

UD Graduate Student Government

September 2020 Public Meeting

September 8, 2020 | Remotely via Zoom | 7:30-9:00pm

1. Call to Order & Welcome President Bingaman
Greetings From Dr. Rossi - Graduate College Dean
Been at UD for 20 years in Mathematical Sciences
Formerly in the Department of Mathematical Science
Improving Graduate education and moving in new directions
Building community

Questions

1. Jennifer Daniels - budget cuts due to COVID, how will this affect Grad students
 - a. Fellowships will not be changing
 - b. Travel budget - easy to cut
 - c. GSO funding will be cut back (offering less), starting off with fewer commitments, but GSOs can still ask for
2. Nicole Rucker - Senator from Marine Policy - how to include satellite campus students
 - a. Have reached out to social engineers/event planners
 - b. OISS - trivia game as a potential solution
 - c. Currently on the agenda for the leadership team
 - d. Leverage GSOs
 - e. Suggestion: contact GSA from Lewes
3. Akshay - international students not being paid if they wish to leave now until the end of semester or if they left during quarantine.
 - a. Human Resources will not pay non-residents not in the US
 - b. Visit vs leaving is unclear
 - c. Will follow the guidance of the faculty advisors
4. Ioannis Vasileios Chremos - Mechanical Engineering - Increasing student fees of \$100 with no explanation. Paying for student center and gym renovations when those facilities will not be used.
 - a. Budget Office sets student fees, not graduate college
 - b. Fees don't work as a "use tax"
 - c. Health fees increase due to COVID, testing, tele-visits, mental health, etc
 - d. Students would like a more detailed explanation of fee increase
 - e. Comment: student fees have gone up every year but salaries are not
 - f. Mental health are there for graduate students too and prepared to help them with their special needs

2. Committee Reports Vice Presidents & Committee Chairs
 - a. Committee Assignments

- i. Charges, chairs, and meetings!
- ii. Diversity, Sustainability, Student Life, Social, Communications, Events, Elections
 - 1. Can join multiple committees
- iii. Committee Assignments
 - 1. Task for next few weeks
 - a. Pick Chair/Co-Chair - Secret Value, majority wins
 - b. Hold first meeting w/ election
 - c. Meetings are usually once a month but can be help as meeting (via Zoom)
 - d. Vice Presidents will organize the first meeting
- b. Internal Affairs Committees
 - i. Communications
 - ii. Events
 - iii. Operations - Lauren Mosesso
 - 1. Approve funding for GSOs
 - 2. \$800 limit
 - 3. Currently no budget for GSOs, so current funding is very conservative
 - 4. General protocols for COVID/social distancing
 - a. No in person events for first 6 weeks of semester
 - 5. Beginning to approve base budget requests
 - iv. Social
- c. Student Affairs Committees
 - i. Diversity - Akshay Bhosale
 - 1. Programming and social issues
 - 2. Town Hall regarding diversity issues on campus with administration
 - 3. Ask all active committee members what priorities should be
 - a. Petition with a list of 13 requests - these should be actively pursued
 - b. Greater accountability for diversity issues at UD and in the community, hold Dean Rossi accountable
 - 4. Questions/Comments:
 - a. Outreach for students with disabilities (learning disabilities)
 - b. Students may feel isolated/prone to panic attacks
 - c. Weekly check ins for students
 - d. Had plans for neurodiversity but were supposed to be in person events. May get postponed until Spring 2021
 - ii. Mental Health - Peyton Delgorio
 - 1. Events for the semester

2. 4 events throughout the semester
 3. In addition there will be more informal drop in hours
 4. EMPOWER being implemented into multiple departments on campus
 5. Counseling and mental health issues specifically with grad students and minority grad students
- iii. Student Life
 1. No activity for the past 3 months
 2. Working conditions of grad students on campus
 - iv. Sustainability - William Vincett
 1. Future of our past legislations
 2. Who best can help build a sustainable committee
 - v. ACCOUNTABILITY - Akshay Bhosale
- d. Senate Committees
 - i. Elections - Blake
 - ii. Governance - Parliamentarian and Deputy Parliamentarian (TBA)
 - e. External Committees
 - i. Need to fill a few more spots with representatives
 - ii. Fall Reopening Steering Committee - Sam Bingaman
 1. Updates emailed and communicated via President Assanis
 2. Made the right decision but
 - iii. Newark City Council - Savannah Sipes
 1. Working with Caitlin Olsen - Government and Community Affairs Manager at UD, Mayor Jerry Clifton, City Manager Tom Coleman
 2. Newark Diversity Committee, increase diversity in the Newark Police Department
 3. Bike Safety
 - a. Bike Newark
 - b. Need specific complaints from students
 - c. Road improvement, bike share program
 - d. Caitlin Olsen looking for an assistant to improve biking community on campus (League of American Cyclists Audit)
 4. Voting/Registration Outreach
 - a. League of Women VOTers
 - b. Voter 411 Program/UD Turbo VOTE
 - c. Website with voting information
 5. Increase Student Participation on City Committees
 6. Sustainability
 - a. Senator Stephanie Hanson - Native Plants Bill

- 7. The Newark Partnership - nonprofit working with city, UD, nonprofits, and businesses
 - 8. Social
 - a. Request from Tom Coleman for social event ideas
 - b. Alfresco Nights on Main St
 - c. Parks on Draft
 - 9. Question
 - a. Can international students work on committees for city council?
 - iv. Graduate College Council Representatives
 - 1. Jennifer Daniels - College of Arts and Sciences/Biden School
 - 2. Representative from each college
 - 3. Lots of new members on the council
 - 4. Meeting to come
 - v. Meetings will be closed - if that changes updates will come
3. Organizational Delegates Reports Organizational Delegates
N/A
- a. Need to Fill...
 - i. External Committees
 - ii. Faculty Senate Committees
 - iii. Asking for Sign Ups from Senators
 - iv. Usually 1/month meetings
4. Open Floor President Bingaman
- a. Discussion of May Minutes
 - b. Overview of Senator Responsibilities - Handbook and Robert's Rules
 - i. Attend all GSG public meetings
 - ii. Vote on Legislative
 - iii. Vote for officers to serve on exec council
 - iv. Disseminate information and recommendations from the GSG to constituents
 - v. Solicit the ideas and opinions of your constituents and forward to GSG
 - vi. Attend any special meetings warranting an energy assembly of the GGS
 - vii. Serve on at least one standing committee or one external University Committee
 - viii. Membership Policy
 - ix. Make it a priority to be at meetings
 - x. Find a proxy if you cannot attend meetings
 - xi. Submit votes on legislation if cannot attend meetings to Blake Abraham and Kimmie Wodzanowski
 - xii. Please See Senator Handbook for all information

- c. Kimmie Wodzanowski - Robert's Rules
 - i. Voting will take place in the chat on Zoom
 - ii. Website for Robert's Rules:
<https://www.boardeffect.com/blog/roberts-rules-of-order-cheat-sheet/#:~:text=Robert's%20Rules%20of%20Order%20is,is%20still%20in%20use%20today>
 - iii. Votes will be counted immediately
 - d. Nominations for Deputy Parliamentarian
 - i. William "Bill" Repetto - English PhD student - 1st year
5. Senate Floor Parliamentarian Wodzanowski
- a. Old Business
 - i. Approval of May Minutes
 - b. New Business
 - i. Voting for Deputy Parliamentarian
 - 1. Vote for Deputy Parliamentarian
 - a. 24 yes for Bill Repetto
 - b. YAY!
6. Announcements President Bingaman
- a. Upcoming social event
 - i. Socially distanced in person event
 - ii. Information to come
 - iii. Virtual event to come in 2 weeks
 - b. TurboVote competition
 - i. Voter Registration
 - ii. Student organizations receive link to help people register
 - iii. 1 point per registration
 - iv. Email to come with link
 - c. Clean up Newcastle County!
 - i. DE usually has coastal cleanup
 - ii. Instead, trash pickup around community using app
 - iii. Keep track of weight and type of trash
 - iv. Get funding from NOAA
 - v. Email Lauren for more info
 - vi. Or google DE Coastal CleanUp
<https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/coastal-cleanup>
 - vii. Interest in in person trash pick up? Let Lauren know
 - d. bit.ly/UDslack
 - i. Join Slack page to stay up to date!

7. Adjournment

Execs Only

1. Create relationships with satellite campuses
2. Diversity committee to take on students with disabilities
3. Follow up with Dr. Rossi about student fees
 - a. Sam will follow up with Dr. Rossi