Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
February 14, 2018
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://tinvil.com/I/HQVT2018
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

Iiona 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 graduate students in every field. Our audience will be either parents and their families, who will have little to no background in your field of study. They will be attending GRaD Experience to see the research and understand the way hands on or interactive demonstrations.

This is a great way to practice sharing your research with nonmajors, and future grad applications. We encourage group applications. These participants or groups of up to 5 people may apply.

Fill out the Application by, February 10th, 2018;
Please email info@grand.info for the application.

When: Aladdin Westward, June 8, 2018
Location: UC Front Lawn
Time: 11:00am - 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](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 Beagle/Collie who is a little shy but a eager to please and melts the heart of anybody who gets to know her. She is a trained search dog that came from a seta council in New Mexico. Although she is very obedient and loves to walk, her owner's health has limited his ability to handle the necessary training, leading to regular training sessions, struggling up steps to overcome, watching squirrels, and playing around the house.

Fiona is a 5-year-old medium-sized medium-sized Australian Shepherd who is energetic and devoted, and loves to be the center of attention. She was adopted at 6 months of age when her owner went to a shelter and took "just a pet for life", but ended up not being able to keep both. Fiona's favorite activities are playing with people and other dogs, running around the yard, and exploring in the woods.

Additional *Pups and a Pic* events featuring other dogs are tentatively planned for the 2nd Wednesday of every month this semester.
Announcements

- **Nominate for University Awards**
  - Nominate by February 16
  - [https://awards.web.lehigh.edu/](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.
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
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 accommodate 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 Reupationg 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
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 having 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 than 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-model 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
  - Multi-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
Open Floor
Upcoming Speakers

- **February 28**
  - Provost Pat Farrell

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

- **April 4**
  - John Simon (?)
Next Meeting:
February 28, 2018