

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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UG Research at the Capital Judges

Mike Mfarej



Judges needed in:

- STEM
- Social Sciences
- Arts & Humanities

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!

NAGPS Information

liona

Do we have the budget? Yes!
Is everyone a voting member? Yes!
What is the vote? Yes!

Announcements

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

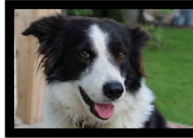
Opening event in the *Pups and a Pic* series will feature Annie and Fiona

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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: struggling 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 learning to do a good job, 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.

Trip to Broadway

CHICAGO
THE MUSICAL



BROADWAY'S ALL-TIME KILLER HIT

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

2018 Graduate Leadership Awards



Graduate Student Life Leadership Awards

Teaching Assistant Award
Designated to honor excellence by graduate student teaching assistants (TAs). Each will carry with it a \$500 cash prize and recognition by the University.
(Sorry, Post Doc TAs are not eligible)

Nominations may be made by any undergraduate student for any graduate student teaching assistant currently employed by Lehigh University. No one is eligible to receive the award more than twice.

Commencement Speaker Nomination
The Graduate Commencement Speaker should be a doctoral student expecting to graduate in May 18, or who has graduated in September 17 or January 18. The speaker should be someone who has produced excellent and interesting research and would be an exemplar of the graduate experience.
Faculty, staff and students are invited to nominate.
Self-nominations will not be considered.

Graduate Student Senate Champions
This award is to recognize those individuals who on a regular basis serve as champions for graduate students. Some perform deeds that are simple, some extraordinary, but every recipient practices a care and concern for the well-being of graduate students that deserves a public thank you.
Faculty, staff and students are eligible to be nominated. Self-nominations will not be considered.

Graduate Life Leadership Award
The recipient shall be a graduate student in good standing who has shown exemplary commitment, leadership and service to the Lehigh graduate student community and whose efforts have made significant contribution to graduate student life. Each will carry a \$200 cash prize. Nominations may be submitted by students faculty and staff.
Self-nominations will not be considered and a student may not win more than once.

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!

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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 (?)

Provost Pat Farrell

Structure of Graduate Studies

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

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Open Floor

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



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Next Meeting: March 21, 2018

GSS Position Nominations Open