Graduate Student Senate

Summer General Assembly Meeting
July 16, 2018
RBC 091
Agenda

- Vice President Position
- Unit Senators and Club Representatives
- Open Committee Positions
- NAGPS
- Announcements
- Open Floor
Vice President Position: Call for Nominations

- Official call for nominations will occur at the first Fall GSS Meeting
- VP election will occur at the second Fall GSS Meeting
- If you are interested in running for VP please email us!

Soner Cinoglu is currently acting as our Interim VP.
Unit Senators and Club Representatives

- Are you the unit senator for your department or club representative?
- Unit senators
  - Primary and Secondary
  - Have your graduate coordinator confirm!

Please let us know!

Please have your graduate coordinator email kam716@lehigh.edu or they can email ingss@lehigh.edu
Budget Committee

- We still need one representative from the College of Education
- 3 to 3.5 hour commitment
- We will provide lunch!

Please let us know ASAP!

Email James: jhc312@lehigh.edu

Will go through budget proposals from all the clubs and allocating money to the clubs depending on their previous events and what they want their calendar to look like for the upcoming year.

This position was filled during this meeting by Tracy. A doodle pool will be sent out to set up the upcoming meeting.
Open Committee Positions for the Fall

- GSS Budget Committee (4 members, 1 per college) NEED 1 from College of Education
- Graduate and Research Committee (2-3 members) NEED 3
- Education Policy for Undergraduates (1 member) NEED 1
- University Committee on Discipline (3 members) NEED 2
- Lehigh Environmental Advisory Group (LEAG) (1 member) NEED 1
- Faculty Committee on Student Life (1 member) NEED 1

Budget committee was filled.
Graduate and Research committee, generally have conversations about research opportunities on campus.
Education policy for undergraduates- Talk about what happens in courses and when concerns come up, They have monthly meetings
LEAG- focus on environmental issues on campus, talk about how to improve environmental conditions on campus, etc.
Committee on Access to Mental Health- one person volunteered to be a part of this committee.
Faculty committee on Student Life- made up mostly of faculty, integrate more faculty with the student life experience, focus on undergrad students but grads are there as well, so important to have a grad student on the committee so that they can consider our needs as well. Also decide on BLUEprint grants.
Open Committee Positions for the Fall

- Printing/Green Committee (1 member) NEED 1
- Bookstore Committee (1 member) NEED 1
- Transportation Sustainability Committee (1 member) NEED 1
- Leadership Awards Committee (1 member) NEED 1
- Faculty Committee on Global Affairs (1 member) NEED 1
- Facilities Planning Committee (1 member) NEED 1
- Council for Equitable Community Committee (2 members) NEED 2

Sign-up link: https://goo.gl/wH8gJB

Council on equity and community committee- Big committee that meets once a month on Tuesday at lunch time. Try to make Lehigh meet with its ideals to be equitable and inclusive for its students.

If interested in joining a committee, it's a great way to get experience on what it looks like to be an active faculty member.

If you have any questions, feel free to email ingss@lehigh.edu to ask questions, get more information on the committee.
NAGPS

- Lehigh has been selected to host the 2019 NAGPS Northeast Regional Conference!
  - The conference will most likely be held on March 29th and 30th
- If you are interested in getting involved with NAGPS or in planning and executing the conference please let me know!

The location will most likely be EWFM Library on March 29th-30th, as long as those dates are approved by NAGPS.
There will also be a committee for planning and execution as well. Need a lot of volunteers so please help out.
The majority of the conference will be held on Saturday March 30th, but Friday, March 29th, will have an introductory dinner.
The conference is a small conference, so when you attend, you attend all the programs for that day. Previous topics include social media and how it is helpful for grad students, unionizing and why that does or does not happen on college campuses, etc.
Will try to make the previous program from the conference available.
Announcements

● GSS has a new Facebook and Instagram Page:
  ○ https://www.facebook.com/LehighGSS/
  ○ @LehighGSS
    ▪ These pages will post GSS specific information
    ▪ Please continue to follow the GLO Facebook page for events and announcements

Twitter Coming Soon!

Please follow us!
Announcements

GLO Summer Hours

Kathleen is back from vacation, if you need to meet with her, please email her to set up a meeting.
Announcements

- Graduate Student Ambassadors
  - Interested in helping newly arriving graduate students?
  - Be a Graduate Student Ambassador
  - Orientation week: August 20-25
  - Sign-up here: goo.gl/sf3XUL
Announcements

- Graduate Student Health Insurance
  - Lehigh is requiring ALL students to show proof of insurance
  - Enrollment or Waiver deadline: July 31st
  - Inaction will result in automatic enrollment and a charge of $1,918 for

If having trouble enrolling please go to the Bursar’s office. If you are a full time RA/GA/TA then you will be reimbursed 50% in December and May. If you would like, you can fill out a payroll deduction form, choose how much money you would like deducted each paycheck, starting your September 30th paycheck. [http://financeadmin.lehigh.edu/content/payroll-forms](http://financeadmin.lehigh.edu/content/payroll-forms) under the Payroll forms (Graduate Student Health Insurance Payroll Deduction Form is what the form is called) Also available in the bursar’s office if you want to fill out in person.
Announcements: Community Events

- Blueberry Festival
  - Burnside Plantation
  - July 21-22, 2018
India club is planning summer picnic 28th of July, Hickory state park, BBQ and games in the evening, will be a flyer soon.

If anyone wants to come to Mountaintop, please come. Thursday July 26th 4-6pm will be the Mountaintop projects Expo and other student work will be available for looking in Building C.

Hellertown, every other sunday, music in the park

There is free music as well in the Steel Stacks as well a comedy show that is free as well 9:45-10:30-11ish on Thursday nights.
Next Meeting:
TBD

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting :)

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