I. Committee Reports
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II. Old Business
   A. Approval of October Minutes
   B. Adoption of 2011-2012 GSS Handbook
   C. Discussion of Constitutional Changes

III. New Business

All are invited to a Happy Hour at Caffe Gelato following adjournment.

Upcoming Calendar Dates

GSS Meetings
Meetings are in Gore 103 starting at 5:00 pm, with Happy Hour afterwards.
   December 8, 2011

Ice Skating
Friday, December 2 from 8:00 to 10:00 pm at the Fred Rust Ice Arena

Super Bowl Party
Sunday, February 5, 2012

Stay Connected!
Email the Executive Committee: ud.graduatestudentsenate@gmail.com
Sign up for “What’s Happening?” emails: gss-events-contact@udel.edu
Check us out on the web and subscribe to our Google Calendar:
   http://www.udel.edu/gradoffice/gradsenate/
Invite others to join the GSS Members List:
   https://udel.edu/mailman/listinfo/gss-members
Facebook Group: University of Delaware Graduate Student Senate
Twitter: UDGSSComm
Blog: http://udgraduatestudentsenate.blogspot.com/
Internal Affairs Committees

Communication
Alicia Dahl (dahl@udel.edu)
  • We have a chair now!
Next meeting: TBD

Events
Brittany Scott (bscott@udel.edu), Mikahila Bloomfield (mbloom@udel.edu)
  • The PhD Movie event was a complete success. We sold 353 tickets in advance as well as a few tickets at the door last minute. We received positive feedback from all who attended; everyone really enjoyed the movie and the cocktail hour was a great time to socialize and network with students, faculty and administrators.
  • Our 7:00 pm showing was sold out! And we raised enough money from the event to contribute a sizable donation to the United Way!
  • The night went very smoothly due to the hard work and dedication of some specific people: A special thanks to the events committee members that were in attendance, as well as Emily Bonistall and Kevin Ralston for their support and help in planning and executing the event.
  • Also, we could not have had such a successful event without the guidance and direction of Mary Martin, Charles Riordan and the Office of Graduate and Professional Education. A very special thank you to them for supporting us in making this event a reality.
Next meeting: TBD

Organization
Emily Bonistall (ejb@udel.edu)
Next meeting: Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Trabant

Social
Kimberly Frederick (kfred@udel.edu), Sarah Markland (sarmark@udel.edu)
  • Happy Hour following this meeting 7:15-9:00 pm at Caffe Gelato on Main St. There will be LOTS of great food and drink specials!
  • GSS Ice Skating Social - Friday, December 2nd during Free Skate Hours (8:00-10:00 pm). We will also be having a canned food drive at this event for the Food Bank of Delaware!
  • Winter Session Events to Lookout For: January Happy Hour (TBA), Bowling Night (TBA), and Super Bowl Party (Sunday, February 5th).
  • Email us with any ideas or suggestions: sarmark@udel.edu or kfred@udel.edu!
Next meeting: December 5 at 12:30 pm at Brew Ha Ha
Student Affairs Committees

Diversity
Kristen Hefner (mkhefner@udel.edu), Andre Ifill (ifill55@gmail.com)
- Committee provided input to Emily regarding the creation of a Diversity Statement by the University’s Diversity and Equity Commission
- Will be moving forward with the idea to have representatives of GSO’s on campus work in partnership with the Diversity Committee (attend meetings, collaborate, etc).
- Committee to discuss findings from informal interviews with professors about their experiences with diversity issues relating to graduate students and thoughts about the campus climate survey and its relation to graduate student life/education at UD.

Next meeting: November 11 and December 2, both at 2:00 pm in 205 Trabant

Student Life
Abhinav Jain (arjain@udel.edu)
- Need a Co-Chair for the committee
- Mentorship Program survey form for Academic Plans
- Survey Graduate Student Organizations around the campus
- Continue to work on Graduate Student Investigative Fee committee Report

Next meeting: TBD

Sustainability
Heather Thomson (hthomson@udel.edu), Greg Ardini (grardini@udel.edu)
- Tree Surveying
  - Over 500 trees surveyed, no more until spring
  - Report to be written and discussion to occur on submitting
- Paper Towel Dispenser Stickers
  - Stickers encouraging students to limit paper towel use are on few dispensers
  - Would like to place stickers throughout campus restrooms
  - Waiting to hear from facilities how many paper towel dispensers exist on campus
- U Don’t Need It
  - Setting up tents/pods for students to donate items when they move out
  - Interest from facilities, food donation stations being planned separately
  - Need to identify local charities to work with, costs of materials, student volunteers
- Fume Hood Stickers
  - Variable-flow fume hoods use significantly less energy when sash is closed
  - Estimated 150 variable-flow fume hoods on campus
  - Printshop to be contacted for stickers, contact Lewes campus as well
- Building Efficiency Study
  - Send out survey to students about temperature level in their buildings
  - Questions have been drafted, to be reviewed by committee

Next meeting: December 6 at 11:00 am at Trabant