



Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
January 30, 2019
Neville 001



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Agenda

- Kathleen Hutnik
- External Affairs Update
- Announcements
- Open Floor

Kathleen Hutnik

<https://gradlife.web.lehigh.edu/node/333>

- GRC committee- what can we do to improve the mentor mentee relationship for graduate students?
 - Your relationship with your advisors is all across the board
 - Usually related to communication challenges
 - The mentoring relationship makes or breaks your career in a grad program
 - It can help you get through your careers faster or slower
 - It can help your mental health
 - So it is critically important that these relationships be positive
- We have created a page for resources for graduate student mentorship (Link above)
 - Look at compact between mentor and student
 - Also best practices for doctoral advisor and doctoral students
- Hoping for some comments and thoughts about these guidelines (please send to Kathleen Hutnick- kaha@lehigh.edu)
 - Trying to get across that the graduate advisor advisee relationship should be more about the student, as well about the research, but we shouldn't forget the students part of the relationship as well.
 - Really trying to push Interpersonal Expectations
 - Also, remember, communication works both ways, so graduate students should feel comfortable or willing to communicate when they are having difficulties.
- Questions/Suggestions:
 - Are you thinking about putting some examples of specific information?

- I love that idea, but there have been specific faculty that think that if we are too specific then we are going to get sued.
- The document is to help prevent student blame? Is there a way in those documents that would help students on what to do when those things on the document won't get met and need to change advisers.
 - Maybe we can include some sort of statement that says that the department should help the student find a different adviser.
- There are some things in professional development tasks that senior students have professional development value, like running the lab, training new TAs, etc, but those things are also the professors job, so where is the line?
 - Another GSS member- I think this is a good thing, and not a bad thing though. When professors and students trust you to mentor them, that's a positive thing.
- Have there been any conversations between gender dynamics in the mentor mentee relationship?
 - Yes there have been conversations about that.
 - There are resources on the link that provide some information and resources about this.
- I was wondering if there are unique things for humanities?
 - Yes, there is one for students and professors in humanities
 - The main issue that we find is benign neglect.
- Language of switching advisers and culture of the department, it, the documents language, focuses on switching advisors as a failure, rather than it being a right. Puts a lot of onus on the parties.
 - We need to be careful about how we frame when things need to change yes
- If you talk about things in this document with your adviser, it might be seen as a defiance, how can we go about changing that to make this kind of conversation ok?
 - We have to start small.

External Affairs Update

- Title IX--Comments open until the 30th
- Shutdown done--for now.

- Two major pieces of legislation over the winter break
 - The department of education has made changes to Title IX- especially the sexually assault
 - Make changes that put undue stress on those who are sexually assaulted
 - Made with the idea that it would make the process more fair, but seem to cause more harm than good.
 - Have changed the comment link until tonight at midnight, in a previous email.
 - Also, the government shut down during the break
 - Contact your elected representative if you have comments to say if you would like to.
- Something about a dumpster fire in the government.

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EUROPEAN HOT CHOCOLATE ● SPICED HOT WINE ● FOOD

SIP . EAT . CHILL

IN YOUR MOST COMFORTABLE FUZZY SOCKS!

Thursday January 31, 2019 at 7pm
Packer House - Space is Limited!
Reserve your hot drink
at <https://tinyurl.com/ycuxuloc>

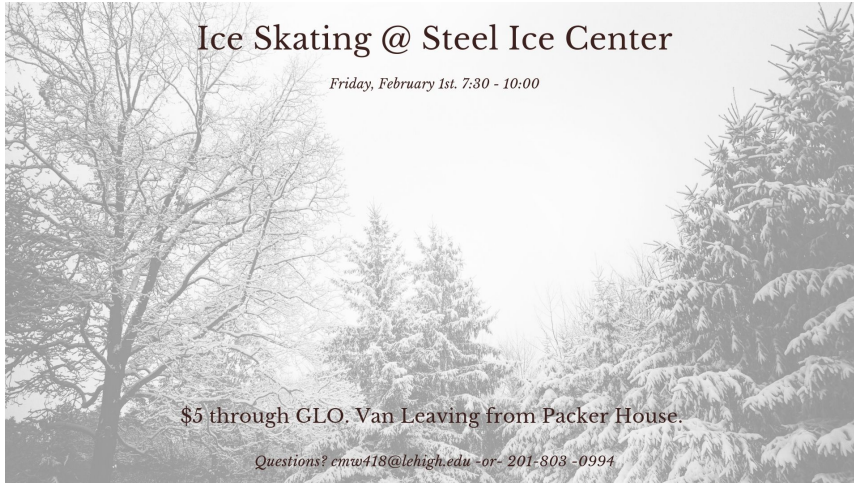
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<https://tinyurl.com/ycuxuloc>

- You can buy a GLO mug if you would like for \$2.
- Come for hot chocolate and/or spiced wine

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Ice Skating @ Steel Ice Center

Friday, February 1st. 7:30 - 10:00

\$5 through GLO. Van Leaving from Packer House.

Questions? cmw418@lehigh.edu -or- 201-803-0994

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- Give \$5 to the GLO office if you would like

A promotional poster for the 2018 Winter Photo Contest. The poster has a dark blue background with white snowflakes and several Polaroid-style photo frames. At the top, it says "GSS presents the 2018: Winter Photo Contest!". Below that, it lists three categories: "1. Lehigh Pride", "2. Picture Perfect", and "3. Lehigh around the world". The prize is a "\$50 gift card!" for each category and for the best overall photo. The rules section states that submissions are due Jan. 31st, one per category per person, and should be emailed to cal416@lehigh.edu with a filename like "lastname.category".

GSS presents the 2018:

Winter Photo Contest!

Categories:

1. Lehigh Pride
2. Picture Perfect
3. Lehigh around the world

\$50 gift card!

Prize for each category & for best overall photo!

RULES

- Submissions due Jan. 31st
- 1 submission per category per person
- Email submissions to cal416@lehigh.edu
- lastname.category
- E.g., "Lindley.LehighPride.jpg"

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- Last day to submit is tomorrow! Please send these in.
- Make sure that you got a response from Caitlin, if not, resend.

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COME & JOIN US FOR THE BIG GAME!

SUPERBOWL PARTY 2019

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
VS.
LOS ANGELES RAMS**

Food, Beer, & Fun!!



Date: Sunday, February 3, 2019
Location: Packer House
Time: 5:30pm-10:00pm

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

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<https://tinyurl.com/ycuxuloc>

- Hope to see you there



Announcements

Spring 2019 enrollment ends February 1st!

- Only people who are new this spring can enroll in Health insurance right now or CHANGE OF LIFE, then you can
- If you didn't come in as a new student then you cannot.



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- Caitlin will be running this event, please come out to this.



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THE 2019 NAGPS
NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE
MARCH 29 - 30 AT LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
NOW ACCEPTING ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS
THROUGH FEBRUARY 15
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SUBMISSION:
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/NAGPSNELEHIGH](http://tinyurl.com/nagpsnelehigh)



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- Highly value and recommend that you submit abstracts to this conference
- Last day is February 15th.

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**CENTER FOR COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
WORKSHOP SERIES:**

- **Jan. 30th: Overview of Principles of Community Engaged Work**
- **Mar. 6th: Public Scholarship & Rethinking the Scholarly Voice**
- **Apr. 17th: Community Schools & Local Engagement**

Wednesdays, 4:30-6pm, MRC (B-103)



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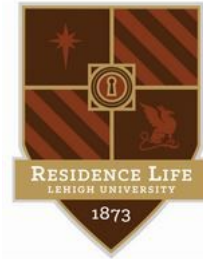
- Actually, the First workshop was cancelled.

The Office of Residence Life at Lehigh University is taking applications for one Graduate Assistant position for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Compensation for the Graduate Assistant of Residence Life includes a fully furnished, 1 bedroom apartment leased through Housing Services, a bi-weekly stipend disbursed over the course of the academic year, and 9 credits of paid tuition per semester (18 total credits for the academic year)

Complete the online application by Monday, February 4th at 5 PM.


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For more information about our office, please visit our Office of Residence Life website [here](#).

For priority consideration, please complete the online application found [here](#) by Monday, February 4th at 5 PM.

- Couple of graduate assistantship positions open, including the one above, please apply if you would like. Putting priority on applications accepted before Feb 4th.




Dissertation Bootcamp
February 16 & 17, 2019

Cost \$30
Includes 4 meals!

Day 1	Day 2
8:00-9:00am Sign in and breakfast	8:30-9:00am Sign in and breakfast
9:00-9:10am Motivational kickoff	12:15-4:00pm Distraction Free Writing
9:10-12:00pm Distraction Free Writing	12:00-12:15 Lunch
12:00-12:15 Lunch	9:00-12:00pm Distraction Free Writing
12:15-1:00pm Refocusing Exercise	1:00-4:00pm Complimentary Chair Massages
1:00-4:00pm Distraction Free Writing	

No Excuses No Distractions No Interruptions

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Announcements

- Sign up and come to this if you would like.
- If you stay the two full days, your college will reimburse you the funds for this dissertation
- Also, the menu looks awesome.
- It will be in Wood Dining room- Mountaintop campus.

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Come race against the president and provost at the Lehigh University
Graduate Student 5K



LUGS 5K

14 Apr
Starts at 10am

Support
Academic
Research

\$30
Entry

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MORE INFO COMING
NEXT MEETING!

https://secure.touchnet.net/C20958_ustores/web/classic/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=248&FROMQRCODE=true

- If you want to sign up, click the link above

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NOMINATIONS ARE NOW
BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE

**2019
UNIVERSITY
AWARDS**

LEHIGH.EDU/AWARDS
NOMINATION DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 15, 2019 - 5:00 P.M.

*Save The Date:
Lehigh Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner
Tuesday, April 30, 2019*

Announcements

- [Hillman Award for Excellence in Graduate Advising](#)
- [Perry A. Zirkel Award for Distinguished Teaching in Education](#)

- Nominations are available for students to nominate their mentors.

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- Please do it! We would love to talk to you about it. Please reach out if you want more information.

Open Floor



- Unionization for graduate students?
 - We are wondering if anyone in the university or administration cares about graduate student concerns, and because of this, we are thinking about creating a graduate student union.
 - Would be a good way to get some traction over our concerns, to increase some motivation
 - In other universities- this is an independent institution to ask for things at Lehigh because it is known that without graduate students the university would not be able to function
 - The graduate student senate is good, but it might be good to have an independent institution outside of the GSS to both advocate together.
 - The American federation for teachers just unionized at Brown
 - Lehigh is different because we are a private institution but, there are resources to get this happen.
 - Even steps are penn state being taken to unionize, it helps to open channels of communication and get some power
 - If we do not do this, then we will be under the administration, and we need to be able to get some more of our needs met.
 - Creating a union was discussed two years ago, and there were more cons than pros at that moment, so just want to throw it out there.
 - EMAIL EKB215@LEHIGH.EDU OR JRE315@LEHIGH.EDU IF WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS OR GET MORE INFORMATION OR COMMENTS.



Next Meeting

February 12, 2019

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