UD Graduate Student Government
November Public Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2019 | Memorial Hall 127 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

I. Call to Order & Welcome
   President Sunder

II. Invited Speaker
   Office of Risk Management
   Ike Jenkins
   A. Student Health Insurance
      1. Changed to Aetna this year
         i. This decision was made to save money
      2. As always, you can opt out of this plan if you have comparable insurance from another source
      3. When you come across providers that don’t take Aetna, let the University know – Mary Martin’s email is marym@udel.edu
      4. Aetna offered the university the best benefits of any program asked to submit a quote
   B. Travel Duty of Care
      1. Medical care when you are traveling internationally whilst a UD student is now provided by GeoBlue Health Insurance
      2. We are also partnering with Drum-Cussac, a travel risk provider
      3. You can find a link to these websites on the Risk Management website
      4. This coverage is provided by the University
      5. To use, you need to register before travel

III. Committee Reports
   Committee Chairs
   A. Internal Affairs Committees
      1. Communications
         a. Continuing to post updates to Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram
         b. Continuing to make improvements to the website
      2. Events
         a. Working on the Forum
         b. Have contacted departments to plan the Forum’s networking event
      3. Operations
         a. Approving funding requests through email
         b. Still in the process of standardizing how base budget requests are approved
      4. Social
         a. Theater Night was fully booked, planning to repeat this event next semester
         b. Bonfire night will be held on Dec. 5th
         c. Planning a winter event
   B. Student Affairs Committee
      1. Diversity
         a. The “Discussions on Diversity” Forum was held recently
i. Students feel there is a lack of support and funding
ii. Lack of access to resources for diverse students (prayer rooms, nursing rooms, breakdown rooms)
iii. Might consider a mentorship hotline

2. Mental Health
   a. Planning to meet Thursday Dec. 5th
   b. The Neurodiversity and Destressing events have been pushed back to next semester

3. Student Life
   a. Looking into maternity life/childcare
   b. Also looking into conflict resolution solutions
   c. Looking into building safety for the Studio Arts building on Cleveland

4. Sustainability
   a. Working on drafting a letter to UD administration
      i. Once the letter has been finalized it will be sent to graduate students asking for co-signers
   b. There is a fellowship available with the Sustainability Council through the Provost’s office that will be open for all graduate students to apply
   c. The first Green Liaisons meeting is scheduled for Dec. 5th

C. Senate Committees
   1. Elections
      a. Working on clarifying elections guidelines
      b. Developing an elections page for the GSG website
      c. Working on the timeline for 2020-2021 elections and increasing visibility among departments that don’t have a senator at the moment
   2. Governance
      a. No resolutions this month
      b. Planning to review governance documents in the near future

D. External Committees
   1. No reports

IV. Organizational Delegates Reports
   A. Grad College update
      1. The Grad Council has formed two committees
         i. Interdisciplinary Committee and Student Life Committee
      2. Grad reps will be meeting Dec. 6th to talk about goals
      3. And to draft legislation to be presented at:
         i. The Grad Council - to give a vote to all grad reps in the Grad Council
         ii. The GSG - to establish a stronger connection between the GSG and the Grad Council

V. Open Floor
   A. Approval of November Minutes
      1. No discussion
B. DHSS Adopt-a-Student Program
   1. Samantha Bingaman has been in contact with the Delaware office
   2. Proposing to place boxes in offices and labs around the university to collect donations of school supplies
      i. GSG senators would be in charge of placing these boxes within their departments/labs
   3. This is the GSG’s community service project for the year

VI. Senate Floor
    Parliamentarian Bingaman
    A. Old Business
       1. Approval of November Minutes
          a. November Minutes approved
    B. New Business
       1. Approval of the Adopt-a-student program
          a. You would have to ask permission to place these boxes
             i. Motion passes

VII. Announcements
     President Sunder
     A. Bonfire Night will be held on Thursday
        1. Sign up at bit.ly/gsgbonfire
     B. Social/Mixer will be held the first week of January session
     C. Jan. 22nd: the GSG January Public Meeting (i.e. a social event) will be held
     D. Meetings next semester will be held on the first week of the month
        1. A survey will be sent out
     E. Over the break:
        1. Please update your drives with minutes from meetings past, information on all the projects you have underway, all documentation, and an agenda for the rest of the year
     F. See you next year!

VIII. Adjournment