

**SR-1819-05**

**A RESOLUTION in Favor of Additional Water Bottle Refill Stations on Campus**

WHEREAS the purchase of disposable water bottles is costly, causes unnecessary plastic waste, and contributes negatively to sustainability efforts; and

WHEREAS a growing number of students, faculty and staff use reusable water bottles; and

WHEREAS traditional water fountains are not geometrically practical for refilling water bottles; and

WHEREAS most buildings on campus lack water bottle refill stations; and

WHEREAS existing stations are well-used by students, faculty, and staff, which has caused a reduction in plastic water bottle usage on the order of thousands according to station metrics;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Graduate Student Government calls for an increase in water bottle refill stations on the University of Delaware campus.

**SR-1819-06**

**A RESOLUTION in Favor of a UD Office of Sustainability**

WHEREAS a UD “Climate Action Plan” was announced in 2009 with the goal of reducing campus-wide emissions by 20% by 2020; and

WHEREAS the UD Faculty Senate passed “A Resolution Concerning 100% Renewable and Carbon-Free Electricity to Power UD” in 2017, including the formation of the ‘Sustainability, Energy and Engineering’ commission to look into the economic feasibility of this process; and

WHEREAS the Graduate Student Government passed SR-1718-04 in support of “A Resolution Concerning 100% Renewable and Carbon-Free Electricity to Power UD” in 2018; and

WHEREAS the “Delaware Will Shine” strategic plan was approved by the board of trustees on May 12, 2015, listing the establishment of an Office of Sustainability at UD under strategic initiative number 5; and

WHEREAS all peer universities within the Association of American Universities (AAU) and all Big Ten Institutions have Offices of Sustainability; and

WHEREAS centralized communication would empower various existing entities, such as the Sustainability Task Force, the “Sustainability, Energy and Engineering” group, the Green Liaisons, the University of Delaware Sustainability Manager, and related undergraduate and graduate student organizations; and

WHEREAS streamlining of the reporting structure will enhance the effectiveness of current efforts and avoid overlap of responsibility and inefficient completion of tasks;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Graduate Student Government calls for the establishment of an Office of Sustainability at the University of Delaware.

**SR-1920-01**

**A RESOLUTION Approving the Creation of an *Ad Hoc* Operations Committee for the Academic Year 2019-2020**

WHEREAS the 2018-2019 Student Life Committee of the Graduate Student Government procured funding to disburse to registered Graduate Student Organizations; and

WHEREAS the Graduate Student Government is responsible for the approval and disbursement of these funds to Graduate Student Organizations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Graduate Student Government and the Graduate Student Senate endorses the creation of an *ad hoc* Operations Committee that will report to the Vice President of Internal Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the responsibilities of the *ad hoc* Operations Committee include, but are not limited to, approving the registration, base budget requests, and supplemental funding requests of new and existing Graduate Student Organizations.

**SR-1920-02**

**A RESOLUTION Approving the Creation of a Standing Mental Health Committee**

WHEREAS the Graduate Student Government instituted an *ad hoc* Mental Health Committee in 2017 and renewed the committee's charter for another year in 2018; and

WHEREAS *ad hoc* committees are provisional committees that are automatically dissolved at the end of every academic year, under the assumption that their charge can be carried out within a limited amount of time; and

WHEREAS [several studies have identified](#) mental health as an issue of urgent concern in graduate student populations across the world, and the Graduate Student Government has, in the past, recognized the need for increased and continuous support for graduate students dealing with mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, in response to Graduate-Student-Government-sponsored legislation, the University of Delaware is in the process of rolling out a university-wide, peer-led support program entitled EmPOWER, that will require Graduate Student Government support in training, sponsorships, events, and more;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Graduate Student Government endorses the creation of a standing Mental Health Committee that will report to the Vice President of Student Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the standing Mental Health Committee will pursue and support the successful implementation of the EmPOWER program at the University and will further research, advise on, and implement other programs to improve graduate mental health across the University.