Agenda

- Chris Carter, Associate Vice President for Government Relations
- LUGS 5k
- Announcements
- Open Floor
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Here to talk about what lehigh government relations program is, what they do, and 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, secual 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 accredditory 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 form 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 is 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 form this manner.
- Important to provide a both to those that have come here have the opportunity to stay here without inconveniencing them
Mike from Bio Science - Race Director

Attempting to spur some excitement
All the money from this fundraiser is going to support graduate student travel grants

Like the facebook page

Sign-up to be a volunteer. Free breakfast and t-shirt for only a few hours of work

Meeting on the 18th will answer questions for everybody, grad clubs, volunteers, walkers/runners

No time for questions, please contact afterwards.
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.

Center for Career & Professional Development
careercenter.lehigh.edu | lehighjoinhandshake.com
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GLO BOWLING
7TH MARCH 2019 • 6:00 - 8:30 PM
VAN LEAVING FROM PACKER HOUSE

$5 THROUGH GLO OFFICE
QUESTIONS? CMW418@LEHIGH.EDU

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScjwc3korUWQRk1LvrbSQcO1K_aDPyZKP6NpraJ6KuE0YSiQ/viewform
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2019 Graduate Leadership Awards

Teaching Assistant
Designated to honor excellence by graduate student teaching assistants. 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 caring 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 contributions 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.

https://gradlife.web.lehigh.edu/programs/awards
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https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0Xj1MARg1W_v0GsAYO-zFujLok_gbyDaZojiLZI4TS9sKQ/viewform
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School Psychology Yoga Night

When: Monday, March 4th
Time: 3:00—3:50 pm
Where: Iacocca Tower
*Please bring your own yoga mat/towel and water bottle

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

Hosted by Millim Lee
(certified yoga teacher)

$5 per person
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY’S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY 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
9:30AM - 2PM | LEHIGH UNIVERSITY RAUCH BUSINESS CENTER - RM. 184

RSVP by March 17th at the link below: https://goo.gl/forms/4H0TC65n2JxeRseVF3
Registration is free.
Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
Announcements: Graduate Assistantships

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


go.lehigh.edu/pridecenterga

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Run for GSS E-Board!
Nominations open March 20th!

- Please consider running!
- If you have any questions, please contact any eboard members
Due to time constraints, there were no comments for open floor.
Next Meeting

March 20, 2019

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