



Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
February 27, 2019
Neville 001

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Agenda

- Chris Carter, Associate Vice President for Government Relations
- LUGS 5k
- Announcements
- Open Floor

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[Associate Vice President of Government Relations](#)

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Here to talk about what lehigh government relations program is, what they do, an how it impacts various parts of campus

1. Head of the government relations operation and based in D.C for the past year
 - a. Allows for ongoing permanent relations in washington, but there is also a state office
 - b. Housed in the Communications and Public Affairs Office, with 8 members
2. Not uncommon for universities to have offices in DC and is situated close to legislative offices
 - a. Allows for our own interest to be represented and easy partnership with other institutions and higher ed groups
 - b. Highly collaborative in order to get messages across with much easier access to connections
3. Officially a lobbyist - attempts to persuade the administration and government to change decisions and outcomes
 - a. Free and protected speech focused on strategically conveying messages for persuasion

- a. Also helps others understand how universities function

Serve as the universities voice, forecast what may be coming and find opportunities, while also sharing lehigh with others and setting up partnerships

- Allows for us to partner with the government to exchange funding for research

Government Relations also allows for advocacy on behalf of lehigh

- Make it clear how decisions may impact Lehigh whether or not it is recognized
- Allows for faculty, staff, students to have a voice and tell it to faculty
 - Important to reinforce who Lehigh is and where it fits in to the larger set of universities

Process begins with identifying the priorities for lehigh on a state and federal level

- Builds relationships with government officials and develop an allyship that is mutually beneficial
- Important to keep Lehigh on others radar in order to prevent losing visibility

Key issues that are facing Lehigh:

- Campus safety - student issues, campus crime, public health, sexual assault
- Science and Tech research budget - rely on appropriations from the feds for research funding, generally argue for growth in the research budgets
- Tax and Regulation issues - provisions that may affect graduate taxes, the university, etc
- Higher Ed Reauthorization - Impacts everything related to student financial aid and accreditory activities
- Immigration - Visa issues that can affect faculty and students. Current administration has a very specific view of what they would like to change. Balance between legislative and legal ways in order to ensure that interests of faculty and students at lehigh is kept in mind.
- Path to prominence - Construction, financing, etc are very big right now and there are ways to get the state supporting. Also issues related to recruiting. In addition a new college is opening (health) that may change the relationship between lehigh and the government from a research perspective

Current Federal Issues:

- Proposed rule change on Title IX (sexual assault)

- Research budgets and advocacy
- Tax cuts and job acts bill
- Research-related security issues
- Ensuring that lehigh is prepping a workforce

State issues:

- PA legislation on anti-hazing
- State support for capital and growth projects
- PA Infrastructure Tech Alliance with CMU to help local businesses to improve their operations
- PA Manufacturing and Innovation Grant that Lehigh helped advocate for, we also administer it
- Support the Centennial School

Student Voices are a part of Advocacy

- Important that individuals, when possible, take part in advocating via congress
- What happens in congress impacts lehigh and it's students
- There are many university graduates, but who do not fully understand how they function or the research that takes place
- Allows for individuals to explain the importance of our work, let them know what role we play, and remind the government that we are constituents

What is Lehigh's position on immigration and what are they doing?

- Lehigh wants a welcoming and open environment that allows others to come here from other countries and work
- From an economics perspective, other successful individuals who have come to the states, done something tremendous, and had a large impact on the economy
- We, as a country, cannot do it alone and should be looking for ways to keep those who are educated to stay here and leverage their education here
- Currently focus is not on immigration from this manner.
- Important to provide a both to those that have come here have the opportunity to stay here without inconveniencing them

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Graduate Student Career Resource Workshop



Wednesday, February 27



5:30 PM - 6:30 PM



Packer House

Learn about the career resources available to graduate students to support an internship or job search.

There will also be an overview of strategies to utilize when networking with alumni and other professional networks.

Food will be served!

Please +join the event on Handshake to register.

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2019 Graduate Leadership Awards

Teaching Assistant

Designed to honor excellence by graduate student teaching assistants (TAs). Each will carry with it a \$500 cash prize and recognition by the University. (Sorry, Post Doc TAs are not eligible)

Nominations may be made by any undergraduate student for any graduate student teaching assistant currently employed by Lehigh University. No one is eligible to receive the award more than twice.

Commencement Speaker

The Graduate Commencement Speaker should be a doctoral student expecting to graduate in May '19, or who has graduated in September '18 or January '19.

The speaker should be someone who has produced excellent and interesting research and would be an exemplar of the graduate experience. Faculty, staff and students are invited to nominate. Self nominations will not be considered.

Graduate Student Champions

This award is to recognize those individuals who on a regular basis serve as champions for graduate students. Some perform deeds that are simple, some extraordinary, but every recipient practices a care and concern for the well being of graduate students that deserves a public thank you. Faculty, staff and students are eligible to be nominated. Self nominations will not be considered.

Graduate Life Leadership

The recipient shall be a graduate student in good standing who has shown exemplary commitment, leadership and service to the Lehigh graduate student community and whose efforts have made significant contribution to graduate student life. Each will carry a \$200 cash prize. Nominations may be submitted by students, faculty and staff. Self nominations will not be considered and a student may not win more than once.

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<https://gradlife.web.lehigh.edu/programs/awards>

Presented by the Graduate Life Office

**YOU CAN'T CONTROL THE WAVES
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*An interactive & hands-on workshop series
for developing evidence-informed skills to
manage the waves & stress of grad school*

SUNDAYS AT 6PM - PACKER HOUSE

MINDFUL BREATHING FEBRUARY 17	MINDFUL EATING MARCH 17	MINDFUL FEELING FEBRUARY 24
MINDFUL SEEING MARCH 3	MINDFUL LISTENING MARCH 31	MINDFUL SMELLING APRIL 28

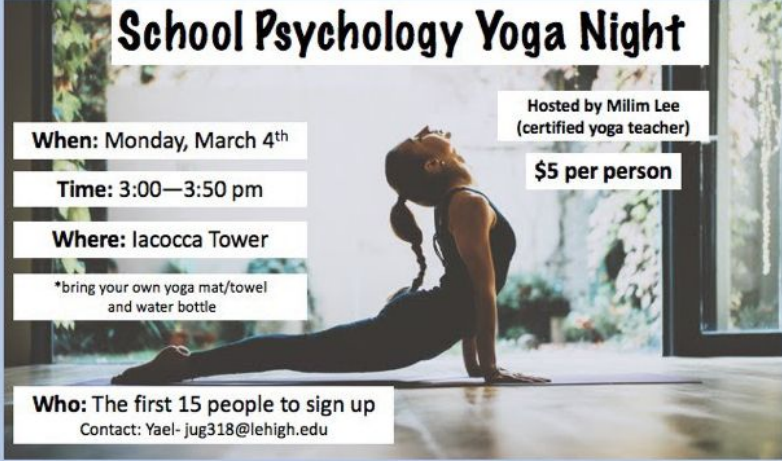
Food & drinks provided. Save your spot at <https://bit.ly/2V1VR4J>
For questions contact Jessica Liu | jel315@lehigh.edu

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School Psychology Yoga Night

When: Monday, March 4th

Time: 3:00—3:50 pm

Where: Iacocca Tower

*bring your own yoga mat/towel and water bottle

Who: The first 15 people to sign up
Contact: Yael- jug318@lehigh.edu

Hosted by Milim Lee
(certified yoga teacher)

\$5 per person

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LEHIGH UNIVERSITY'S
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PROGRAM PRESENTS:



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES IN SCHOOLS

*Join other professionals in
discussion of an overview and the
application of restorative justice
practices in local school districts.*

**SATURDAY | MARCH 30TH
8:30AM - 2PM | LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
RAUCH BUSINESS CENTER - RM. 184**

RSVP by March 17th at the link below:
<https://goo.gl/forms/4H0TQ65n2JeRseVF3>

Registration is free.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.



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Announcements: Graduate Assistantships

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- Lehigh Office of Sustainability: Campus Engagement and Outreach
- The Pride Center
- Center for Gender Equity



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- Please consider running!
- If you have any questions, please contact any eboard members

Open Floor



Due to time constraints, there were no comments for open floor.



Next Meeting

March 20, 2019

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