I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm.

II. A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee – Cara Tortrice (carat@udel.edu)
- No updates at this time.

Events Committee – Caitlin Hutchinson (chutch@udel.edu)
- Winterthur was successfully held, with 114 tickets sold (double the amount from last year).
- Proposal for the forum theme is being worked on, with specific time schedules. Ideas will be proposed to OGPE for approval.

Social Committee – Ty Nie (htnie@udel.edu)
- Free ice skating night tomorrow, with free admission and free skate rentals, 7-9pm.
- Winter scheduling of events underway, including another ice skating event and Ph.D. movie screening.

II. B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diversity Committee – Justin Coger (jcoger@udel.edu) & Nathan Thayer (nthayer@udel.edu)
- Resolution SR-1617-03 has been submitted to the meeting today.
- Diversity-themed gift exchange to be organized for February.
- Organizing a diversity research forum.

Student Life Committee – Eddie Marks (edm@udel.edu)
- Chemical engineering mental health REFS program will be up and running soon, we may have some visitor speakers to introduce and promote the program in GSG.
- Eddie has reached out to Dr. Tim Dowling regarding changes in preventative medical coverages, expecting some information soon.
- Speakeasy resolution is published.
Sustainability Committee – Curt Davis (cjdavis@udel.edu)
  • Current meeting catering was done by the committee with Peruvian vegan food.
  • A park will be selected by next meeting for clean-up.
  • An action plan for the battery recycling resolution that has passed will be worked on.

II.C. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance Committee – Matthew Rinkevich (mrink@udel.edu)
  • No updates at this time, please see committee reports.

Elections Committee – Carrie Glenn (carrieglenn@udel.edu)
  • Please cc Carrie in emails sent out to departmental constituents.
  • Committee needs a few members, please contact Carrie. Members need not be Senators.

II.D. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Senate – Stijn Koscharis (koscharis@udel.edu) & Richard Bowers (pbowers@udel.edu)
  • There was a presentation by undergraduates to increase coverage of the University-required general education topics, to add sustainability and diversity.
  • There is now an adhoc committee working on graduate student vacation time.
  • There is now an adhoc committee now working to increase TOEFL acceptance score.
  • Graduate School formation will come visit and speak at GSG in February.

II.E. ORGANIZATIONAL DELEGATE REPORTS

  • No updates at this time.

III. OPEN FLOOR

A. Suggestion to make a website that compiles all STEM-related instrumentation on campus. Please talk to Yehia if interested. (ykh@udel.edu).

B. Discussion on the UD 2FA system
   a. There has been a bug with the system setting the non-default device to default, resulting in complications.
   b. Getting scratch codes all the time is a hassle, if your lab doesn’t get cell service or wifi, or you are not allowed your cell phone for safety reasons.
   c. Students, unlike staff and faculty, have the option of putting a personal email as a way to get a verification code.
   d. Staff seem to have fobs for authentication, can we have a system that you can also get one as a graduate student if you can justify that you need one for work?
C. Discussion on the UD Respect draft website
   a. A charge on respect as a culture of UD, to promote inclusivity, civility, and respect for difference. A branding effort.
   b. Keywords are respect, culture, growth, integrity, engagement.
   c. Please review the website and send feedback: http://sites.udel.edu/oei/respect-and-responsibility/
   d. There will be several events following the publication of this website.
D. Discussion of the resolution SR-1617-03, proposal in support of inclusivity and increased dialogue on discrimination and injustice
   a. Document from the Diversity Committee, following up on the hostile environment that formed in certain areas post-election.
   b. Resolution to create the rhetoric that GSG is supportive of creating a diverse environment and is open to conversations.
   c. Parliamentarian Rinkevich suggests contacting the Review to officially publish the document once passed, following the example of the Faculty version of the Diversity Resolution.
   d. Suggestion for wording change, line 22, to add disability, citizenship, and socioeconomic status. The descriptors can be copied from GSG Constitution Section 3, Statement of Inclusions.
   e. We should also think of how to make the statement into an action as a group, please feel free to speak up or use the anonymous suggestion box.
E. The petition to make UD a Sanctuary Campus for Undocumented Community Members
   a. A city can sign a petition to become a sanctuary city, and not assist federal forces with their own efforts and infrastructure in regulating undocumented people. The UD petition is more of a statement and has no legal force but strives to create a welcoming atmosphere for undocumented university members.
   b. Please see the petition here: http://udreview.com/sanctuary-campus-petition-from-university-community/
   c. Please see follow up UD Review article here: http://udreview.com/assanis-signs-sanctuary-campus-petition/
   d. Suggestion to eventually pass a resolution regarding this petition. Governance Committee will be preparing a resolution.
F. Faculty Senate Library Committee Statement on UD Library and the future of UD
   a. A letter circulated with the meeting materials. There has been planned construction for library expansion, which has been referred to as “luxury” by the administration. The letter reaffirms the importance of the library as both a physical site and a resource hub of information.
   b. Suggestion to issue a statement echoing support of the Faculty Senate Library Committee statement.

IV. **SENATE FLOOR**

Parliamentarian Rinkevich opened the Senate Floor at 7:17 p.m.
   A. Old Business
• It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from November 10th, 2016. There was no discussion and the Minutes were approved.

B. New Business
• Resolution, SR-1617-03.
  o Motion to revise wording in line 22, motion passes for wording amendments.
  o Wording amendments were accepted and the new resolution passed unanimously.
• No legislation from the floor.

Senate Floor closed at 7:18pm.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS
• GSG Night at the Rink will be held Friday, December 9th at 7-9pm at Fred Rust Ice Arena. Free admission with UD ID, along with free skate rental for the special event.
• BGSA Level Up Spades Tournament will be held at the Green Turtle on 250 S. Main St., December 15th, 10pm. There will be a $2 entry fee with 50/50 raffle.
• BGSA Skating Party held December 12th, Christiana Skating Center (801 Christiana Rd, Newark, DE 19713), 7pm. $7 admission, $3 skates, gift card raffle. Wear your BGSA shirt to get in free.
• Please provide feedback after reviewing the UD Respect and Responsibility website: http://sites.udel.edu/oei/respect-and-responsibility/
• For all upcoming committee meeting times and locations and GSG events, please see http://sites.udel.edu/gsg/
• Announcements from the floor

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Graduate Student Government Secretary