Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
February 28, 2018

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Agenda

- Announcements
- Provost Pat Farrell: Structure of Graduate Studies
  - Presentation
  - Q&A Session
- Open Floor
Congratulations, Photo Contest Winners!

Princess Neely- Best Overall Photo
Ross Gunderson- Lehigh in the World Photo
Divyesh Gawad- Best Picture Perfect Photo
Correll French- Best Lehigh Swag Photo
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Correll French- Best Lehigh Swag Photo
UG Research at the Capital Judges
Mike Mfarej

Outreach/networking opportunity:
Judge undergraduate poster presentations at the URC-PA

Tuesday, April 17th in Harrisburg
~9am – 2:30 (breakfast provided)
Possible group transportation?

Contact mim315@lehigh.edu to sign up!
Do we have the budget? Yes!
Is everyone a voting member? Yes!
What is the vote? Yes!
Announcements

Pups and a Pic Series
Wednesday, 2/28
Packer House
Movie beginning at 7:00pm

Watch a feel-good movie and hang out with some lovable dogs!
Are you missing pets from home? Want to meet with a pup to cuddle?

Join us for Pups and a Pic!

Opening event for the Pups and a Pic series will feature Annie and Finn.

Annie is a 5-year-old Australian Cattle Dog who is a little bit of a people pleaser and makes the heart of everyone who sees her happy. She is a social, active dog who loves to be around people. Although she is a bit shy, she quickly warms up to new friends and is always ready to play. Annie’s favorite activities include walking, swimming, and exploring new areas.

Finn is a 5-year-old Australian Cattle Dog who is a wagging, enthusiastic, and loves to be the center of attention. He was adopted at 18 months of age when he was found abandoned. Despite his earlier struggles, Finn’s favorite activities include playing with people and enjoying the great outdoors. Finn’s loving nature and playful spirit make him a perfect companion for all ages.

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

**TIME**
April 14th, 2:00 p.m.

**COST**
$50-$70
*includes two-way ride to NYC and show tickets*

**PRE-SIGN UP & DETAILS**
tinyurl.com/PreSignChicago

**CONTACT**
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- Final cost will be set and announced on March 8th.
- Non-Lehigh guests are welcome.
- 2 tickets per Lehigh ID are allowed.
Announcements

Graduate Student Life Leadership Awards
Accepting nominations
Now-March 23rd
https://gradlife.web.lehigh.edu/programs/awards

Committee Volunteers Needed
University Committee on Discipline Calendar Committee
Upcoming GSS E-Board Election

- If you are interested, please get in touch with us!

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

Details to be Released Soon...
Be on the lookout for info about the new electronic Travel Grant application process that’s in the works!

Check the Weekly Buzz for more announcements! 🌉
Upcoming Speakers

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

- **April 4**
  - John Simon (?)
Calendar Committee- Trying to look at the academic calendar. We really need a graduate student representative. 1-2 month commitment. E-mail Greg Tonkay associate dean of engineering. To ask when the next calendar committee meeting is.

Structure of Graduate Studies

- There was a graduate school that was abolished in 2000. This was then delegated to the college. We don't have anything centrally structured except the GLO
- We want to add a deputy provost for graduate education
  - Elevate the visibility of graduate education
    - Terminal Masters and PhD
  - Elevate activity in support of graduate programs
  - This would NOT change the way graduate students are recruited
  - Would collect and access data about graduate students in a uniform way.
  - Advocate for graduate students
  - How might we pay for this?
  - Thoughts, Reactions?

Q&A
Would marketing the program be part of the job?
- 25% of the job would be marketing Lehigh’s Graduate Program.

Will this person be concerned with academics (graduate specific curriculum/ writing/ research)?
- Looking at graduate education landscapes across college and identify opportunities for saving time and effort (e.g. same grad application across colleges)
- Support commonalities between colleges
- This could help us create an interdisciplinary program across colleges PhD

Would this person collaborate with external institutions or companies to increase research?
- We already have people doing that.

Would graduate students have any input on the hiring?
- Create a committee on hiring and add a position for graduate students.

Have you thought about organizing a summer camp in science and engineering for graduate students before they come to Lehigh to get more experience with Lehigh?
- May want something for international student

How can we make Lehigh more visible to international students?
- We need more events or ways to introduce international students to Lehigh

Will you collaborate with the GLO?
- Yes

Would this help us to collaborate across colleges
- Yes

Let me know what ideas you have for improving graduate studies at Lehigh
Mike (mim315@lehigh.edu)
Tuesday April 17th in Harrisburg
Judging ends at 12:30
Biological Science Dept
-UG Research at the Capital Judges
-We need Judges
-We need at least 3 graduate students

What is the main focus—getting UG involved in higher tier research
People across all disciplines needed

BOT Trustees do the GSS support rescinding the degree?
-A topic for next meeting
Next Meeting:
March 21, 2018
*GSS Position Nominations Open*