was based on the minutes of the Feb. GSS meeting and the views of those in attendance. All in attendance agreed that the fee request for services and the fee rates were reasonable, but the key point of concern was the application of the fee across the graduate student body. In response, the committee presented an alternative to Mr. Olkkola on February 27, which requested that an opt-out clause be placed in the proposal. This change was also supported by the committee with the suggestion of an increase in the proposal rate to balance the revenue stream left by those opting out of the fee. It was explicitly made clear that the suggestion of a rate change was solely that of the committee and did not represent the whole of the Senate.
  - Mr. Olkkola did express concerns over the loss of expected revenue and budgeting of services that would result from an opt-out clause, but was more at ease with the idea of a higher rate for users to compensate. He also stated that although it was their desire to submit the proposal to the Board of Trustees this semester this may be delayed until Spring 2013. In either case, he has requested that the GSS give a position response to the fee proposal, which can be with support, without support, or condition support. Expect more to be discussed in the March GSS meeting.
  - As a final note, Mr. Olkkola did state that his office is working diligently to secure alternative operational funding though sponsorship contracts and summer group programs. This will include the hosting of camps during the summer months. As more information becomes available, the Student Life Committee and the Exec Board will forward it on for consideration of the Senate.

**C. Sustainability Committee**

- Progress continues to be made on all projects.
  - The Gardening subcommittee will be holding a workday on March 17 from 9:00 am to 12 noon and from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the ELI garden. Anyone interested can contact Courtney Siegert at siegert@udel.edu.
  - Fume Hood Stickers: In order to print stickers, Sustainability would like to create a website.
  - Campus Move Out Project: North campus and West campus sites will be designated for donation collection by trucks. The next subcommittee meeting will be on March 21.
  - Earth Week: Events will be occurring April 18 to 28. The schedule of events is not yet finalized; more information will be made available during the April GSS meeting. Sneaker collection will take place over 2-3 days.
  - Building Efficiency: Survey has been distributed to committee, data being tested on GIS.
  - Next meeting: March 20 at 11:00 am.

**VI. External Committee Reports**

**A. Newark City Council**

- Still need representative! Contact ejb@udel.edu if you are interested.

**B. Faculty Senate**

- UD General Counsel advised faculty about their intellectual property regarding lecture notes.
  - Sites such as notehall.com pay students when they submit notes taken from classes, and sell notes.
- In case faculty do not wish their class content commercialized:
  - UD can issue take down notice to sites;
  - Professor can issue take down notice to sites;
  - Professor can include intellectual property warning on syllabus (violation of student's code of conduct).

- Professor from Physics and Astronomy argued whether UD faculty would be "swimming against the tide", citing MIT that provides course content online for no charge.

**C. Diversity and Equity Commission**

- President Bonistall
• This month’s meeting discussed Faculty and Staff turnover rates

VII. Old Business
A. Approval of the Minutes from February 9, 2012
B. Smoking Proposal Update: Sent our feedback to the SGA.
C. OISS Town Hall Meeting: March 20th at 7pm.
D. Constitutional Revisions
E. Officer Nominations – Last chance!!

VIII. New Business
A. Elections Chair
B. Save the date: President Harker’s GSS Reception on May 7th
C. Organization Committee Proposal

IX. Public Comments & Concerns/Open Floor
A. Screening of the Movie Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time.
   • Green Fire shares highlights from Leopold’s extraordinary career and illustrates how Leopold’s vision of a community that cares about both people and the land continues to inform and inspire people across the country and around the world.
   • The movie will be followed by a discussion with Dr. Stanley A. Temple, Senior Fellow with the Aldo Leopold Foundation and Beers-Bascom Professor Emeritus in Conservation in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
   • The showing will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:00 pm in 006 Kirkbride. Free admission.

X. Adjournment