

Graduate Student Senate♥

General Assembly Meeting
February 14, 2018

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Agenda

- Brent Stringfellow
- Announcements
- Parking and Transportation: Sara Irick
 - 20-minute presentation
 - Q&A Session
- Open Floor

Parking and Transportation

Brent Stringfellow

Board of Trustees Breakfast 🍳

- Friday, March 2
- Clubs/student groups help prepare food for trustees
- Great way to network, meet Lehigh trustees!
- Sign Up Here: <https://tinyurl.com/11R0T2018>



GRADUATE LIFE OFFICE AND GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE PRESENT OUR
ANNUAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES BREAKFAST FOR GRADUATE STUDENT CLUBS.

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Committee Volunteers needed!

- University Committee on Discipline (1)
- Calendar Committee (1)

Calendar committee" should we keep four o'clock exams
Discipline commitr

The Graduate Experience

liona Scully (GSS Graduate Experience Committee)



We are currently accepting applications for the Graduate Research and Development (GRaD) Experience!

This experience is meant to showcase the research conducted by Lehigh's graduate students in every field. Our audience will be Lehigh alumni and their families who will have little to no background in your field of study. The goal is to communicate broad concepts in your research field in a clear and concise way using **hands-on or interactive demonstrations**.

This is a great way to practice sharing your research with non-experts, and this event can often satisfy the community outreach requirements found in federal grant applications. Single participants or groups of up to 4 people may apply.

Fill out the Application by, February 16th, 2018:
Please e-mail ids214@lehigh.edu for the application

When: Alumni Weekend, June 9, 2018
Location: UC Front Lawn
Time: 11:45am-1:00pm



GSS Spring Photography Contest 📷

- **Submissions due on February 16**
- Categories: (1) Lehigh Swag, (2) Lehigh in the World, (3) Picture Perfect
- 1 submission per category per person
- E-mail submissions to Audree at amc308@lehigh.edu
 - “lastname.category”
 - E.g., “ungson.lehighswag.jpg”
- Winners announced on February 28
- \$50 per category, \$50 for overall



Recyclemania Contest



Lehigh is participating in the national Recyclemania competition between February 4 and March 31! Recyclemania is a friendly 8-week waste diversion and recycling competition against colleges and universities to promote waste reduction and recycling activities in campus communities. During this competition, Lehigh will report the amount of recycling and trash collected each week and will in turn be ranked in various categories against other schools. This is the sixth year that Lehigh will be participating in this tournament.

THIS YEAR'S GOAL

- Raise awareness among Lehigh faculty, staff, and students about what is and isn't recyclable at Lehigh and how to reduce waste generation.
- Increase the average waste diversion rate by AT LEAST 5 percent compared to the pre-competition waste diversion rate.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Learn [what is and isn't recyclable](#) at Lehigh! Here is a [trash](#) sign and [recycling](#) sign for your bins.
- Recycle and reduce your waste generation as much as possible during this competition...and everyday!
- Bring a reusable mug to any Lehigh Dining location throughout Recyclemania and get \$0.99 brewed drip coffee (iced or hot).
- Participate in the [Used Athletic Shoe Drive](#) from Feb 15 - Mar 1. Collection boxes are set up at the following locations: Iacocca Hall, 2nd Floor; STEPS Concourse; Taylor Gym near Fitness Center; Stabler Arena near main entrance; Williams Hall Torcivia Greenhouse.

Responsibility lies with all of us to make a difference. Visit Lehigh's Recyclemania [website](#) to see the events that are happening during Recyclemania! Look for this information in the Weekly Buzz.

Announcements

- **2018 Communicating Science Workshop (ComSciCon)**

- Applications are now open for ComSciCon 2018, the 6th annual Communicating Science workshop, to be held in Boston, MA on June 14-16th 2017. Graduate students at U.S. and Canadian institutions in all fields of science, technology, engineering, health, mathematics, and related fields are encouraged to apply. The application will close on March 1st.
- Attendance is free; travel support and lodging will be provided to accepted applicants.
- Participants will build the communication skills that scientists and other technical professionals need to express complex ideas to the general public, experts in other fields, and their peers. In addition to panel discussions (on topics such as Creative Storytelling, Science Journalism, Diversity/Inclusivity, and a Case Study on Scicomm in Medicine), ample time is allotted for networking with science communication experts and developing science outreach collaborations with fellow graduate students.
- <https://comscicon.com/comscicon18-workshop>

Announcements

Pups and a Pic Series

Wednesday, 2/21

Packer House

Movie beginning at 7:00pm

Pups and a Pic Series

Watch a feel-good movie and hang out with some lovable dogs!

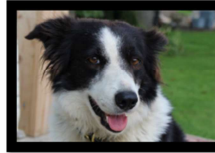
Love dogs? Missing pets from home? Want to unwind with a pup to cuddle?
Join us for *Pups and a Pic*!

Wednesday, 2/28

Packer House

Movie beginning at 7:00pm sharp

Opening event in the *Pups and a Pic* series will feature Annie and Fiona



Annie is a 5-year-old medium-sized Border Collie who is a little shy but is eager to please and steals the heart of anybody who gets to know her. She is a trained stock dog that came from a cattle ranch in New Mexico. Although she is very obedient and loves to work, her original owner treated her badly so she couldn't handle the pressure of a working ranch. Annie's favorite activities are snuggling up next to someone, watching squirrels, and playing around the farm.



Fiona is a 5-year-old medium-sized mixed-breed mutt who is outgoing, exuberant, and loves to be the center of attention. She was adopted at 10 months of age when her owners went to a shelter intending to just "play with the dogs," but ended up not being able to leave without her. Fiona's favorite activities are playing with people and leaning in for a good rub, prancing around carrying her toys, and exploring in the woods.

Additional *Pups and a Pic* events featuring other dogs are tentatively planned for the last Wednesday of every month this semester.

Announcements

- **Nominate for University Awards**

- Nominate by February 16
- <https://awards.web.lehigh.edu/>

- **UG Senate: “Casino Night”**

- ~Thursday, March 1st | UC
- Student bands, DJ, dancing, a photographer and props, food, gambling (for raffle tickets which will then be used for the multiple goodie baskets which will be raffled off), alcoholic drinks (21+)
- **Committee: Meets weekly |**
Thursdays at 4:10 in Williams 080.

Upcoming GSS E-Board Election

- **If you are interested, please get in touch!**

- **Timeline**
 - March 21: nominations open
 - April 18: nominations closed
 - April 25: candidate speeches, voting
 - May 2: New E-Board runs meeting!

Announcements



GRADUATE CULTURAL BREAKFAST HOSTS WANTED:

- We are looking for Grad Clubs to host cultural breakfasts!
- E-mail gradlife@lehigh.edu to choose a Thursday at 10am to hold your breakfast.
- You and your club members shop and/or prepare and serve food (for about 80-100 students) specific to your club/culture.
- GSS helps fund expenses 1/2 the cost up to \$75 and your club budget funds the rest. Cultural breakfasts are a great way to introduce a little piece of your home to Lehigh.

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Announcements

Seriously.... Check the Weekly Buzz! 🗨️

Guidelines for Effective Dialogue

- “Try On”
- It’s Okay to Disagree
- NO Attack, Blame, or Shame
- Practice Self-Focus
- Practice Both/And Thinking

Parking and Transportation

Sara Irick

Path to Prominence Transportation Planning

Vision

- Reduce the environmental footprint
- Reduce reliance on automobile for travel
- Promote usage and expansion of the bus/shuttle service
- Encourage Health and Wellness through walking and cycling

Need

- Expansion (1000 undergraduate, 800 graduate students)
- Infrastructure ‘: Must accomodate development of new student housing

Broadhead: 428 beds

Bridewest: In the place of Trembly and Kappa Delta sorority

University Center: More external facing

Health Science and Technology Building: Whitaker Parking Lot

Executive MBA building: Facility Parking Lot

Christmas-Saucon Replacement Building

Roadways

- Focus on Multimodal Enhancements
- No car zone (except emergencies/deliveries) Packer Avenue to the North and Broadhead Avenue to the West.

- Make Packer Avenue completely car free from the Church to Zoellner

Parking

- PTP impacts existing parking spaces
- Focus investment of PTP advancing LU's Reputation and mission
- Existing surface lots have been identified as project sites
- PTP will be developed to accommodate parking impacts with minimal investment in new parking

PTP Transportation Planning Policy

- Encourage Multimodal Travel
- Encourage Remote Parking
- Provide Shuttle Usage
- Reduce Packer Campus Parking Demand
- Maximize Usage of Existing Parking Supply
- Replace Select Parking on Packer
- Partner with City of Bethlehem
- Incentives to Reduce Vehicle Use

Parking Study

- Ongoing
 - SouthSide Commons
 - Understanding our users
 - Student Parking Permits decreasing
 - Occupancy studies
 - Plan for future project impact
- Next Steps
 - Stakeholder group outreach
 - Assignment
- Potential Outcomes
 - Evening Permits
 - Short-term vendor/Contractor permits
 - Student Lottery
 - Expanded commuter lots at Mountaintop, Saucon Village, Goodman

Goal: increase ridership

- Efficiency
- Reliability
- Reduction of Wait Time
- Ease-of-Use

Existing

- User Group: Students
- Demand Locations:
 - Packer Avenue
 - Williams Hall
 - Iacocca Hall

- Saucon Village
- Drown Hall

Future

- Use Group: Student, Faculty, and Staff
- Future Demand Locations:
 - Broadhead and Packer
 - 3rd and New Street Office Building/Garage
 - Service Building

Lehigh Transit System Extension into SouthSide

- Economic benefits for both southside and LU
- Improve safety perception by have a policy and Transit presence

Mountaintop Express → Takes more than 10 minutes, Not good with current class system.

Packer Express → helps you get up the hill (possible expansion to Farrington Square)

5 Buses on Campus Connector Route → not going to take more then 10 minutes per bus. Expand campus connector go to 2 am instead of having the Tracs System. These could get absorbed

Brainstorming Improvements to Transportation System

- Efficient use of existing parking supply
- Promote multi-modal transportation
- Sustainable growth
- Improve walkability of campus and implement “no car” zones
- ADA-Accessibility
- Car Share and Bike Share
- Branding the Transit System
- Keep Messaging Simple
- Make it an experience
- Incentives for increase ridership
- Campaign Days
- Social Media
- Transit System Bus Stop Improvements (information and Amenities)
- Nighttime and weekend bus service
- Permit Incentives and Satellite/Commuter lots

Grant Applications

- Grant Applications Submitted
 - Mutli-modal Improvements to New Street from Fahy Bridge to Morton Street
- Future Potential APplications
 - Goal: Better integrate SouthSide and LU
 - Goal: Spur economic development

Q&A

No solution for leaving campus: no groceries, need a car to get to the bus station.

- Weekend grocery shuttle might be expanded
- LANTA regional bus pass. New street bus would have both

Offsight Pricing is too expensive

- If Lehigh adds mechanic street, we won't be charging the 45 a month and would be subsidized

Will the report be made accessible to graduate students?

- There will be a town hall meeting

Is there any study that is for graduate students needs?

- Faculty and staff will be assigned parking spaces

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Open Floor

Upcoming Speakers

- **February 28**
 - Provost Pat Farrell

- **March 21**
 - Lynn D'Angelo-Bello
 - Ben Felzer

- **April 4**
 - John Simon (?)

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Next Meeting:
February 28, 2018

