Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
October 24, 2018
Neville 001
Agenda

- Lynn D’Angelo Bello - Career Services
- Caitlin Saunders - Campaign Launch Event
- Amendment to the Constitution
- Committee Reports
- Open Committee Positions
- External Affairs Announcements
- GSS Parking Letter
- Announcements
- Open Floor
Trying to focus on the graduate student population
Want to get participation for a new committee as an advisory committee to Lynn, to help figure out what needs for professional development the graduate students need
  ○ What types of events/employers/website design choices/electronic resources
Hopefully the advisory board would meet on a monthly basis
Duties: to gather feedback from your program on professional development, give Lynn the information and then try to enact those ideas
If you are interested, please sign up on the committee list! https://goo.gl/wH8gJB
Caitlin Saunders

- Campaign Launch Event

- Development and alumni relations- my role is student engagement to bridge gaps between our office, alumni committee and philanthropy
- The campaign is launching tomorrow
- A comprehensive transformational campaign-funding raising and engagement effort
  - Goal of this campaign is 1 billion dollars, that will be given back to students
  - Hope to accomplish the path to prominence with these funds
    - Ex: renovating UC, new faculties to campus, new health science college
    - Things have also happened, i.e. Williams Hall renovated
- What trying to do today will benefit us in the future
- The event is tomorrow- please be sure to register by today because of the capacity limit
- There are lots of giveaways, food trucks, gates open at 4:30, event starts at 6:15 to get shirts, and then 6:30 pm the event actually begins, lots of speakers, etc. going to end at 10 pm.
Amendment to GSS Constitution

- Separate Unit: **BioEngineering from Biomolecular and Chemical Engineering**

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- The grad program was launched in 2010 and graduate students have been graduating since then.
- Last year, 2017, we have officially become our own department.
- The only thing connecting bioengineering and chemical engineering department was that the chair was a faculty member.
- There are 16 core faculty members and 14 associated faculty members.
- There are currently 14 phd students and 6 masters students, 7 post doc scientists as well. These numbers might grow as well.
- Lots of diverse opportunities for advanced studies are offered.
Committee Reports

- Graduate and Research Committee- How can we tell the board of trustees that research is important and how can we collaborate with undergraduate students for research, has been the main focus of the committee.
- Faculty committee on student life- met once, went over the blueprint grants, determined which ones meet the criteria, I vote. Blueprint Grants- Initiatives for students to collaborate with faculty members on projects.
- Education Policy for Undergraduate students- focused mainly on undergraduate students
  - Proposal to change deadline from 11th week to 12th week to help students to take advantage of information to change 4 o’clock events.
  - Proposal to have an academic forgiveness policy. Lehigh does not have this policy thus far. Discussed how this will impact TA’s.
- Mental Health Information Committee- resources for graduate students mental health is needed, the counseling center offers mental health services, but also offers 6-8 sessions, we are collecting other resources.
- Diversity and Inclusivity Committee- we are having meetings on campus to see what is available on campus, are in the process of making a resource list and creating a needs assessment to see what graduate students want for D &
Open Committee Positions for the Fall

- Lehigh Environmental Advisory Group (LEAG) NEED 1
  - Thursdays 12-1:30 UC 306 (9/20) UC 303 (10/18, 11/15, 1/24, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18), Williams 341 (12/13, 5/16)

- Parking Appeals Committee NEED 1
  - Wednesdays 4-5 in the UC

- Career Advisory Committee (1 from each college: need CAS and COE)
  - Doodle Poll

Sign-up link:
https://goo.gl/wH8gJB
External Affairs Announcements

- NAGPS Update: International Student Visas
  - Reach out at iscc@nagps.org or advocacy@nagps.org

- NAGPS Regional Social Justice Advocate position open
  - To work with the National Social Justice Concerns Chair and serve on the Social Justice Concerns Committee
  - To report on the activities of the Social Justice Concerns Committee to the Region and to being the issues of the Region to the National Advocacy Committee
  - To recruit students from member schools in the region to serve on the National Advocacy Committee
  - To attend any monthly or ad hoc NE Regional Board meetings, held by phone or video phone
  - Nominations Due November 9; send them to nerc@nagps.org
    - Name
    - School
    - One Paragraph on why you want to serve

- NAGPS Conference Committee
- If you have any questions about the upcoming election, you can send an email to inextaff@lehigh.edu and I will try and get you an answer.

- One international students leave the US, they have to get another visa, and can’t apply domestically
- A letter was sent out to the Department of State and the reply was that the US could not meet the demand to have these resources available to students
- If would like to say something, send an email to the emails on the slide
- NAGPSA- northeastern section is looking for a new social justice advocate position- work with national social justice concerns committee, report to the region about the issue.
  - The meetings are by phone and video phone so you can do this whenever you want
  - If interested email., nerc@nagps.org
- NAGPS conference committee members will find sometime to meet, be on the lookout for an email.

ALSO VOTE. IF HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT INEXSAFF@LEHIGH.EDU
GSS Parking Letter

- Accepting comments until 10/31
- Revision will be made and sent out before 11/7 meeting
- Voting 11/7

Yesterday we sent out an email that we are planning on sending to the president, the VPs and the trustees. We wanted to open it up for people’s comments about the letter.
  - Since taking a financial stance, it is important to make it clear that our financial status is different than the undergraduate population so that not lumped with all students.
  - There will also be some chosen quotes added to the end of the letter to be more explicit and detailed
  - Not sure what is classified but is there a way to send it to the staff
    - We could send it to ERAC- employee relations ad committee.

If haven’t looked at the letter, read it and please send us your comments about the letter, we are publizing it.
Announcements

WiSE Cultural Breakfast
10-11am, Thursday 10/25
@ Packer House

Brought to you by
Lehigh Women in Science & Engineering

ingss@lehigh.edu
Announcements

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkso-EFwhUIFVzBUPA2gSw6eHjcXNyFeup8Hp49MYMCAaN0Ew/viewform?usp=sf_link&fbclid=IwAR2Zev73QjLr6MvhY6yCa59GzZoNHpfSxuF0H92TkUJC9QHUf0cLgczoTeM

There is also pumpkin carving at packer house tonight. If interested, contact Fran by 3pm
Announcements

Saturday, October 27th
11:00 am

The school psychology club is hosting an open event for everyone to join us apple picking, pumpkin picking and more to celebrate the fall weather in Lehigh valley.
Announcements

Lehigh University Choral Arts
Sungmin Lee, Associate Director

I HEAR AMERICA SINGING

Saturday, October 27
8:00 pm

Sunday, October 28
4:00 pm

Tickets: $5
Lehigh Union Church, 610-758-2787
box office, libarts@lehigh.edu
People say that they get more out of that weekend than 6 weeks of working outside.

Highly recommended, please come.
Open Floor

- Technical Entrepreneurship- also am GA to president simon, but would students be interested in having a lunch or dinner with him email snm218@lehigh.edu to try and talk to him. Probably going to be next semester to put it in his mind. 
- English department- Frankenreads is still happening, Friday, Oct 26th, Sinclaire auditorium, 7pm, to watch young frankenstein
  - Saturday, Oct 27th, 1 PM @ the Bethlehem library
  - Oct 31st- all day marathon library on the north side branch to read the book.
- Sunday, November 4th, to see Professor Dolan in the English department perform at Carnegie hall.
  - Arranging a bus trip, sometime around 11:30 am, get a half day at the city and then go to the performance at 7:30, back around 11.
  - Can get two seats per your ID.
Next Meeting:

November 7, 2018
Candice Richards