



Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
October 3, 2018
Neville 001

@LehighGSS

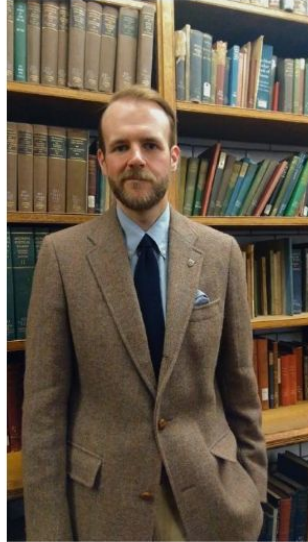
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Agenda

- Election and Candidate Speeches
- Amendment to the Constitution
- Open Committee Positions
- Announcements
- Parking Services
- Open Floor

External Affairs Officer

Zachary Arms



- 3rd year Ph.D. student in History program
 - Previous masters from Indiana University
- After 2016 election and the grad tax, I realized that fed government doesn't understand grad student needs
- Kept up with the news on a national, state and local level
- I would like to keep this information and avenues to communicate, some which have already been created by GSS and Lehigh.
 - This is important for us, as well as communicating with different universities.
- I will also work to keep grad students up to date to keep us informed.

There are no questions.

Voting Closes at 10pm Tonight!

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

Amendment to GSS Constitution

- Create New Unit: **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY DESIGN**

American Studies, History	Educational Leadership
Bio, Behavioral Neuroscience, Integrative	School Psych
Biology, Molecular	Special Ed, Elementary Ed, Secondary Ed
Chem, Biochem	Teaching and Learning, Teaching, Learning, and
EES	Technology, Instructional Tech
Environmental Policy Design	Bio and Chem Eng
English	CEE, Structural Eng
Mathematics, Statistics, Applied Mathematics Physics	Electrical and Comp Eng
Psychology	Health Care Systems, Energy Systems Eng ISE,
Sociology, PoliSci, Gender and Sexuality Studies	Manufacturing Systems
CIE	Material Science and Engineering
Counseling Psychology	Technical Entrepreneurship

Potential EP representative is here to speak. They note that:

- EP is integrative- pulls from other departments
- Research in this department is completely different
 - Work to understand policy.
- The department is growing, have ten students and will continue to grow
- We have unique concerns and would like to have a voice.

Questions from GSS:

- How big is the department? Will there always be someone interested in representing the department at GSS meetings?
 - Yes there will always be someone these students are very interested in being active.
- Is the program big enough?
 - Yes, the english department is just as small and has their own representation.

Will vote on this proposed amendment at the next meeting.

THE VOTE WAS TAKEN TODAY- THE VOTE PASSES.

Open Committee Positions for the Fall

- University Appeals Committee NEED 1
- Lehigh Environmental Advisory Group (LEAG) 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)
- Career Advisory Committee (1 from each college min)

Sign-up link:

<https://goo.gl/wH8gJB>

- New committee- **Career Advisory Committee**- Lynn is working to help create more workshops and events targeted towards graduate students or help make the career center more open and available/effective for graduate students needs.

GLO Guide Announcements

- Come see Laura on Fridays from 3:00-4:00pm in Packer House for Writing Help!

Academic Writing Practice



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GLO Guide Announcements

ASIAN HORROR FILM SERIES

Want to watch a horror film but scared to watch it alone?

Want to make new friends while also watching a movie?

COME JOIN US!

FRIDAY, OCT 5: CARVED, THE SLIT MOUTH WOMAN
(JAPAN, 2007)



"AM I PRETTY?"--A MONSTROUS WOMAN
IN URBAN LEGEND COMES BACK TO HAUNT A
SUBURBAN TOWN.

FREE FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY!
(FILM IN ORIGINAL LANGUAGE WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES)

FOR THIS FRIDAY ONLY, WE WILL MEET AT PACKER
HOUSE AT 4PM AND HEAD TO NEVILLE HALL
TOGETHER. MOVIE STARTS AT 4:10 AT NEVILLE 003.
RSVP HERE: [HTTP://BIT.LY/2OZ7AJN](http://bit.ly/2OZ7AJN)

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A RAP ON RACE

Using the Arts for Social Impact

Zoellner Arts Center | Lower Art Gallery
Monday, October 8, 2018 | 7 PM

Renowned choreographer, Donald Byrd, discusses using the arts to address social issues, spark conversation, and inspire change.

Free Lecture!
No Tickets Necessary



NOTE: Please join us for a
MEET & GREET
with **DONALD BYRD**
4:10 PM Monday, OCT 8
Goodman Lobby
Zoellner Arts Center

Spectrum Dance
Theater Presents: **A Rap on Race**

Zoellner Arts Center | Baker Hall
Tuesday, October 9, 2018 | 7:30 PM

A Rap on Race is a dance/theater work based on the iconic 1970 conversation on race between James Baldwin and Margaret Mead. The piece refocuses the current conversation around race and equity.

Free Tickets for Undergrads!
Discounted tickets for Graduate
Students



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- Interested in attending a Free Lecture and maybe getting Free Ticket?
- Jessica has been working with Zoellner to advocate for free grad student tickets!

Indicate interest here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ePNnkDSPPj9aV1t12>

- If you would like to receive free tickets please indicate your interest on the link on the slide.

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- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLSDnWBYvHmCp5tFqyRMcnGt7ZFeilaP4054tVGDkXXH-NprRCw/viewform>



A FREE TRIP OF

**ART,
WINE TASTING,
& SALSA
DANCING!**



At the Allentown Art Museum.

For more info: Register on
Google form by 10/16





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Presenting:

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DOBARA
(YOU WON'T GET A
SECOND LIFE)
ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Set in Spain





8.1/10 IMDB  100%




**BOLLYWOOD
MOVIE NIGHT**

BRING PILLOWS AND BLANKETS


OCTOBER 10TH
LAMBERTON
7:30PM - 10:00PM



Free
Popcorn and
Pretzels!



+ Learn Salsa with
TUMBAO!!



Announcements

Dissertation Bootcamp Nov 10 & 11

Mountaintop Campus

\$30

Includes 4 meals!

Day 1

8-9am Sign in and breakfast
9-9:10am Motivational Kickoff
9:10-12 Distraction Free Writing
12-12:45 Lunch
12:45-1:00 Refocusing Exercise
1- 4 Distraction Free Writing

Day 2

8:30-9am Sign in and breakfast
9-12pm Distraction Free Writing
12-12:45 Lunch
12:45-4:00 Distraction Free Writing
1-4:00 Complimentary Chair Massages

Brought to you by the Graduate Life Office

1

No Distractions

2

No Interruptions

3

No Excuses



Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/8rjii8mYrgkYthe42>

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Announcements

Parking Services



- Changes are going to be implemented mid year in 2019.
- These changes are reflective of the Path to Prominence- which is expanding facilities on campus, and hopes to decrease dependence on cars, and increase pedestrian flow and transportation services.
- We are currently in the process of losing 518 parking spots due to facilities expansions.
- As part of Path to Prominence- have a vision for a new Mobility Ecosystem
 - Want to move to a more multimodal culture
 - This has to do with increasing health, sustainability and not use funds to build a new parking lot because they are expensive
 - If want to see this 6 point plan, can look it up at lehigh.edu/connections
 - Part of this plan is to use “gateways” within our transportation plan and these new facilities, to expand and create connections within the community surrounding Lehigh
 - This is specifically going to be manifested to include a bus route that goes into south side as well as increasing campus Wayfinding.
 - Also, the bus routes are going to change to increase bus transportation into SouthSide to access the building

Sharron from Parking Services

- Want to improve transit services to better connect our three campuses.
- Are planning on regulating bus system times and increasing the amount of buses that run through the three campuses- will be 5 campus connector buses- taking the place of T.R.A.C.S. and will also have a new bus called, AccessLU for accessibility bus
 - Will lose all the Packer parking as that will become a walking only zone.

- Are planning on taking away Mountaintop express bus, to increase that there will always be a bus at a bus stop every ten minutes
- Parking system-
 - Going to be moving to a new system- which is the system graduate students already have, to be assigned to zones according to either their GA/TA/RA's position or the program that you are in.
 - The process to buy these passes are the same to buy the parking pass, but there are new parking options
 - Parking campus zones, Parking on mountaintop, parking at goodman campus (taking the place of commuter lot on mountaintop), parking at another commuter lot on Northside, by where the Wooden Match is (Can walk on Fahy bridge to get to campus)
 - Faculty staff and RA/GA/TAs are going to be able to sign up to park at these places- and then if those parking spaces run out, they will put you on a waiting list, but can choose the next closest parking zone.
 - The commuter lots are FREE of charge. Mountaintop parking is \$250 and Parking on lower campus is \$500.
 - There will also be 2 lyft credits for those parked in the commuter lots if they need to access their car in a emergency and can't wait for the bus.
- LANTA services
 - We can now use LANTA (public buses) for free, with our lehigh IDs
- Free carpooling with ZImride- to find someone to hitch a ride with to campus, that lives near you.
- Also planning on improving the pedestrian experience on campus by closing Packer Ave to cars driving through this area.
 - Also want to improve the cross walks, walkways, stairs, etc.
- Graduate student changes
 - Commuter lot transitioning from Mountaintop campus to Goodman campus
 - Student parking in Farrington square is eliminated so people will be offered other places to park
 - Parking on New street no longer available
 - Parking in Zollener or mountaintop will not be allowed unless that is the zone that you are assigned to.
 - If want weekend or after 4pm parking passes but also want the commuter lot its \$86 dollars.
- Questions
 - How many student voices played into these decisions? Is there space currently to change this plan?
 - You can voice your concerns whenever you want to through the faculty link.
 - What about adjunct professors that are commuting from university to university as these parking changes are going to impact their ability to go from job to job?
 - Will have short term parking spaces at Zoellner lot and still some meters for short term parking, as well as they are able to buy those parking passes.
 - These changes are impacting SouthSide community, and we are going to be imposing on them and i'm wondering were they consulted how did they react to this?
 - Not sure if officially talked to SouthSide, but the city has been asking

- for Lehigh to get more involved in the southside community and they are excited about the changes that are proposed.
 - How made the decision for the fee for Saucon Village, since some parking privileges taken away?
 - Parking fees are the same for any residential parts of campus \$420. Not sure what the exact factors are for this decision but we will find the answer and get back to you.
 - What about other options, like electric bicycles or scooters to help decrease the walking to commuter scooters?
 - Yes this is being looked into. Also there will be a shuttle that goes from the northside lot, but the hours are in the morning, and until 6pm.
 - What are you all doing to make sure that cost of living doesn't increase for SouthSide because of these developments pricing people out? Many graduate students live on SouthSide so that we can continue to live on SouthSide so we can be close to campus.
 - The university is conscious of this, and we are in the process of trying to make a balance. We are not buying up land and changing it with new, more expensive property, but using space that has nothing on it. We are aware of this and trying our best to take that into consideration.
 - I appreciated the fact that graduate students are being considered with faculty, but our salary is not the same as faculty and staff so, why are we paying the same rate? Also, why aren't we getting the addition \$250 into our stipends
 - We will take the consideration of changing rates to senior leadership. Also, you have the option to park at mountaintop if there are spaces left over for you not to have to pay \$500.
 - Why is the amount \$90 to park after 4pm and weekends?
 - We need to charge something for maintenance, snow removal, and that is what the cost is.
 - Are we going to have access to data about what is going on, because we have take your word?
 - We are going to talk and consider what information we release about this.
 - How did we consider research active faculty and graduate students that need to take samples and machines from mountaintop to Asa packer?
 - Not sure exactly what the information is, but we will get you this information, the person that gave this information is currently on maternity leave.
 - Just want to ask about parking at Saucon Village again, the cost seems excessive because the road in front of the building is not regularly updated or fixed regularly, as well as our snow is the last to be removed. The weather here makes that walk really excessive, and is not a practical option. I have lived here for three years and cannot understand how this works, nor that the idea that we are only able to park on Saucon Village, but our privileges are taken away in this moment and i'm not sure why this is the case. This change is really going to impact our ability to be productive in our graduate student duties.
- If there are questions after this meeting, please go ahead and send your questions to ingss@lehigh.edu to have us compile these questions, and then we will respond in

- written format to these questions and concerns.
 - Changes are going to be happening July 1st, 2019.
- How many parking spaces are going to be available at the commuter lots, goodman and northside?
 - There are going to be a little more than ~150 parking spaces in the Northside, and more than that at the goodman campus
- So if there is no parking on the Northside lot, you are suggesting that we drive to goodman campus and park there?
 - No
- How was the decision made to not increase \$250 to graduate student stipends to help offset costs for parking increase?
 - We are not sure, we were not at the meeting, but we will figure out who you need to talk to and how to get them to another GSS meeting.
- For current parking passes- will be able to purchase parking Passes in January that correspond with your current parking pass
 - They will make the cost for the Spring Semester prorated with what parking passes have normally cost for the full calendar year.
 - We will receive an email about this from parking services as it gets closer to Spring semester.

Open Floor





Next Meeting:

October 24, 2018

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