II.A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Events Committee – Caitlin Hutchinson (chutch@udel.edu)
• No updates at this time.

Social Committee – Ty Nie (htnie@udel.edu)
• Ice skating had over 70 graduate students attend
• PhD Movie: Townsend Hall, Jan 11th, price adjusted to $5 for one move $7 for the featured.
  Plan is to have soda/water for beverages and some hot fingerfood
• Ice skating
  ◦ Location: the Fred Rust Arena
  ◦ New Date: Jan 11th
  ◦ Price of Admission: Free with UD student ID
  ◦ Plan is to have soda/water for beverages and some hot fingerfood

II.B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diversity Committee – Justin Coger (jcoger@udel.edu) & Nathan Thayer (nthayer@udel.edu)
• White Elephant
  ◦ Advertising for the event
    ▪ Vinnie has a flyer from last year that we can repurpose for this year’s advertising. We would need to simply change a few details (time, place).
    ▪ We spoke of developing an online registration form to help us get an idea of how many will show up for the event. We can set up a quick form on either TicketLeap or EvenBrite. After this has been done, we can generate a QR code to place onto the flyer, to make it easier for people to sign up for the event.
  ◦ We need to identify a host for the evening. The duties of the host will be to explain the rules of the game, introduce the committee and our mission, and deliver a few words on the value of diversity. Committee members will help the host to keep the event moving.
o Funding and Space Availability: by the end of our January meeting, we need to have a space picked out, and an idea of whether or not we can get some funding to be able to purchase food and drinks.
o Vinnie wants us to find a way to ensure that people stick around after the gift exchange, to make sure that the event is more social. One idea was to do a second round of gift exchanging.

• Research Forum
  o The GSG Research Forum was briefly discussed before adjournment.
    ▪ Diversity Committee wants to help facilitate any efforts to bring in more Social Science and Humanities oriented graduate students to present research on issues of diversity.

Student Life Committee – Eddie Marks (edmarks@udel.edu)
• Student Life Faculty Senate is discussing graduate student vacation time
  o Eddie will lend his services if necessary at the meeting
• Dental Services
  o Vinnie will send out a reminder to all graduate students about signing up by February 1st (dependents can be included) (https://www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?group_id=98)
  o General health services information can also be provided
• Planning events
  o Emergency Planning Course (http://nccde.org/158/Community-Emergency-Response-Team)

Sustainability Committee – Curt Davis (cj.davis@udel.edu)
• Adopt-a-Park program: The SC is finalizing the decision of which park to adopt in Newark and this should be announced in the January meeting
• Battery Recycling Resolution and Proposal: We are presenting the battery recycling proposal and resolution to UD Environmental Health and Safety
• Vegan food at GSG Meetings: The February meeting will be catered again with vegan food

II.C. Senate Committee Reports

Governance Committee – Matt Rinkevich (mrink@udel.edu)
• No updates at this time
II.D. **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Faculty Senate – Stijn Koshari ([kosharis@udel.edu](mailto:kosharis@udel.edu)) & Richard Bowers ([pbowers@udel.edu](mailto:pbowers@udel.edu))
- No updates at this time

Graduate Studies Committee – Carrie Glenn ([carriele@udel.edu](mailto:carriele@udel.edu)) & Stijn Koshari ([kosharis@udel.edu](mailto:kosharis@udel.edu))
- No updates at this time

Faculty Senate Library Committee – Janice Hudson ([jehudson@udel.edu](mailto:jehudson@udel.edu))
- No updates at this time

Library Student Advocacy Committee – Rachel Zimmerman ([rachelz@udel.edu](mailto:rachelz@udel.edu))
- No updates at this time