

Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting

September 19, 2018

Neville 001

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Agenda

- I Hear America Singing
- Election and Candidate Speeches
- Changes to the Constitution
- Open Committee Positions
- Announcements
- Open Floor

I Hear America Singing

Casey Durso and Dominic Falcon

- Concert Dates: Oct 27th- 28th
- The concert is a way to give voice to different perspectives and people in American culture
- The concert goes through different parts of history in the US. Slavery, abolition, etc.
- Concert is meant to bring people together and give a true understanding of what it means to be an American at this time
- We at Lehigh are planning on making this an open discussion
 - Asking that we make this a topic of discussion at our meetings, an event like a 5x10, but want graduate students to be involved in any way they can.

If you want to ask any questions please email:

djf219@lehigh.edu-- Dominic

cdd220@lehigh.edu-- Casey

GSS E-Board Elections

- The candidate will have ~2 minutes to address the General Assembly
- General Assembly will have ~2 minutes to ask candidate questions

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Vice President

Bashir Sadat



- Computer science and Education focus in my academic life.
- Plan as VP- to help other graduate students with their problems, see problems and understand them to find a solution
- How can we do that?
 - Letting graduate students know what Lehigh offers them
 - Helping them not feel alone

Voting Closes at 10pm Tonight!

- Voting link will be sent out immediately following the meeting
- If you are your Unit Senator... don't forget!
- If you are not your Unit Senator... remind them!

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Potential Changes to the Constitution

- Are you the unit senator for your department or club representative?
- Changes to GLO Procedures
 - ~~“The President shall assist the Graduate Life Office in interviewing and hiring a Graduate Assistant.”~~
(Constitution, V.C.1).
- Creating an External Affairs Officer
 - “The voting membership shall consist of the **eight (8)** officers.” (Constitution, V.B.1)
 - Nominations shall be taken for the following Executive Board positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Officer, Travel Grant Officer, Historian, and **External Affairs Officer** (Election Guidelines, Nomination Procedures, 1).
 - **External Affairs Officer:** The External Affairs Officer shall be responsible for coordinating relationships with organizations outside of Lehigh University (e.g., the National Association for Graduate and Professional Students), political advocacy at all levels of government in conjunction with Lehigh University’s Government Relations Office; informing Lehigh’s graduate student’s of policy affecting them, and issuing statements on positions of the GSS on issues of significance. The External Affairs Office shall also form a committee to assist in these duties. (Constitution, **V.C.8**).

- We have Quorum
- First constitution change- any comments? No
 - The vote was passed.
- Second Constitution Change- Create external Affairs officer. Any comments or questions?
 - The vote was passed.

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External Affairs Officer Timeline

- 9/19 Nomination Open
- 9/25 Iona will be available for questions at Tuesdays @ 10
- 9/28 Nominations Close
- 10/3 Election and Speeches

[External Affairs Document](#)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16YTYZ8lHJrjsjxifOHT5c5tch4JGbjIVXzOp2c4660Q/edit>

External Affairs Officer

NOMINATIONS

ARE OPEN

- Nominations are currently open.
 - Zachary Arms nominated and seconded
- If you would like to nominate someone or yourself, please do so by writing an email to ingss@lehigh.edu
 - If you are nominated, that does not mean that you are officially running, you must first accept the nomination.

Open Committee Positions for the Fall

- **Education Policy for Undergraduates NEED 1**
- University Appeals Committee NEED 1
- Lehigh Environmental Advisory Group (LEAG) NEED 1
- **Faculty Committee on Student Life NEED 1**
- Parking Appeals Committee NEED 1
- Bookstore Committee (1 member) NEED 1
- Leadership Awards Committee (1 member) NEED 1
- NAGPS Conference Committee (2 needed)

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

- Please join any committee if you want/can sign up for one. They are a great way to get administrative experience for those planning on going into academia.

GLO Office Announcements

- Transition to Graduate School
- Friday 2-3 @ Packer House
 - Finding your Community
 - September 21



Where: Packer House dining room

When: Every Tuesday 10am-11am during the fall and spring semesters while classes are in session



- Junior will be running this event so please come out!

GLO Guide Announcements

- Join Karina, the Diversity and Inclusion GLO guide this Thursday for a fun afternoon in downtown Easton and a show in the evening.
- Sign up and more info here: <https://goo.gl/forms/tdV3Mp1wVbzFRG853>

**FREE TRIP TO
EASTON
PUBLIC
MARKET**

09.20.18 • 5PM-10PM
(MEET AT PACKER HOUSE @ 4:30PM)

...and finish the night with a
One Man Show!
Latinx Heritage Month
Keynote speaker: Javier Avila
at Lafayette College

Any Questions?
Karina Fuentes
ksf318@lehigh.edu
484-661-6630

Trade, Travel & Toggles

Downtown Easton

THE TROUBLE
My Name

Keynote at the show!
Javier Avila

Announcements



PRISM, the Pride Center's Graduate Student Group, will be hosting a wine and cheese social **this Friday, September 21 from 5:00-6:30pm in Packer House.**

- Email Jimmy Hamill at jah513@lehigh.edu to RSVP or for more information

Announcements

How to get Grad Zoellner Tix Discount

- We get: FREE tickets to Music Department concerts
- \$4 for Theatre Department productions
- 50%-80% off most Guest Artist performances.



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Grad Discount Tix

How Do I Get My Tickets?

1. Call or In-Person: Visit or Call Zoellner Arts Center's Box Office
Be prepared to provide your LIN or student ID.
2. Online: Go to the student ticketing page. If you've purchased tickets online in the past, use the same password you've used in the past.

If you've never purchased tickets from us online, you will need to register. Click on Register, and enter your LIN and your PIN number. Confirm your info and choose a password to complete account setup. Make sure purchase says 'Lehigh Student-Graduate'.

Questions? Call the box office at 610-758-2787 or email at inzaetix@lehigh.edu

Save at least 50% on Guest Artists like Postmodern Jukebox of STOMP! Pay only \$4 for Lehigh University Department of Theatre and see Music Department concerts for FREE!

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Turkish Cultural Breakfast



September 27th, 2018 (Thursday)
Packer House
10:00 – 11.00 am
You wouldn't want to miss it ☺

Announcements

PLEASE ATTEND THIS EVENT!

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Picnic Time
So much more than picnic!

**Come Join Us for Fun!
Welcome All!**

**Saturday, Sep 22, 2018
10am-5pm
Lehigh INFORMS Student Chapter
Open Event
\$10/person**

**Nockamixon State Park
1542 Mountain View Dr, Quakertown, PA, 18951**

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- GSS Travel Grants Reminder
 - Travel Grants should be submitted electronically!
 - We no longer accept paper applications
 - Please let everyone in your program know!
 - <https://gradlife.web.lehigh.edu/node/170>

Announcements

- Wine & Cheese Tasting
 - Friday, Oct 5th from 7:30-9pm
 - \$5 deposit per person due to Packer House by 9/28

Sign-up at:

- <https://tinyurl.com/GSSWineCheese>



- Eugene, the Travel Grants office is hosting this event, please attend if you can!

Announcements

- Hawk Mountain Hike
 - September 22nd (weather permitting)
 - 10:30 am to ~4:30 pm leaving and returning from Packer House
 - Sign up here:
<https://goo.gl/forms/w5IfeZOjqeTPOGvP2>

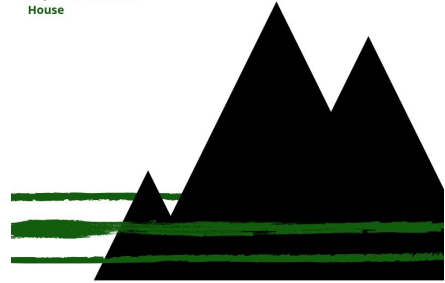
JOIN US FOR A HIKE ON

HAWK MOUNTAIN

Saturday, September 22

10:30AM - 4:30PM

Depart From Packer
House



- James our Treasurer is hosting this Hike, please sign up if you are interested.

Announcements

Do you have an amazing mentor?
Nominate them for an appreciation award and attend the:

MENTORSHIP APPRECIATION COCKTAIL PARTY

Friday November 2, 2018
4:00pm-6:00pm
Butz Gallery

Nominate by September 28!
<http://goo.gl/forms/Je2De3tftS5QeS9q2>



Open Floor



- Biological Sciences Representative
 - Would like opinions on a specific issue- students are asked to juggle TAing and research with their advisor. There is a double standard at work for how much people are supposed to dedicate to their teaching, as well as their research, without any resources or consideration about that workload.
 - Something that was brought up was to write a direct message to the professors in the department to explain how currently feel and ask them to standardize how much they are expected to teach.
 - A suggestion was to open a “help room” that is run by upperclassmen undergrads and one graduate student in the department, to help out with that.
 - Another student department is meeting with their department tomorrow to try and standardize these rules for workload. Hopefully you can have the department chair to regulate that.
 - A suggestion was to make specific actionable steps to help decrease this workload.
 - This might be something that we have a forum about in the future.
- Junior- LUGS video game club
 - Organization has to happen before this club gets established.
 - In the website- inCLUBator, you can express interest in this club
 - Going to also encourage research in this club
- INCLUBATOR website
 - <http://bit.ly/inclubator>
- LUGS VIDEO GAME CLUB interest form
 - <http://bit.ly/LUGSvideogameclub>

[LUGS Video Game Club - NEXT STEPS](https://sites.google.com/lehigh.edu/inclubator/inclubating-ideas/lugs-video-game-club)

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Next Meeting:

October 3, 2018
Parking Services



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