Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
April 4, 2018

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Agenda

- Benjamin Felzer: Faculty Committee on Student Life
- VOTING: Amendment to Fiscal Governance
- Announcements
- Open Floor
Benjamin Felzer

Faculty Committee on Student Life

Things are changing with the introduction of a faculty senate
- The committee advises the committee on grad and undergrad student life
- Representative from each college, undergrad, grad, and deans of student life
- Improve faculty engagement with students
- Consultative role, should we be able to affect change?

What do we do?
- Blueprint Grant
- Dining with your professor

Group reports to steering committee and board of trustees

What can the committee do to engage faculty with student affairs?
Feedback?
- Advertise more to students
- Blueprint grant system works
- Informal opportunities for faculty and students to come together
- We spend a lot of time with one faculty member, how can we prioritize mentorship?
- Knowing where we can go to do social events
- Showcase positive interactions with students
- Workshop for faculty on mentorship
- Blueprints may be too prescribed
● Developing policies that will elevate the institutional culture
● How much time should faculty be devoting to students. This should be part of the culture.
Announcements

GSS Travel Grant Fundraiser

- **When:** TOMORROW, April 5, 4pm-8pm
- **Where:** 1774 Grille & Tap (605 Main St. Hellertown)

- Mention “Lehigh's GSS Travel Grants,” then 15% of the proceeds from your purchase will be donated to the GSS Travel Grant Fund!

- We supported grad students with travel grants with over $14,000 this year, but we want to do more!
- [Click HERE for more information and to RSVP!](#)
GSS Grad Formal

- Friday, April 13, 7-10pm
- Zoellner Center
- Tickets:
  - $12 ($15 at door)
  - Click on flier in Weekly Buzz
  - Also available at Packer House!
Make a Mask for The Formal!

- Friday, April 13th 1:30-3:00pm
- Packer House
- Basic masks, hot glue, and decorations provided!
- http://tinyurl.com/formalmask
Announcements

31st International Bazaar
April 8, 2018 from
12:00-4:00PM
@ Zoellner Arts Center
Announcements

The Deans’ Graduate Student Awards Luncheon
Where: Wood Dining Room in Iacocca Hall
When: Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 12pm-1:30pm

RSVP HERE!!!

Grad Student Appreciation Week!
Mashed potato bar, pizza taste-off,
Paraffin hand dips, GRAD FORMAL!,
Graduate student picnic!

2018 Grad Student Appreciation Week

Monday April 9

Graduate Student Luncheon
Wood Dining Room, Iacocca Hall

Tuesday April 10

Pizza Taste-Off
Wood Dining Room, Iacocca Hall

Wednesday April 11

Graduate Student Awards Luncheon
Wood Dining Room, Iacocca Hall

Thursday April 12

Paraffin Hand Dips & Beer Tasting
12 Noon to 2:00 PM, Plaza Hall

Friday April 13

Graduate Student Karaoke
Wood Dining Room, Iacocca Hall

Saturday April 14

Graduate Student Picnic
University Park, Great Lawn

Check our website for more information and our private

ingss@lehigh.edu
Announcements

- NAGPS Northeast Regional Conference - Liona Scully
  - April 20-21st, 2018 (Fri 6:00 pm-Sat 5:00 pm)
  - University of PA in Philadelphia
- To register: https://tinyurl.com/y8ohzylu
- More info: https://tinyurl.com/y8hch9vp
  - Free registration since this is our first time joining!
  - Covers happy hour, continental breakfast and lunch; dinner covered for attendees of NAGPS registered institutions

University of PA in Philadelphia
Announcements

Club budgets submission

- Send required documents via email to isc214@lehigh.edu by the due date (04/16).
- Details sent to club officers’ emails.

For questions:
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GSS Executive Board Elections

Timeline:

- 4/18: nominations closed
- 4/25 GSS Meeting: candidate speeches, voting
- 5/2: New E-Board runs meeting!

GSS Election Guidelines: Click here
GSS Executive Board Elections

Current E-Board and link to duties document:

- **President**, Nick Ungson (ndu213)
- **Vice-President**, Elyse Stevens (els616)
- **Secretary**, Iiona Scully (ids214)
- **Treasurer**, Soner Cinoglu (isc214)
- **Communications**, Caitlin Lindley (cal416)
- **Travel Grants**, Wynvre Stout (was214)
- **Historian**, Audree Chase-Mayoral (amc308)

President: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IKGgsOkATYTCZ7KqoSMYk-6C9mhLi9jd
Vice-President: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1rHeAkB7yfkeljh1YXCmqEJLXHI4DmjD
Secretary: https://drive.google.com/open?id=14oRZcsi4yQThWiZtXS_MJlrYfpvv_KhC
Treasurer: https://drive.google.com/open?id=15WxpydWy5XKNqM442PGZXLwFHPzjEe_f
Communications: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IVdDXREojsXYF694O0gpKzSO4AsNuG_0
Travel Grants: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1UvTEXSXcuwqATqJdyuw1JtAGlzd1u3-S
Historian: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1SIJK4uOmXNwefD7wrmaDZFUm424_1gji

More specific information is available at these links!!
Amendment to Fiscal Governance

IV) Travel Grants

A) Intent
The purpose of the Travel Grant Program shall be to assist Graduate Students in attending professional conferences. The Program is intended to cover expenses which Graduate Students would otherwise be forced to pay out-of-pocket. It is intended to supplement existing funds, not to supersede them.

B) Application Process
1. Verification:
The Graduate Student Senate will provide applications which must be adequately filled out and returned to the Graduate Student Center or to the Travel Grants Officer. Verification procedures are indicated on the application. Applicants should be warned to submit the application at least one month prior to leaving to allow for processing time. The Grant Officer will decide whether or not to accept any application submitted after the applicant leaves for his/her trip.

2. Qualification:
a. To qualify for a travel grant, the applicant must be from an active Graduate Unit. The student's unit must be active on both the date of application for the travel grant and during the dates of the conference. It shall be the responsibility of the student to ensure his/her unit maintains active status. All approved travel grant applications shall be contingent upon verification of active unit status during the dates of the conference.

b. The applicant must be an enrolled graduate student at Lehigh during the semester in All in Favor: Passed
“Check Your Blind Spots” at Lehigh

Wednesday, April 18, 12pm-4pm

- UC Flag Pole
- Learn about unconscious bias through interactive videos, quizzes, etc.

If interested in helping organize…

- Brainstorm/planning meeting to support the event on Thursday, April 5 at 4:00 p.m. in UC 308
Lehigh Badminton Club- Play Wednesdays and Sundays 8-10pm Taylors Gym Basketball Court

In William Hall Global Commons at 4:10: Former PhD at Lehigh will talk about the food epidemic 1919
Friday at 12:30: Scientific Writing Workshop
Next Meeting:
April 25, 2018

Candidate speeches and voting!