

SAPA GENERAL MEETING: November 30th, 2012

Attendance:

1. Kathryn Lonczewski
2. Matt Parkhurst
3. Jenn Nichols
4. Allison Rice
5. Bill Moret
6. Rachel Linstead-Goldsmith
7. Jennifer Lazo
8. Amanda Brown
9. Paul Ruiz
10. Dionna Sargent
11. Ama Nyame-Mensah
12. Stephen Ottinger
13. Cimone Philpotts

Agenda

1. **Graduate Student Government (GSG) Updates**
2. **Committee Updates**
3. **New Visions for Public Affairs (NVPA) Journal**
4. **Miscellaneous Concerns**
5. **Upcoming Events**

Meeting called to order

I. GSG Updates

- a. **GSG's December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6th in Memorial Hall Room 127.**
- b. **Yuletide at Winterthur (UD Night):** The Winterthur Museum (5105 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807) and UD's Graduate Student Government invite you to enjoy a one-hour tour of Henry Francis du Pont's mansion decorated for the Holidays! UD students, faculty, staff, and immediate family members will enjoy a special admission rate--\$10 per ticket. Families with young children are encouraged to attend this family-friendly event. Tickets for children ages 2-11 are \$5; and Children under 2 can attend the event free of charge. To reserve your ticket, call 302.888.4600 x7029. (Please state your UD affiliation). For more information, please call 888.448.3883, or visit Winterthur's "Yuletide at Winterthur webpage" [here](#).

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- c. GSG's Student Life Committee would like feedback from UD students concerning issues with taxes (ie: if a student has had a problem completing taxes because they have received money from UD through a fellowship, assistantship, etc...)
- d. The Office for International Students & Scholars has started its selection process for a new Director. The Office is holding meetings to interview candidates for the position; students are welcome to attend.

II. Committee Updates:

a. **The Community Service Committee (CSC):**

- i. **CSC is currently holding a Hurricane Sandy Collection Drive.** CSC is collecting monetary donations to benefit local organizations in New Jersey and New York who are providing relief efforts to victims of Hurricane Sandy. **The donation drive will run from December 3rd, 2012 to December 14th, 2012.** A donation jar has been set up in Diana Simmons' office in 184A Graham Hall. These communities have a long road to recovery and your donation can truly make a difference. Thank you in advance for your support!

b. **The Fundraising Committee (FC):**

- i. **SAPA/ FC are hosting a SAPA Bake Sale** on Wednesday, December 5th from 10AM-3PM in Graham Hall Room 183. Purchasing our baked goods will help **support the **SAPA Student Award.**

During the fundraiser on December 5th, we will also be taking orders for holiday cookie tins and cookie baking kits that you can purchase and share with your family over the holidays!

Come support our annual fundraiser and buy some sweet treats!

**The Student Association of Policy and Administration (SAPA) will annually confer an award in recognition of exemplary service to a student of the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA). The award is to show appreciation to a single student, or students, for dedicated service within the student association. Student nominations will be reviewed by the SAPA Board and should be received

by March. The SAPA Board will decide which nominations are forwarded to the SPPA Honors Awards Committee.

c. The Social Committee (SC)

- i. **SC is in the final stages of preparing for SAPA's Holiday Party.** Holiday Ticket sales will close on Tuesday, December 4th. You can now only purchase tickets directly from Diana Simmons (dwalls@udel.edu) at 184 Graham Hall. The SAPA Holiday Dinner has become a yearly tradition and we have had as many as 65 people attend this event. Many faculty and staff have purchased tickets and we would love to see more student participation. If you can't afford the ticket right now but would still like to go, Diana would be happy to issue you a ticket that you can pay for any time before the event on December 11.
 1. **Tickets are \$25.00 and checks should be made out to the University of Delaware. Dinner includes a buffet with two dinner entrees, salad, two sides, desserts, and iced tea, coffee, and water. There will be a cash bar as well.**
- ii. **Prospective Winter Session Activities:**
 1. Game night;
 2. Intramural sports (email Allison Rice (ricealli@udel.edu) if you are interested in participating on an intramural sports team during the winter session); and the
 3. Polar Bear Plunge.

d. The Professional Development Committee (PDC)

- i. **PDC has hosted two events this semester:**
 1. An Abstract writing Session; and a
 2. Federal Resume Writing Session.
- ii. Despite the fact that students have been asking for professional development activities to be held, neither event was well attended.
- iii. Some venues for students to present research and/or gain professional development experience:
 1. **Research Seminar Series: Contact professor Justice (justice@udel.edu) for more information;**
 2. **Graduate student Forum: more info TBA (tentative date of event in 2013 is May 3rd)**

III. New Visions for Public Affairs (NVPA) Journal

- a. Interested in submitting an original piece of work to a student-led journal? New Visions for Public Affairs, SPPA's student-led journal, invites students of any academic discipline to submit scholarly

work! The journal will accept submissions in a variety of formats including, but not limited to,

- Primary research journal articles;
- Literature reviews;
- Interviews with policymakers and practitioners;
- Book reviews; and
- Policy memos/briefs with recommendations.

****Submissions must be emailed in Microsoft Word file format to nvpajournal@gmail.com by January 4th, 2013.**

Authors may email Editor-in-Chief Paul Ruiz at pruiz@udel.edu with additional questions regarding submissions, and Executive Director Jen Fuqua jenfuqua@udel.edu for all other inquiries.

For a more detailed description of the application process, please click [here](#).

- b. **New Visions for Public Affairs (NVPA) Submissions Workshop:** NVPA, the graduate student public affairs journal of SPPA, will be hosting a workshop for all students interested in submitting a paper to Volume 5 of the journal on **Wednesday, December 5th at 6PM in Graham Hall Room 185**. During the workshop, NVPA editors will be covering common issues regarding format and style, APA citation (6th ed.), as well as the journal's submission assessment rubric. Attending the workshop is a great way to meet NVPA's editors and talk to them about the format and style of the piece you would like to submit to the journal. If you have any questions regarding the workshop, or the journal more generally, please email Editor-in-Chief Paul Ruiz (pruiz@udel.edu).

IV. Miscellaneous concerns

a. Newsletter

- i. How should SAPA communicate important information to students in SPPA? Have any ideas, email us at sapassociation@gmail.com .

1. One idea: Send information to program representatives.

b. Course Scheduling

- i. There are few course offerings for second year students who are participating in the Legislative Fellows program.

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- d. **SPPA Research Seminar Series:** On Wednesday, December 5th, 2012, Dr. Danilo Yanich will be giving a presentation titled *Policy Research and Speaking Truth to Power in the Media Ownership Wars* as part of SPPA's Fall 2012 Research Seminar Series. His presentation will begin at 12:20PM in Graham Hall Room 185. **Seminar Series participants who would like to receive a free lunch, courtesy of SPPA, should notify Diana Simmons (dwalls@udel.edu) no later than the afternoon of Tuesday, December 4th.
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