



# Graduate Student Senate

**General Assembly Meeting**  
March 20, 2019  
Neville 001



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## Agenda

- Happy First Day of SPRING!
- GSS E-Board Elections
- Eli Jacobson, Office of Sustainability
- International Bazaar
- External Affairs Update: Legislative Action Days
- Announcements
- Open Floor

- Happy first day of Spring Time

# GSS Executive Board Elections

- Timeline
  - March 20: Nominations Open
  - April 17: Nominations Close
  - April 24: Candidate Speeches and Voting
  - May 1: New E-Board Runs the Meeting!

- Nominations open today! Please nominate someone that you think would be a great fit for the EBoard.

# GSS Executive Board Elections

- GSS Election Committee:
  - “Election proceedings shall be governed by a volunteer Election Committee. The Election Committee shall minimally consist of a supervisor, an announcer, and **two (2) record keepers**. No member of the Election Committee shall be permitted to run for office or vote in the elections. Efforts should be made to include one graduate student from each college in the Election Committee. Graduate students do not need to be Unit Senators or Club Representatives in order to volunteer as a member of the Election Committee.”
- Volunteers?

- Who volunteers to be a part of the election committee?
  - Nick Ungson and Soner Cinoglu
- These people are in charge of sending out the email to notify for voting, keeping notes, and letting the current GSS president know of the results.

# GSS Executive Board Elections

To accept a nomination, the following must be sent to [ingss@lehigh.edu](mailto:ingss@lehigh.edu):

1. Statement of Intent: 500 words, describe qualifications and plans if elected
2. Personal Photo

All Candidate Intent Statements will be posted online and on social media

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# GSS Executive Board Elections

- Current E-Board and Links to Document Duties
  - President, **Iona Scully** (ids214)
  - Vice President: **Bashir Sadat** (sas617)
  - Secretary: **Katherine Melo** (kam716)
  - Treasurer: **James Carrigan** (jhc312)
  - Communications: **Princess Neely** (pon216)
  - Travel Grants, **Eugene Rohrer** (ehr217)
  - Historian, **Caitlin Lindley** (cal416)
  - External Affairs Officer, **Zach Arms** (zna216)

President:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sllyKSE0\\_ONZcBx1GaWu2WcPTlipayNj](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sllyKSE0_ONZcBx1GaWu2WcPTlipayNj)

Vice President:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1UW6WlzcWFOhN5LhU6XH9AvKvAZ4IB67fi>

Secretary:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1a41MXu3pHawwk8tXW0Xzx7DOArqs5D65>

Treasurer:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BxiVH4frsZqoYmRfZEU2aUdzbk05bWZTQW5DeK1wejhJZHNj>

Communications:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ihfjD8\\_gj7JAZ9Xi9E5kc252y0VvylZa](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ihfjD8_gj7JAZ9Xi9E5kc252y0VvylZa)

Travel Grants:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BxiVH4frsZqoN1laZHA0bGlxeDM2dUpac0tMMGIORDINa0tj>

Historian:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1MKqgD8DUAgamVdFQcBVeyf7W\\_Doa7asp](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1MKqgD8DUAgamVdFQcBVeyf7W_Doa7asp)

External Affairs Officer:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1tpl3nFjLLLmt5toFzM50C1BHbyfnrmpa>

# GSS Executive Board Elections



- Nominations:
  - Caitlin Lindley for President
  - Princess Neely for Communications Officer
  - Zach Arms for External Affairs
  - Jess Joseph for Secretary
  - Eugene Roher for VP
- You can submit your own nominations through [ingss@lehigh.edu](mailto:ingss@lehigh.edu)
- We would really like representation from ALL the colleges so please nominate yourself or consider nominating others.

Eli Jacobson

Office of Sustainability

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- This person did not come to the meeting and so nothing to add.

# International Bazaar Planning Committee

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- International bazaar is an annual event
- This year is going to be on the front lawn of memorial parkway
- It's a free event
- There will be food, booths, a fashion show where people can show clothing related to their culture
  - Always looking for people to participate in this event.
- if you're part of a club that wants to have a booth that is also welcome.

Email [inbazaar@lehigh.edu](mailto:inbazaar@lehigh.edu) if you have questions/want to get involved.

## External Affairs Update

- Legislative Action Days
- Higher Ed Act renewal



- March 8th-11th, Zack went down to Washington D.C. to attend the NAGPS Legislative action days.
- Time for members of NAGPS to network, receive training on advocacy, and meet with elected representatives to advocate for graduate student issues
  - He attended session on graduate mental health, Title IX, international student visas, funding for arts and science programs, and graduate student loans
    - The training was helpful but lengthy
- There was great information about the issues, details about those issues and how to rely those to congress people
- Through Chris Carter as the LU government relations office, Zach set up a meeting with Representative Wild
  - Was unable to meet with her but met with Julia, her chief legislative staffer
    - Spoke about timeline, graduate mental health crisis, student loan issues and food insecurity on college campuses
    - Julia was saying that food insecurity has been an issue with Pennsylvania colleges
    - Representative Wild is on the house education committee so he will keep advocating for her to have a federal hearing on the graduate student mental health crisis.
      - There needs to be a better understanding as to

- why graduate students have anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation at incredibly high levels
  - Also important to explain the difference between graduate students and students in professional schools
- Able to make connections with fellow schools (MIT, Syracuse, CIU, Adelphi) that are also a part of NAGPS
  - Talking about LU, encouraged them to come to the conference
- Other Important external affairs announcements:
  - The Higher education Act is coming up for Renewal
    - Supposed to be renewed every 5 years but hasn't been renewed for over 10 years
    - Senator Alexander wants this to be passed and he's not running for re-election so he's really pushing for it
      - This can be really helpful for higher ed.
    - What is concerning is that Senator Alexander wants to simplify the federal student loan process, by gutting it.
      - Want to know if cutting federal loans for graduate students and education,
        - This means graduate students would only be able to take out private loans
      - But we are not sure if this is 100% going to happen
    - Need to talk to our local representatives about this and Senators about our concerns
      - Call Wild, Toomey, and Casey about this to not mess with federal graduate student loans.
      - **This is very close to the grad tax to cause a financial burden on graduate students.**

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OPEN TO ALL  
REGISTER BY MARCH 20 TO  
GUARANTEE YOUR FREE T-SHIRT

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- FREE RACE T-SHIRT
- SWAG BAG
- POST-RACE REFRESHMENTS

LOOK FORWARD TO:

- LIVE MUSIC
- OVERALL/AGE GROUP PRIZES
- FASTEST DEPARTMENT/CLUB PRIZES
- SUPPORTING GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH



SPECIAL THANKS TO:  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
PSEU  
HARDY VARK SPORTS SHOP

## Announcements

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NEW ZEALAND  
MOSQUE TERRORIST ATTACK

# CAMPUS VIGIL

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 @ 12:30 P.M.  
PACKER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Announcements



## 2019 Graduate Leadership Awards

### Teaching Assistant

Designated 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.

### 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.

### 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 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.

## Announcements

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

- Want students to nominate for these awards
- Due date is Friday, March 22nd.
- Please nominate people, especially for commencement speaker
  - This person has to be a doctoral student that is graduating in May.
- The Graduate Student Champion
  - Can be any person on LU's campus

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## Announcements



Persian New Year Celebration

**Nowruz 2019**

Saturday, March 23th

7:30 PM

Wood Dining Room, Iacocca Hall

Live Traditional Music

Dinner

DJ Performance

LU Students \$5

Others \$25

No ticket for under 15

RSVP by 3.19.2019



Student Auxiliary Services GSS GLO





GSS the graduate  
student senate



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
GRADUATE-PROFESSIONAL  
STUDENTS

THE 2019 NAGPS  
NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
MARCH 29 - 30 AT LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

REGISTER NOW  
THROUGH MARCH 28

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[HTTPS://GRADLIFE.WEB.LEHIGH.EDU/NODE/388](https://gradlife.web.lehigh.edu/node/388)



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## Announcements

- We are hosting the NAGPS conference this year
- Two day event with the banquet in the iacocca tower, wonderful dinner
- Then the 30th is the conferences all day, graduate interactions with local, state and national issues, mental health, other grad concerns
  - Way to network.
  - Registration is free for Lehigh students.
  - Email gsspresident or [ingss@lehigh.edu](mailto:ingss@lehigh.edu)
- Speakers from CNU, TUFFs, UPENN
- The agenda is on the website.

# GLO Zoo Trip

Saturday, March 30th 10 am - 2 pm

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Drop \$5 off at Packer House to reserve your spot

Questions? [cmw418@lehigh.edu](mailto:cmw418@lehigh.edu)

## Announcements

Not presented

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## Announcements

**BUBBLE  
SOCCER**

Goodman  
Campus  
April 6, 2019  
12 to 230pm

Limited Spots  
Available!  
\$8 Deposit  
Pay here ----->

Questions?  
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## WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

OISS provides the transportation! You have fun!

**Saturday, March 30**

Bus leaves from Saucon Village at 7:00 am and  
Dialogue Center at 7:30 am

Stop by at OISS, pay \$5 deposit to save your  
spot before Mar 26!

## Announcements

Not presented

*Presented by the Graduate Life Office*

**YOU CAN'T CONTROL THE WAVES  
BUT YOU CAN LEARN TO SURF**

*Featuring*

*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 SEEING

MARCH 3

MINDFUL FEELING

MARCH 24

MINDFUL SMELLING

APRIL 28

MINDFUL LISTENING

MARCH 31

Food & drinks provided. Save your spot at <https://bit.ly/2V1vR4J>  
For questions contact Jessica Liu: [jel315@lehigh.edu](mailto:jel315@lehigh.edu)

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*Afghan Kite Flying  
Picnic*

**FOOD: BOLANI AND SHOR  
NAKHOD**

**SATURDAY APRIL 6  
2:00 PM-4:00 PM**


**GOODMAN CAMPUS  
TAKE 01:50 BUS**

## Announcements

Bashir is hosting this event. :)

# 2019 Grad Student Appreciation Week

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<b>Pizza Taste-Off</b> 12 Noon to 1 PM Lamberton Great Room <i>Come help us determine the Valley's best pizza!</i>	Monday April 15
<b>Deans' Awards Appreciation Luncheon</b> 12 Noon to 1:30 PM Wood Dining Room, Iacocca Hall <i>*Watch for sign ups*</i>	Wed. April 17
<b>Mashed Potato Bar</b> (while supplies last) 5:30 to 7 PM Ground Floor, Siegel Gallery, Iacocca	Thursday April 18
<b>Paraffin Hand Dips &amp; Hand Massages</b> 12 Noon to 2:00 PM, Packer House Sushi as light refreshments provided <i>*First come, First served, as supplies last</i>	Friday April 19
<b>Graduate Student Formal</b> 7to10pm (\$15pp, Limited at door) Mountaintop's Wood Dining Room, Iacocca <i>Brought to you by GSS and Auxiliary Services</i> 	Friday April 19
<b>Graduate Student Picnic</b> 12 Noon to 1:30 PM Saucon Village Apartments, Behind Building 8 <i>Brought to you by GLO and Housing Services</i>	Saturday April 20

Check the Weekly Buzz and our website for details brought to you by the Lehigh Graduate Life Office (GLO) and our partners.

610-758-4722

[gradlife.web.lehigh.edu/programs/appreciation-week](http://gradlife.web.lehigh.edu/programs/appreciation-week)  
Email: [gradlife@lehigh.edu](mailto:gradlife@lehigh.edu)

## Announcements

- Look up for the sign ups next week

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***The 2019 Galaxy Gala  
Graduate Student  
Formal***

Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks and Dancing  
\$15 per person  
\$18 after April 5.  
Limited tickets at the door \$25  
Limit 2 tickets per grad student.

Brought to you by  
the Graduate  
Student Senate  
and Auxiliary  
Services

**Friday,  
April 19  
7 - 10pm**

Mountaintop's  
Wood Dining Room

 <https://tinyurl.com/2019LGGradFormal>

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PRISM PRESENTS

## RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE VIEWINGS

JOIN US IN THE PRIDE CENTER LOUNGE  
(UC 212) ON FRIDAYS FROM 3-4PM  
EVERY WEEK!

Snacks will be provided!



## Announcements

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The Office of Multicultural Affairs

ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS  
FOR  
GRADUATE  
ASSISTANTSHIP  
2019-2020

To apply visit: [go.lehigh.edu/multiculturalga](http://go.lehigh.edu/multiculturalga)  
GA includes stipend & Runs from Early August to Mid-May



OFFICE OF  
MULTICULTURAL  
AFFAIRS

## Announcements

## Open Floor



- The president's office is looking for a GA as well. [inpress1@lehigh.edu](mailto:inpress1@lehigh.edu)
- Kathleen Hutnik- Creative Scholarship institute for graduate students
  - A semester long project that is a competitive application process
  - Will do a week long training
  - Then two hour presentations every other week
  - Learn a lot about grant writing, thinking about solving problems in different ways, how to get work out there on social media
  - Going to have people involved from outside and inside campus
    - President, vice provost
  - Website  
<https://creativeinquiry.lehigh.edu/mountaintop-programs/creative-scholarship-institute>

# Next Meeting

April 3, 2019

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Not presented